

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ROSS LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD IN THE READING ROOM, ROSS ON TUESDAY 17 APRIL 2012 COMMENCING AT 4.00PM**

**1. ATTENDANCE**

Mr G Cadogan- Cowper-Chairperson, Mr L Harwood--Secretary, Mr S Kummerow, Mrs J Bennett, Mr F Dowling, Mrs J Cummins, Mr H Johnston,

**2. APOLOGIES**

Cr Calvert, Mr A Cameron, Mr P Bewg

**3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Mr Kummerow / Mrs Bennett

That the minutes of the Ross Local District Committee Meeting held at the Ross Reading Room on Tuesday 20 March 2012 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.

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

## **5 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

### **i) Proposed Removal of Large Tree—Adjacent to the Ross Pool**

Mr Cadogan-Cowper advised that he had discussed the matter with Mrs Sue Kay who is a member of the Ross Community Sports Club Inc which manage and control the Ross swimming pool. According to Mr Cadogan-Cowper, it was mentioned by Mrs Kay leaves from the tree enter the pool itself causing additional cleaning and also that the roots from the tree were causing a concern re pipes servicing the pool.

It was **RESOLVED** that a proposal to remove the large tree located in proximity to the Ross pool not be supported at this stage and the matter be reviewed in the future. It was suggested that at some time in the future, the area be planted with conifers in an effort to overcome the dusty conditions in the area.

## **6 GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **i) Council Tour—13 April 2012**

Mr Cadogan-Cowper provided an overview of the recent meeting with Councillors & Senior Staff at Ross during the holding of the annual bus tour on 13 April 2012.

Matters raised by Mr Cadogan-Cowper was the need for the public toilet facility at the rear of the Ross Town Hall as well as other projects previously submitted to Council for consideration in the 2012/2013 budget.

### **ii) Ross Activities**

Mr Cadogan-Cowper referred to :-

- Holding of the Ross Market each month
- Display of the Macquarie Exhibition extended
- Painting of the town competition --- 51 entrants
- Picnic at Ross to be held on Sunday 20 May 2012
- On-going works adjacent to Ross Town Hall re 42 Parallel Project--- Post Vintage Car Club to be notified about the works

Holding of movies at the Ross Town Hall with the next movie to be held on 11 May 2012.

### **iii) Review of Council's Strategic Plan**

Mr Cadogan-Cowper referred to correspondence from Council's Strategic Planning Officer, Mr Geoghegan re invitation for the Ross Local District Committee to participate in the review of Council's Strategic Plan.

The Committee strongly expressed it's need to be involved however it was suggested that there was scepticism amongst ratepayers in relation to the process and the associated matters of planning and implementation.---that is whilst there seems to be a never-ending cycle of reviews, results seem scarce.

Given Committee members' real interest in these matters, combined with greatly differing background and skill sets in individual Committee members, the membership of the Ross Local District Committee sees an effective procedure as requiring an initial session led by an independent facilitator which covers all the background i.e. scope and operations of Council versus State Government, sewage and water and the linkages with Ben Lomond, other relevant agencies and their powers, the Pitt & Sherry reports and Interim Planning Scheme vis a vis State Template. This session should be clear in its facts, comprehensive, concise and free of jargon. It may well take a day to cover the ground.

This would equip and encourage the members of the Committee to provide informed and useful input. It would also inevitably develop in us a sense of direction for the Review.

This done, we would see the responsible, paid officers as preparing the review and at the penultimate stage before the Council's consideration of the review - this final draft being presented and discussed with Committee members for any input.

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

## 7 OTHER BUSINESS

### i) Customer Request/Outstanding Issues

Mr Harwood provided an update on the following customer request issues:-

<b>Date Rec'd</b>	<b>Issue</b>	<b>Progress</b>
December 2011	On-street dining barricades re children safety issue	Matter referred to Council's Manager of Planning & Development. Mr Harwood to contact the Bakery and request that the barricades be dawn together to avoid the risk of a child entering onto the roadside
	Removal of willows	Matter being dealt with in consultation with NRM
December 2011	Development of Old Stone Quarry	Concept plan to be produced by Mr Ken Pearson-Smith
	Functioning of stage curtains at Town Hall	Matter referred to Mr Chellis
February 2012	Presence of shipping containers in Ross Village	Relevant property owners have been notified to seek a planning permit. Failure to comply, an order will be issued for the removal of the unit.

### ii) Various Works Matters

Paint work on hand rails at Ross bridge deteriorating-- concern to be directed to DIER.

Ross Memorial to be tidied up before 2012 Anzac Day—Mrs Bennett to check and attend to matter if required

Works associated with the Forty Two Degrees Parallel Project located adjacent to the Ross Town Hall is in progress

Functioning of Town Clocks—clock at the Ross Anglican Church requires replacement bearings and the mechanism of the clock at the Ross Town Hall is under review.

### **MATTERS PENDING**

#### **ii) Entrance/Exit Signs for Ross Village**

### **9 NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting to be held on Tuesday 15 May 2012 commencing at 4.00pm.

### **10 CLOSURE**

Chairman closed meeting at 4.50pm