

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ROSS LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD IN THE READING ROOM, ROSS ON TUESDAY 21 AUGUST 2012 COMMENCING AT 4.00PM

1. ATTENDANCE

Mr G Cadogan- Cowper-Chairperson, Mr L Harwood-Secretary, Mr P Bewg, Mr A Cameron, Mrs J Cummins, Mrs J Bennett Mr F Dowling, Mr S Kummerow, Mr H Johnston, Mr A Wilson (Council's General Manager from 4.07pm)

Guest: Mr G Robertson from 4pm to 5.25pm representing the Ross Progress Group

2. APOLOGIES

Cr Calvert

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Mr Cameron / Mr Dowling

That the minutes of the Ross Local District Committee Meeting held at the Ross Reading Room on Tuesday 17 July 2012 be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings subject to the following that Item 6 General Business, Section (ii) – Membership of Keep Australia Beautiful Council to read as follows:- *That in regard that subscription of \$275.00 for annual membership of the Keep Australia Council, no decision had been made in regard to the membership of the organisation at this stage.*

Carried

(It was mentioned that the Keep Australia Beautiful Council has agreed to waive the 2012 membership fee)

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** the information be received.

5. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

i) Customer Request Issues—Progress Report

Issue	Action
Maintenance required to footpath from 38 Bond St to the entrance to the former Ross Primary School to the Ross Bridge	Work completed
Drainage works Cnr Church St & High St	No work to be undertaken at this stage
Windows at Ross Town Hall & Supper Room need cleaning	Work completed
Road maintenance at level rail crossings in Ross Village	Some work undertaken

6. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

i) Membership of the Ross Local District Committee

Mr Harwood advised that in accordance with the membership provisions contained within the Memorandum of Understanding for the Ross Local District Committee, the two term of office for all members will expire in October 2012. In the near future, an advertisement will be lodged in the Examiner Newspaper calling for nominations to fill the nine vacancies.

Nomination forms to be available at the Ross Post Office or on Council's web site in the near future.

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

ii) Roadside Markers

Guidelines of the roadside marker program were circulated.

iii) Drawing the Line Project

Launch of the project to take place at Ross on Tuesday 16 October 2012 commencing at 11.00am

General discussion took place about the interpretation site at Ross including the need for directional signage at the Town Hall. In regard to the highway sculpture at “Chiswick”, the low visual impact of the display was raised.

iv).Willow Removal

Application for funding via Community Action Grant Scheme was unsuccessful—other sources of funding to be pursued.

v) Planning Applications

The following applications for developments have been received by Council:-

Proposals	Location
Telecommunications facility	Stony Gully Rd
Shipping containers	7 Badajos St
Garage 11.6mx6m (oversize building)- Vary w setback on internal lot to 1m (heritage & attenuation areas)	5A Church St

It was **RESOLVED** that no objections be raised in relation to the above development applications.

The matter about the presence of shipping containers in the Ross Village continues to be a concern and it was requested that clarification be provided at the next meeting about:-

- i) Construction of foundations when units are located onto a site
- ii) Application of a renewal permit penalty fee for sub standard structures—Council’s Manager of Planning &

Development to provide a report for the next meeting.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

Outstanding Issue

Date Rec'd	Issue	Progress
December 2011	Development of Old Stone Quarry	Mr Cadogan-Cowper to liaise with Mr Pearson-Smith re progress on plans for the former quarry site.

Budget Allocation of \$5,000-- 2012/2013

Mr Cadogan-Cowper agreed to liaise with Lucy Fox re detail/costs for black-out curtains for the Town Hall.—if possible matching fabric to be the same as the the Supper Room curtains. It was agreed that any balance funds be used to purchase 6 new folding tables for the Town Hall.

Trees Southern Entrance to Ross

Mr Bennett to liaise with Council's Works & Infrastructure, Mr Chellis about this project.

Sign—Ross Female Factory

Mr Robertson to determine why the Ross Progress Group had been invited to fund the cost of the sign (\$1,000) to be located at the top of the Church St hill.

Other items mentioned were:-

Council's 2012/2013 budget allocation of \$60,000 for improvement to Church St for which no details were given and also suggested that consideration be given to the construction of kerb & channel in Church St—northern end.

Planting of garden beds in Church St by the Ross Progress Group

Maintenance—Old Stables

Customer Request Form to be issued re loose rocks/ timbers

Weed/ Gorse Issue

Problem at the old cemetery at the top of the hill—matter to be referred to Mr Chellis

Welcome to Ross Signs (Northern & Southern Approaches)

Mrs Cummins tabled images of interstate town welcome signs. It was **RESOLVED** that the matter be discussed at the September meeting.

Town Water Tank

Mr Cameron referred to the extensive use of the service particularly by residents who live outside the village. Ben Lomond Water to be contacted to ensure facility is retained following the commissioning of the water treatment plant at Campbell Town.

Other matter mentioned was the need for additional gravel re potholes in the vicinity of the tank.

Town Working Bees

Initiative to be further considered and projects to be identified.

Testing Regime—Ross Sewerage Lagoon

Mr Harwood to liaise with Ms Sophie Murphy at Ben Lomond Water re a contact name for advice on the testing regime at the Ross Sewerage Lagoon--- information to be provided to Mrs Bennett .

Various Issues

Customer Request Form to be issued re maintenance at the car park of the Ross Female Factory

Future of the Ross Primary School—progress report provided by Mr Harwood

Road Edge-Northern Entrance to Ross—edging needs to be graded.

Lack of work on the eastern side of the rail line (include road and levels for improvements to stormwater drains)—matter to be referred to Mr Chellis.

Proposed Light Industrial Zone in Ross—an update was provided by Council's General Manager--- concern was raised by the members of the Committee about the on-going delays in formalising Council's new planning scheme

Power Supply at Town Hall—problem still exists—Customer Request Form to be issued.

Tree Trimming in Ross Village-

Aurora to consult with Mr Chellis about any tree trimming in the Ross Village.

Council's arborist to inspect trees in the Ross Village in the near future.

Future management of elms in Badajos St & High St—dealing with electricity lines in proximity to the elms is under review by Aurora in consultation with Mr Chellis.

8. NEXT MEETING

Next meeting to be held on Tuesday 18 September 2012 commencing at 4.00pm.

9. CLOSURE

Chairman closed meeting at 5.30pm