

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ROSS LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD IN THE READING ROOM, ROSS ON TUESDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2011 COMMENCING AT 4.00PM

1. ATTENDANCE

Mr G Cadogan- Cowper (Chairperson), Mr L Harwood (Secretary), Mr A Cameron, Mr P Bewg, Mr S Kummerow (until 5.10pm), Mrs J Bennett (from 4.04pm), Mr H Johnston, Mr F Dowling, Mrs Cummins, Mr A Wilson (Council's General Manager from 4.10pm)

2. APOLOGIES

Cr A Calvert

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Mr Cameron / Mr Bewg

That the notes of the Ross Local District Committee Meeting held at the Ross Reading Room on Tuesday 18 October 2011 be accepted.

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.

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

5. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

i) Change of Trading Hours----Commonwealth Bank at Campbell Town

Mr Cadogan-Cowper welcomed Council's General Manager, Mr Adam Wilson to the meeting.

Mr Wilson advised that notification had been received from the Commonwealth Bank mentioning that the trading hours for the branch at Campbell Town would be changed from 9.30am—4.00pm on Monday to Thursday and 9.30am—5.00pm on Fridays to 10.30am—2.30pm on Monday—Fridays.

According to Mr Wilson, the change to the operational; hours would allow the branch to have two staff in attendance during opening hours and furthermore ensure safe banking facilities are maintained for the customers and also the bank can remain open during the luncheon break.

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

ii) Ross Activities

Mr Cadogan-Cowper reported about following activities held/to be held in the Ross village;-

- Holding of a Melbourne Cup Luncheon (raised approx \$800)
- Vintage Motor Cycle Event to be held at the Ross Recreation Ground on Sunday 27 November 2011
- Keep Australia Beautiful ---2011 Tidy Towns Awards in Ross
- Arrangements for the Macquarie Celebrations
- On-going movies being planned to be held at the Ross Town Hall

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

iii) Development od Stone Quarry—Waterloo St

Mr Cadogan- Cowper tabled a letter from Mrs Sheila Pearson-Smith—Tourism Officer, Tasmanian Wool Centre about a proposal to develop the old stone quarry at the top end of waterloo St at Ross.

It was mentioned by Mrs Pearson-Smith that “For only a small expense to Council, the access road could be cleared, widened and made suitable for coach access similar to the Female Factory and the rubbish that has been dumped at the site could be easily removed. The area around the open quarry could be cleared of weeds etc and interpretation panels installed displaying the history of the site. Not only should the quarry, which we consider to be an important and key piece of the history of Ross be made accessible for official group tours and visitors to Ross generally but it is clear that this area with it’s wonderful atmosphere and ambiance would make an ideal venue for concerts, musical recitals, dramatic productions etc and also a wonderful family picnic area with extensive views across the midlands”.

It was **RESOLVED** the correspondence from Mrs Pearson-Smith be accepted and that members of the Ross Local District Committee inspect the former quarry site and further discuss the matter at the next meeting

ii) Planning Application

The following application was received by Council

Site	Proposal
Adjacent to Ross Town Hall	Interpretation Site for 42 Degrees South Sculpture

It was **RESOLVED** that no concerns be raised in relation to the above application.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

i) Various Issues

The recent plantings of claret ash in the village need to be inspected.

Exterior walls of the Reading Room need to be sprayed as a measure to control the abundance of cob webs

Low attendance at the recent Remembrance Day Service at Ross

Roadside reservation between the Mt Morriston property and the Mt Morriston Bridge needs to be sprayed to control variegated thistles.

Removal of graffiti from a sign located near the northern entrance

Mr Harwood to arrange a meeting between Council NRM Officer—Ms Monique Case and members of the Ross Local District Committee to discuss management of willows along the Macquarie at Ross.

Spraying of weeds at the Ross cenotaph

Use of shipping containers in the Ross Village--- which ones have been formally approved by Council?—Mr Harwood to follow up

Overhanging trees—matter to be referred to Mr J von Bibra

ii) Customer Request Issues

Mr Harwood to provide an update on the various customer request issues:-

Date Rec'd	Issue	Progress
March 2011	Down pipe at Town	On works list
September 2011	Hand rail at Ross Bridge—to be referred to DEIR	Rails painted.
July 2011	Repair potholes on Tooms Lake Rd	Mr Chellis to liaise with Mr Cameron re location of potholes..

7. **MATTERS PENDING**

i) Entrance/Exit Signs for Ross Village

Mr Chellis invited to liaise with Mr Cadogan-Cowper re on-site inspection.

8. **NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting to be held on Tuesday 20 December 2011 commencing at 4.00pm.

9. **CLOSURE**

Chairman closed meeting at 5.20pm.