

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LLDC WILL BE HELD AT THE CATHOLIC PARISH HOUSE ON WEDNESDAY 2 JUNE 2021, COMMENCING AT 5.30PM

1 **PRESENT** : Neil Tubb, Dee Alty, Bron Baker, Len Langan, Kevin Headlam

2 **IN ATTENDANCE** : Councillor Adams

3 **APOLOGIES**: Dennis Pettyfor, Doug Bester, Jo Clark, Tim Flanagan, Matthew Brooks

MOTION; Dennis Pettyfor has been in hospital at different times over the last two months and is there again today, therefore this committee gives him leave of absence for this meeting.

MOVED; Len Langan/Kevin Headlam

CARRIED

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.

5 **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Longford Local District Committee held on **May 05, 2021**, were confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

MOVED: Kevin Headlam/Len Langan

CARRIED

6 **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

6.1 Longford Entrance Improvements – no further information at this stage.

6.2 Water Trough Plaque – Len Langan undertook some research on the trough and the information gathered, will be passed onto council so that a plaque be completed and fitted onto the Water Trough.

6.3 LLDC Nominations – all members reminded if they wish to re-nominate, please get it in by June 18.

7.0 NEW BUSINESS

7.1 MOU Discussion

There was discussion on this and the following motion in two parts was moved;

MOTION:

1. In section 4 of the MOU - third paragraph.

“Members are to comprise of residents of Longford including members of organisations or businesses who live in the Longford district.

2. in section 5 roles and responsibilities

“To receive communications from the local communities and special interest groups and forward their letters/requests with appropriate recommendations to Council”.

MOVED: Dee Alty/Bron Baker

CARRIED

7.2 Town Hall Committee Proposal

MOTION: “Subject to a small change to the Management structure, the Committee endorses the proposal to set up a Town Hall Committee as set out in the attached proposal.”

MOVED: Kevin Headlam/Bron Baker

CARRIED

8 REPORTS FROM SUB COMMITTEES

8.1 Railway Committee – meeting next week, to look at more ways to raise funds.

8.2 Longford Legends - meeting to be organized in July to progress inductees.

9. PENDING BUSINESS ITEMS

- Tear-off Street Maps for Longford – the Council is not prepared to fund; it has now been referred to Dennis Betts for further work to put it on line so businesses can print their own.
- Safety Issues Woolmers Lane/Panshangar Road intersection – discussion was on speed limits and a solar powered warning signal.
- Racecourse Signage – proposed budget item
- JBS Alternate Entrance – waiting decision on Urban Design Strategy.
- Memorial Hall – Village Green Development – pending Council/Public review.
- Wellington & Marlborough Streets Intersection – waiting on Council decision.

- The Planning Scheme Revisions LGAT & NMC.
- 2021-2022 Budget Proposals.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

10.1 Discussion took place on the possibility of putting a mural on the water tower on Hugh Mackinnon's property. Further discussions need to happen with relevant stakeholders.

10.2 Kevin raised the issue of a water problem near 109 Marlborough Street at the junction of Marlborough and Cressy Road. He said it has been going on for a month, but Taswater has not taken any action to remedy the problem.

MOTION: That this committee asks the Council to find out who is responsible for this leak and seek to have it fixed.

MOVED: Kevin Headlam/Bron Baker

CARRIED

CLOSURE

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 18.25 pm. The next meeting will be on July 7 at 5.30pm.

ATTACHMENT TO LLDC MINUTES OF 2nd JUNE 2021

LONGFORD ARTS STRATEGY – LONGFORD TOWN HALL PROPOSAL

SCENARIO

Northern Midlands is one of the early settlement areas which also had an active art and craft artisans. More well known is John Glover who is well represented at Evandale, yet Tom Roberts, the iconic Australian painter, lived for the latter part of his life at Esk Farm in Longford and is barely acknowledged here.

Longford is also the home of current well known artist Michael McWilliams and a series of other artists and craftspeople who have made the Northern Midlands their home.

Yet there is no centre or dedicated sales area to showcase our local talent.

Council has a number of empty and lightly used buildings which could be developed into an active and lively arts industry, adding to the economy of Longford.

Two issues that have come up recently that opens up a real opportunity for Longford to become the major arts centre in the north.

1. The Launceston Art Society has been asked to move out of Eskleigh in Perth because the Aged care management is expanding that business and requires more office space.
2. The Tin shed in Invermay, where many local artists have workshop space and where northern potters fire their work, and space to undertake projects they cannot undertake domestically, is going to close due to the site being sold for development.

BUILDINGS

The Longford Town Hall is an iconic building in the centre of town. It has been used over the years as a lodge, dance hall, a movie theatre, a concert hall, a place for exhibitions, children's programs and end of term assemblies. It has also had karate and other indoor sports and games. But lately other buildings around Longford have been more fit for purpose than this hall.

More recently it has been the venue for some very successful local exhibitions after the Council set up a simple hanging system to allow the walls to be used without being damaged. It does need lighting and it does need a good clean and paint touch up and this can be continued. But to really make more useable, it requires a lift to access the stage, the supper room and the understage spaces if it is to comply with disability guidelines.

It could be further used for art workshops, working artists shows, storage of art equipment and youth and senior art competitions and workshops.

PROPOSAL

That the Longford Art Group seek a trial exclusive lease at a peppercorn rent for a year to hold art-based events during that time to test the viability of a community run Art Centre.

Advantages

To keep the building used and in good condition, protecting the asset.

To undertake the bookings for use of the hall at no expense to Council

To give a focus to the town and its surrounds as a historic art district and help promote other art spaces such as Blenheim Farm gallery, Evandale, Patterdale, Longford craft and bric-a-brac shops.

Promote events in the town.

Encourage other art, music and performance activities in the town and aid their activities.

Disadvantages

It would not be available for private functions or parties unless arts related.

It won't be able to be used by sports groups or classes for regular bookings.

Council will need to work with the Committee for their local functions in the hall such as Expos, public assemblies etc.

In return, the Art Group will:

- Undertake to keep the hall and rooms clean and tidy.
- Ensure COVID rules be adhered to.
- Pay the power bill.
- Maintain the bookings for the hall and supper room.
- Undertake small maintenance jobs.
- Seek further grants for the hall's activities.
- Care and storage of Council chairs, tables and other assets.
- Cover the public liability for local events under the Arts Group umbrella, outside groups will be asked to provide evidence of public liability.

Management structure

The Longford Local District Committee has been asked to set up a sub committee and the Longford Hall Committee will report to the LLDC. The committee will be on a similar basis as the Longford Legends and Longford Railway Bridge Committee as a sub committee of Council. Two LLDC representatives would be sought to be formal members of that committee and there will be a group of arts-based volunteers.

Grants and other monies will be channeled through the Council – hope to sort out an accounting arrangement with Council. Most community events are on a not for profit basis and surpluses will be channeled to local charities as done in the past.

Local events using the hall will also be referred to NorMie and the LLDC as appropriate so activities in the town can be coordinated.

Report back to the LLDC will be on a LLDC meeting basis.

Before agreement – we would require a full inventory of all the useable features such as the sound systems, theatre lights, overhead projector, piano etc.