

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE AVOCA/ROYAL GEORGE & ROSSARDEN LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD AT AVOCA COMMUNITY CENTRE ON THURSDAY 30 JUNE 2011 COMMENCING AT 6.00PM

1. ATTENDANCE

Mrs C Freeman-- Chairperson, Mr L Harwood – Secretary, Ms M Hunt, Mrs H Reynolds, Mr A Hicks, Ms C Grey, Cr M Knowles, Mrs M Dennis, Mrs S Squires

2. APOLOGIES

Mr T Gee, Mrs S Freeman,

3. MEMBERSHIP

Mr Harwood advised that following the publication of an advertisement seeking to fill extraordinary vacancies on the Committee until March 2013, the following residents have been appointed, namely

Helen Reynolds
Madison Hunt

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

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Ms Gray / Mr Hicks

That the minutes of the Avoca/Royal George and Rossarden Local District Committee Meeting held on Thursday 28 April 2011 be confirmed as a true record of proceedings.

Carried

5 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

i) Overnight Camping Area at Avoca

Cr Knowles commented about the proposal including reference to future access and non provision of refuse bins at the site. It was suggested that in the future a sign be erected indicating the location of the nearest sewer dump point—Campbell Town & Fingal.

Mr Harwood agreed to liaise with Council's Planning Officer about

obtaining the required approvals including a lease from the owner.

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

Mr Harwood confirmed that the matter had been considered by Council and a service would not be provided at this stage however a recycling facility would be made available at the Avoca waste transfer station.

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

6 GENERAL BUSINESS

i) Future of the Avoca Primary School

The support of the Council and the community in striving to retain the Avoca Primary School was mentioned. The significance of having a local school to create employment opportunities and its positive impact on the local economy was raised as a critical issue in the future sustainability of the district.

ii) Avoca Museum & Information Centre

M/s Hunt advised that the contract with builder had been wound up and negotiations were in progress for the balance of work to be completed by various personnel including the provision of a ramp.

The assistance provided by Sue Atkinson—Curator in the establishment of the museum was also discussed.

7 OTHER BUSINESS

Funding --Affordable Housing

Mr Harwood advised that the issue of funding for affordable housing had been raised by Mr Gee, the matter had been investigated and that the available Australian Government funding had been fully taken up by the various institutions

Water Issue-- Royal George

Mr Harwood agreed to provide a progress report at the August meeting including feedback about any drainage works.

Passing Lane—Esk Highway

Mr Harwood advised that the request to provide a passing lane near the turn off to Milford had been referred to DIER.

Flood Damage

Mrs Claudia Freeman referred to the recent damage caused by flood waters to the pavement on the bridge near Glen Ayr--- Mr Harwood to refer to Council's Works Supervisor. Mr McCullagh

General Works Issues

Church St--- vegetation growing on sealed road

Clean up of flood vegetation—opposite the former recreation ground at Avoca

Overhanging blackberry vines in Church St—Mr Harwood to write to property owner

Urgent need for the Rossarden Rd to be graded.

Adequate warning must be displayed when road signs are erected during floods—concern related to Govt roads and thus request be referred to DIER.

Flood Warning Advice

Mr Harwood to liaise with various relevant authorities to ensure that Mr A Hicks (Owner of the Avoca General Store) is listed as a "Contact Officer" re flood warnings for Avoca, Royal George & Rossarden

Appreciation for Service

A vote of appreciation was extended to Mrs Patricia Cohen for her service in maintaining Council infrastructure in Rossarden.

Issue about the need to fix the toilet block located in the school ground to be referred to Mr Chellis.

Demolition of Toilet Block—Lee St Rossarden

In order that the area is kept in a tidy condition, it was suggested that toilet block be removed—Mr Harwood agreed to follow up the matter.

7 CLOSURE

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.05pm.

Next meeting to be held on Thursday 25 August 2011 commencing at 6.00pm.