

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM ON WEDNESDAY, 6 MAY 2020,
COMMENCING AT 6.00PM

AGENDA

- 1 **PRESENT:** Neil Tubb, Len Langan, Tim Flanagan, Jo Clarke, Bron Baker, Dee Alty
- 2 **IN ATTENDANCE:** Councillors Adams and Brooks
- 3 **APOLOGIES** Dennis Pettyfor, Doug Bester, Gary Catchlove-Owen

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 recorded

- 5 **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

"The minutes of the meeting of the Longford Local District Committee held on 4 March and the notes of 22 April 2020 to be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings."

Moved Dee Alty Seconded Len Langan

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.**
Discussion moved to 9.2

- 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.

Councillor Adams reported that he had requested the maps showing the ownership of the racecourse and had now received these maps showing ownership.

These will be circulated to all members of the committee via email.

- 6.3 LLDC Budget Submission

“Neil advised that the items submitted were listed in Councils Finance Document for 20/21.”

- 6.4 When will requested budget items from LLDC be included 2019/20 Council Budget – **still outstanding from August 2019 Meeting.**
POSTPONE

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

- 6.6 Wellington & Marlborough Streets Intersection. **POSTPONE**

- 6.7 LLDC Information Session – IGA. **POSTPONE**

7 REPORTS FROM SUBCOMMITTEES

- 7.1 Railway committee: Dick gave a quick report that the railway bridge is Moving along and the funding request has gone in but everything is on shutdown at the moment, so it won't be known if successful for three months.
- 7.2 Longford Legends – progress report – the Chair has sought permission to use the surplus committee funds to put towards the signs. Chair needs to follow up to confirm if it can be transferred to Longford Legends.
- 7.3 Fred Davies committee **POSTPONE**

8 PENDING BUSINESS ITEMS

- 8.1 Waste transfer station vouchers – **pending 20/21 Budget.** **POSTPONE**
- 8.2 JBS Alternate Entrance - **Pending further information from Council on when discussions are going to take place.** **POSTPONE**

- 8.3 Flood Levee Bank – **awaiting outcome of Councils consultation with residents.**

POSTPONE

- 8.4 Longford Racecourse – see information below. **POSTPONE**

- 8.5 Norfolk Plains Collection ***DISCUSSED WITH ITEM 9.1***

“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 this collection actually sends Tourists seeking local cultural and family heritage information away from Longford depriving local businesses of potential trade.

However, the present location of this collection is viewed the decision to move it away from Longford 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 in 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

- 8.6 CCTV Cameras in Longford. **POSTPONE**

- 8.7 Longford Equestrian facility & recreational path at the Longford Racecourse
POSTPONE

- 8.8 Council allocation of Funds to LLDC (\$2,500 for Secretarial) – see 7.2

9.0 NEW BUSINESS

- 9.1 Memorial Hall – Village Green Development

Dee spoke about paper that she circulated to Committee and it was

Agreed that the following two (2) motions be put to Council.

“That Council be reminded of the work and funds put in by the community and ratepayers on developing a plan for the future of the Memorial Hall and that no decision be made without the advice of the Longford District Committee and the community”

Moved: Tim Flanagan/Len Langan **CARRIED**

“That there be no further annexation of the village green grassed area”

Moved: Dee Alty/Kevin Headlam **CARRIED**

- 9.2 The report on the Local Provisions Standard of the Northern Midlands Draft Planning scheme was discussed and the committee felt they needed some more time to consider the discussion and to also gain community comments on its findings. It was agreed to have a workshop on this topic. Chair will arrange meeting.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

- 10.1 Kevin Headlam also raised the question of the testing of our sewage to attempt to trace COVID19 within our communities.

Motion to Council:

“That we request the Council to contact Tas Water to see if it is possible to have testing for COVID19 in the Longford Sewage works.”

Moved: Kevin Headlam/Len Langan **CARRIED**

10.2 ZOOM ACCESS

The subject of using Zoom on free access was discussed as there is a time limitation of forty (40) minutes. The question was asked if we could use the same access as Council as they are using the Commercial Access to Zoom which has unlimited time for participants in Zoom Meetings.

“Councillors Brooks and Adams will enquire to see if we can access the Commercial Program in Zoom”

11. CLOSURE

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 6.55 pm The next normal meeting will be held on 3 June 2020. Chair advised he will set a workshop meeting within the next month.