

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ROSS LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD IN THE READING ROOM, ROSS ON TUESDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2012 COMMENCING AT 4.00PM**

**1. ATTENDANCE**

Mr G Cadogan-Cowper-Chairperson, Mrs N Horne (Northern Midlands Council) - Secretary, Mr P Bewg, Mr A Cameron, Mr A Petrie, Mr D Solomonsz, Ms G Jenkinson, Mrs J Cummins.

**2. APOLOGIES**

Mr L Harwood, Mr W Chellis, Mr S Kummerow and Mrs J Bennett,

**3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Mr Bewg / Mr Cameron

That the minutes of the Ross Local District Committee Meeting held at the Ross Reading Room on Tuesday 16 October 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) Welcome to Ross Sign (Sandstone Structure)**

Mr Cadogan-Cowper advised that he had been in contact with Mr Chellis and that the sandstone steps from the old Ross Bridge which had been removed and stored at the Campbell Town Works Depot were available. These could be suited for use as entrance signs for the township. Ms J Cummins is to take the photos of the sandstone and get advice on design. It was noted that Robyn Quill had offered more sandstone if required.

### **ii) Development of Former Stone Quarry Site**

Mr Pearson-Smith (Heritage Architect and a resident of Ross) has agreed to attend the January meeting and will outline progress/research to date.

### **iii) Floodlighting of Ross Bridge**

Mr Kummerow to report at the next meeting.

### **iv) Waste Management**

Mrs Bennett has spoken with Mr Chellis and one bin will be removed.

### **v) Re-Locatable House--- Park St, Ross**

Advice from Council staff that the owner has until 30<sup>th</sup> November 2012 to complete the construction or the matter will be forwarded to Council Solicitors for further action.

## **6 GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **i) Water Testing Regime—Macquarie River**

Mr Joe Conti—Regional Environmental Officer (North)—Public & Environmental Health Service has advised that no water samples have been taken during the past 12 months however some re-sampling of the river system will be undertaken during November 2012.

It was noted that the boil water alert was still in effect.

### **ii) Invitation to David Foster**

An invitation to Mr Foster to attend a future meeting of the Ross Local District Committee has yet to be sent.

## 7 **OTHER BUSINESS**

### i) **Mr Cameron**

Mr Cameron reported that he was waiting on a report on the water out of the settling ponds.

Mr Bewg also noted that some supporting post around trees about town were pulled out and have now been replaced, he also noted that some posts have rotted and need replacing.

### ii) **Mr Johnson** (attending as observer, invited by Chair to speak)

- Church Clock is still not finished. Mr Cadogan-Cowper advised the meeting that the clock maker has been ill and has not given a time/date in which he will be able to continue. All the parts are now ready and only have to be put together by a qualified person. Mr Cadogan – Cowper will enquire at the National Trust if they are aware of a person who may be able to finish the project.
- Aurora electricity turrent near St John's Church is on a lean – Mr Harwood to report this to the Aurora
- Carpark at the female factory needs more gravel on it – CR to be forwarded to the Works Manager
- Ticky Tacky Bridge – the area around the bridge needs to be cleaned up. Mr Harwood to forwarded request to DIER
- Cumbungi needs spraying, could it be done twice a year – CR to be forwarded to Mr Chellis
- Honeysuckle Road needs slashing as the grass is very high – CR to be forwarded to Mr Chellis
- The old cemetery needs to be sprayed, can this be done by Christmas – CR to be forwarded to Mr Chellis

### iii) **Ms G Jenkinson**

Nothing to report

### iv) **Mr A Petrie**

The seed pods from the trees in the main street are a risk for people walking on the footpath, there have been slips. Can the council clean up the seed more regularly as the current schedule is not enough – CR to be forwarded to Mr Chellis

### v) **Mr D Solomonsz**

Mr Solomonsz expressed concerns that the community did not know who the representatives of this committee were. A town meeting in January was suggested as a way to raise awareness

of the committee. It was decided that Mr Cadogan–Cowper would do up a notice for local business to display with names and contacts of the committee member and let the local residents know who to go to with their concerns / suggestions.

**vi) Mrs J Cummins**

The walkway to the female factory from the top of Church Street is very overgrown with trees and uneven. The track needs some work and is a risk issue as the steps are worn. - CR to Works to request track maintenance.

The flower gardens in the main street have been improved but there are some more to go and whoever was doing it appears to have stopped. It was noted that this was an initiative of the progress group, Ms G Jenkinson to follow this up and advise at the next meeting.

**vii) G Cadogan-Cowper**

Mr Cadogan – Cowper advised that the pub has been booked for the annual dinner after the next meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> December.

**8 NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting to be held on Tuesday 18 December 2012 commencing at 4.00pm followed by an evening meal.

**9 CLOSURE**

Chairman closed meeting at 5.05pm