

AVOCA, ROYAL GEORGE & ROSSARDEN LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Avoca, Royal George & Rossarden Local District Committee held at the Avoca Community Centre on Thursday, 24 November 2016 commencing at 5.10pm

1 IN ATTENDANCE

Claudia Freeman (Chair) to 5.40pm, Shirley Freeman, Dalija Wells, Shirley Squires, Helen Reynolds, Susanne Jones, Jacinta Allen (from 5.55pm), Cr Mary Knowles, Gail Eacher (Executive Assistant)

2 APOLOGIES

Senior Sergeant Michael Gillies, Des Jennings (General Manager)

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

S Freeman/D Wells

That the minutes of the meeting of the Avoca, Royal George and Rossarden Local District Committee held on Thursday, 28 July 2016 be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

Carried

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 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

i) Rossarden issue - Vehicle wrecks

DPIPWE officers continue to follow up with the owner of the wrecks which are sited on Crown Land at the back of Baker Street houses and on the nature strip on the street frontage in Baker Street.

Noted

- Sims Metals have inspected the area, permissions to be sought to access the site. Sims Metals estimate awaited.
- Further vehicle abandoned on side of oval at Schell Street.

ii) Budget/10 Year Plan

Following 2016/17 Municipal Budget allocation information noted:

- Replacement of McShane's Road Bridge – allocation \$300,000.
- Public Buildings improvements incl. replacement of doors, fascia and gutter and painting – allocation of \$34,000.
- Street Furniture and Playground allocations provided for across municipal area depending on current audit and priorities identified. Avoca street beautification and Boucher Park lighting options to be investigated further.
- Entrance Statement allocation provided for municipal area, and Avoca priority noted for further consideration.

- Street Tree allocation \$80,000 provided for across municipal area depending on priorities identified and includes elm tree treatment.
- Special Project grant funding allocated to Anglican Parish for two bench seats for church grounds \$1,500.

iii) Sergeant Lewis McGee – Plinth at Ross – Anniversary of VC 04/10/2017

In October 2015 Council received correspondence from the Dept of Premier and Cabinet re the 100th anniversary of the awarding of the VC to Sergeant Lewis McGee and available funding opportunities.

Funding application in respect of the following has been submitted, outcome awaited:

- Avoca – plaque and function to unveil on ANZAC Day 2017
- Ross – event on anniversary of VC
- Development of brochure for distribution to schools.

6 PENDING ITEMS

Matters on hold:

- i) Rossarden – Walks and Attractions
- ii) Road Closures/Improvements

7 ASSOCIATION REPORTS

i) AMIC

- Spring Festival held – great success and thanks for Council assistance.
- Thanks to Council for BBQ light, Cenotaph lighting and tree surround for lone pine.
- Sports exhibition – well received, with a number of visitors viewing, and memorabilia donations received.
- Work for the Dole volunteer – contract extended for another 6 months.
- Progress on septic tank repair sought.
- AMIC to approach Council re feasibility/assistance to erect garden tool shed at rear of BBQ shelter.
- Funding application submitted to acquire a number of items, including first aid kits.

ii) Rossarden & Friends Kids Xmas Group

- Xmas party to be held in Avoca school grounds on 11/12

iii) Avoca Market

- Market held early November – 17 stalls – well patronised and \$100 donated to Avoca School.
- Next market 2nd Saturday in December.

8 NEW BUSINESS

i) MAST's Paddle Safe Program

Committee noted that two sessions of the Paddle Safe Program are to be held in the Northern Midlands as follows: Thursday, 12 January 2017 at (Ross/Campbell Town) and Friday, 13 January 2017 (Longford/Cressy). Flyers circulated.

ii) Animal Management By-Law

Committee noted that the consultation period in relation to the by-law had closed; however, committee members should still submit comments in their personal capacity should they so wish.

Noted that this consultation was the first step to making a By-law and public consultation would follow should Council opt to progress.

The Chair left the meeting at 5.40pm at which time Mrs Eacher took the chair.

iii) Annual Christmas function

Annual Christmas function for Committee members to be held on Tuesday, 29 November at 6:00 pm.

iv) Planning Application

Noted

- P16-219 – 16 Blenheim Street Avoca –Wifi signage (heritage-listed place)

v) Policy: Public Liability Insurance Requirement for Council Owned Facilities

Minute (and attachment) extract from 17 October 2016 Council meeting minutes circulated for information. Noted.

vi) 2017 Calendar

2017 meetings to be held as follows (last Thursday, bi-monthly):

- 19 January (26 January is a public holiday)
- 30 March
- 25 May
- 27 July
- 28 September
- 30 November

vii) TasWater

Committee noted that TasWater is coordinating a public meeting to seek community input in respect to provision of water (to Australian Standards) to all towns by August 2018.

Ms Allen attended the meeting at 5.50pm at which time Mrs Eacher took the chair.

viii) Draft Strategic Plan

Information re Council's draft Strategic Plan was circulated for consideration. The Committee agreed to provide any feedback on an individual basis.

ix) Town Entrance Design

The Committee noted that a quote had been received for the design of the entrance statement for Avoca.

x) Other Matters

- Arrangements being made for the holding of Carols in the Park on 17/12.

Issues – vicinity of new bridge following bridge construction:

- Alignment of intersection of Esk Highway and Storys Creek Road needs some attention following completion of bridge construction, exiting of Storys Creek Road line of sight interrupted by Armco barrier (especially if driving a sedan / small vehicle).
- Armco barrier on corner of Esk Highway and Storys Creek Road (town hall side) was removed needs to be replaced, now only guide posts.
- Landscaping at intersection needs to be undertaken (broom and wattles need to be removed).

State Growth:

- Esk Highway – entrance to Avoca speed limit changes from 100km to 50km (requires installation of 80km signage).
- Red Hill railway crossing – between bridge and Milford Dam – not sufficient drain depth on top side of road – during rain events causes water to flow across the road making driving conditions dangerous.

Works matters:

- Can the street sweeping and mowing of verges be coordinated so that street sweeping takes place after mowing, to avoid drains being blocked?
- Can “Be Aware of Children” signage be installed at both entrances to Royal George?
- Soldiers Memorial Park at Red Hill rail crossing, utilised as tip site can area be cleaned up?
- Advice received that damage caused to bitumen following recent flood events in following locations: Avoca – Grey and Blenheim Streets and Storys Creek Road vicinity of railway bridge.
- Thanks to be conveyed to Council for the line marking between Gipps Creek and Rossarden.

9 CLOSURE & NEXT MEETING

The meeting closed at 6.08pm.

The next meeting to be held at the Avoca Community Centre commencing at 5.00pm, 19 January 2017.