

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT THE CHURCH HALL, WILLIAM STREET, LONGFORD ON WEDNESDAY, 4 March 2020, COMMENCING AT 5.30PM**

- 1 **PRESENT** : Neil Tubb, Kevin Headlam, Jo Clarke, Dennis Pettyfor, Doug Bester, Bron Baker, Gary Catchlove-Owen, Tim Flanagan, Dee Alty

Prior to the meeting, members met at Paton Street part of the Flood levy to look at walk possibilities. (See 8.3)

- 2 **IN ATTENDANCE** Councillor Dick Adams

- 3 **APOLOGIES:** Len Langan, Councillor Matthew Brooks

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS** - not applicable at this time.

- 4 **DECLARATION OF ANY PECUNIARY INTEREST BY A MEMBER OF A SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL**

In accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1993*, a member of a Special Committee must not participate in any discussion or vote on any matter in respect to which the member:

- a) has an interest; or
- b) is aware or ought to be aware that a close associate has an interest.

A member has an interest in a matter if the matter was decided in a particular manner, receive or have an expectation of receiving or likely to receive a pecuniary benefit or pecuniary detriment.

Nil declared

- 5 **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**“The minutes of the meeting of the Longford Local District Committee held on February 5 to be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.”**

Dee Alty/Kevin Headlam

**CARRIED**

- 6 **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

- 6.1 Characteristics of Longford - Workshop on the strategy plan to put into written form and a Submission sent to Council. After discussion it was decided to have a workshop to work out this issue. Dee offered to develop a discussion paper. She also mentioned she had received a letter from the Council regarding the development of a by law for shipping containers, she asks whether the discussion paper could include the response to this.

**“That a discussion paper be written”**

Dee Alty/Garry Catchlove

**CARRIED**

6.2 Review of motions sent to Council.

LLDC ask the Council to establish from the Lands Department the ownership of the Longford racecourse and the titles around it which are part of the curtilage, that would include the block of land bordered by Anstey, Craycroft, Brickendon and Wellington Streets.

Officers comment: Council Officers will investigate.

Recommendation: That Council note the motion.

DECISION Cr Adams/ Brooks That Council note the motion. Carried unanimously

It was resolved that the committee needs the information before going any further. In the meantime, it might be useful to see if Jim Osborne left any papers.

6.3 Longford Equestrian facility & recreational path at the Longford Racecourse

This relates to 6.2 and will be followed up with this. Refer to new business.

6.4 When will requested budget items from LLDC be included 2019/20 Council Budget –

**Items listed were:**

Marlborough Street – signage roads & footpaths

Memorial Hall Development

Longford Legends Park Stage 1

Levee Path & Ramps

Tannery Road Streetscape (JBS

Horse Trails around Longford

The Longford Legends Stage 1 has been funded – Stage 2 should be included.

Another workshop be held to address priorities.

6.5 MOU Discussion – Council have discussed, and we are waiting to receive a draft.

Apparently, Council discussed this some time ago and it was supposed to have been circulated. The Chairman will seek a copy of it so that it can be discussed.

6.6 Wellington & Marlborough Streets Intersection. Still waiting to hear from State Growth.

6.7/6.8 Regional Information Hub – Groups/Clubs and Community Expo these are now

together. Suggested we develop Questionnaire which can be surveyed at the Expo.

Asked for volunteers for the 21 March – Len, Dennis, Neil, Tim, Dee are possible.

6.9 LLDC Information Session – IGA. Deferred till after the Expo.

## **7 REPORTS FROM SUBCOMMITTEES**

7.1 Railway committee – Councillor Adams gave a progress report – it was suggested that Dick talk to Fritz de Bruyin about taking some photographs from under the Railway Bridge.

7.2 Longford Legends – progress report – now awaiting planning approval.

7.3 Fred Davies committee – It was suggested to call the committee together again for a final sign off after the building works completed on the old Grandstand.

## **8 PENDING BUSINESS ITEMS**

- 8.1 Waste transfer station vouchers – there was discussion about waste generally. There are some moves to have green waste retained in Northern Midlands. Maybe a FOGO (Food Organic, Garden Organic) could be considered as possible model. Councilor Adams mentioned that State legislation is being contemplated.
- 8.2 JBS Alternate Entrance - Pending further information from Council on when discussions are going to take place with State Growth as part of the Perth By-pass Works.
- 8.3 Flood Levee Bank – The committee viewed the levy bank and thought that it would make an ideal walking track and would ask the Council to include a visit during the April bus run.

**“That Council be asked to visit the flood levy with members of the LLDC during the yearly April Bus tour.”**

Tim Flanagan/Gary Catchlove-Owen

**CARRIED**

## **9.0 NEW BUSINESS**

- 9.1 Longford Racecourse.

**The Committee wishes to have the information on the ownership of this area as requested before.**

- 9.2 Norfolk Plains Collection – see information below.

“That this Committee to seek the assistance of our Council to have the Norfolk Plains Collection returned to Longford and housed in an accessible facility to serve local and tourist visitation.” Len Langan

Discussion: It is absurd to have a heritage collection representing our immediate district housed at a distant location in unsuitable accommodation in a damp 19th Century agricultural building.

Its present location is highly disrespectful of those living and dead, who have donated heritage artefacts believing them to have been donated to a local collection of value to our community and to our growing State Tourist Industry in both cultural and economic terms.

The present location of the collection sends Tourists seeking local cultural and family heritage information away from Longford depriving local businesses of potential trade.

The decision to move it to the present location was both unwise and short sighted.

There is certainly no shortage of local people who would serve as Volunteers to man a suitable and trade productive location for this valuable collection, and little doubt that in time it could become increasingly self-supportive

Other regional heritage facilities initially supported by their Councils have proved their social and economic viability. (Swansea, Oatlands, Zeehan and Queenstown stand as shining examples.)

**It is recommended that we make this a major project for our group**

**The committee decided they needed Len Langan to put his points to committee. Deferred until next LLDC meeting.**

## **10. OTHER BUSINESS**

- 10.1 CCTV Cameras in Longford – deferred.
- 10.2 Longford Equestrian facility & recreational path at the Longford Racecourse – see 6.2
- 10.3 Council allocation of Funds to LLDC (\$2,500 for Secretarial).  
Rent of Church hall is \$50 per month being \$600 annually and leaving balance of \$1,900. **We need to discuss what we can do with the balance next LLDC Meeting.**
- 10.4 Bronwyn raised the issue of the animal trucks leaking on the road outside of the meat works at the entrance of the town. Doug Bester explained that this was illegal and sometimes can be monitored. However, there is no truck wash nearby and because the pickup hours can be during the night, its hard for drivers to keep their trucks clean.  
It was decided that we cannot assist with this issue.
- 10.5 Quick discussion on the cemetery issue in the paper. It was felt that it was badly handled and that a more sympathetic approach be taken. There was no disagreement that a lawn cemetery should be kept neat and tidy, but there needs to be some better information provided to those buying plots and the undertakers.

### **CLOSURE**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.10 pm. The next normal meeting will be held on 1<sup>st</sup> April. There will also be a workshop on 18 March at 5.30 pm, venue to be confirmed.