

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE AVOCA/ROYAL GEORGE & ROSSARDEN LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD AT AVOCA COMMUNITY CENTRE ON THURSDAY 28 APRIL 2011 COMMENCING AT 6.13PM

1. ATTENDANCE

Mrs C Freeman Chairperson, Mr L Harwood – Secretary, Mrs M Dennis, Mr T Gee, Mrs S Freeman, Mr A Hicks, Ms C Grey

Guests- Mrs J Gee, Mrs H Reynolds

2. APOLOGIES

Mrs S Squires Cr M Knowles

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Mr Gee / Mrs Freeman

That the minutes of the Avoca/Royal George and Rossarden Local District Committee Meeting held on Thursday 17 February 2011 be confirmed as a true record of proceedings.

Carried

4 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

i) Overnight Camping Area at Avoca

Mr Harwood advised that Council's sub-committee who were appointed to evaluate the issue of overnight camping will inspect the site at the corner of Royal George Rd & St Paul's Place on Monday 16 May 2011.

It was **RESOLVED** that the information be received.

ii) Provision of Wheelie Bin Service—Avoca/ Royal George & Rossarden Area

Mr Harwood advised that the returned survey forms have been evaluated and that the matter is expected to be considered by Council in the near future.

It was **RESOLVED** that the information be received.

iii) Speed Limit/ Safety Issues—Midlands Highway, Conara

Mr Harwood advised that the matter had been referred to DIER.

It was **RESOLVED** that the information be received.

iv) River Monitoring & Mine Rehabilitation—Royal George

Correspondence from Dept of Health & Human Services dated 9 March 2011 about environmental sampling program and remedial works in Royal George was tabled.

Reference in the letter was made to the holding of meeting at the Avoca Community Centre on Saturday 19 March 2011 in which an update would be provided on the results of the environmental program and progress of remedial works carried out.

It was **RESOLVED** that the information be received.

5 GENERAL BUSINESS

i) Redevelopment of the Former Avoca Primary School (Avoca Museum & Information Centre)

M/s Grey advised that work was on-going and that the Centre would include an aboriginal interpretation wall. Premises expected to open in September 2011

Mr Harwood advised that he recently met with the management Committee and outlined the provisions in the draft Agreement & Memorandum of Understanding and that it was expected that the document would be signed off in the near future.

It was **RESOLVED** that the information be received.

6 OTHER BUSINESS

i) A report was provided on the recent visit to Avoca and Rossarden by Councillors & Staff.

ii) It was requested that Council's Work's & Infrastructure, Mr Chellis inspect the Milford Bridge re possible damage following the March floods.

iii) As part of Council's public consultation process for flood management in the Avoca area, it was requested that the owner of the Avoca Store be regularly briefed so that accurate information is made available to locals and the travelling public.--- this suggestion was put forward by Mr Hicks-- owner of the Avoca Store and also a member of the Avoca, Royal George & Rossarden Local District Committee.

iv) Mr Gee referred to the following matters:-

Need for the provision of Affordable Housing in the township of Avoca

Construction of a passing lane on the Esk Highway – from the entrance to the Milford property for a distance of approx 700m towards the Midlands Hwy—matter to be referred to DIER

7 CLOSURE

The Chairman closed the meeting at 6.55 pm Next meeting to be held on Thursday 30 June 2011, commencing at 6.00pm.