

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ROSS LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD IN THE READING ROOM, ROSS ON TUESDAY 18 DECEMBER 2012 COMMENCING AT 4.00PM**

**1. ATTENDANCE**

Mr G Cadogan-Cowper-Chairperson, Mr L Harwood - Secretary, Mr W Chellis, Mr P Bewg, Mr A Cameron, Mr S Kummerow—until 5.00pm, Cr A Calvert--from 4:15pm, Cr M Knowles, Mrs J Bennett, Mrs J Cummins.

Guest: Mr David Foster (until 4.55pm)

**2. APOLOGIES**

Mr A Petrie, Ms G Jenkinson, Mr D Solomonsz.

**3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Mr Cameron / Mr Bewg

That the minutes of the Ross Local District Committee Meeting held at the Ross Reading Room on Tuesday 20 November 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 noted—no declarations of any pecuniary interest were declared.

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

### **i) Welcome to Ross Sign (Sandstone Structure)**

At the October meeting, Mrs Cummins agreed to take photos of the site and seek advice on the design.

Information to be available in the New Year

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

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

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

Mr Chellis advised that new lights had been installed.

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

Mr Harwood mentioned that the issue was being reviewed by Council.

### **vi) Invitation to Mr David Foster—World Champion Axeman**

Mr Foster attended the meeting and indicated that he was seeking a location to establish a museum that would allow for the display of his extensive and unique collection of trophies.

The use of the former Ross Primary School for this purpose was discussed as well as the economic benefits created by the presence of the museum.

Mr Cadogan- Cowper thanked Mr Foster for attending the meeting

### **vii) Testing Regime—Ross Sewage Lagoons**

In response to a request forwarded to Ben Lomond Water about the testing regime for the sewage lagoons, the following information was received from Sophie Murphy—Manager Communications & Community Liaison Officer, Ben Lomond Water:-

*“Ross is a level 1 Sewage Treatment Plant, as such it is regulated by the Council not the EPA. There are no specific limits for the*

*level 1 plants, however there are 2001 Emission Limit Guidelines for Sewage Treatment Plants. These limits are:*

- *pH – 6.5-8.5*
- *BOD – 50mg/L*
- *Suspended Solids – 50mg/L*
- *Total Nitrogen – 40mg/L*
- *Total Phosphorous – 10mg/L*
- *Oil & Grease – 10mg/L*
- *Thermotolerant coliforms – 2000cfu/100mL*

*Ross STP regularly exceeds the guideline limit for thermotolerant coliforms. It is mostly compliant for all other parameters in the guidelines.*

*I have attached our testing schedule for all our level 1 treatment plants, test results for 2011-2012 and a system summary.”*

Mr Cameron urged members to read the reports provided by Ben Lomond Water and in particular mentioned the regular high thermotolerant coliforms count during the period July 2011 to July 2012.

It was **RESOLVED** that a representative from Ben Lomond Water be invited to attend a future meeting of the Ross Local District Committee --January or February 2013 meeting to discuss wastewater management issue for the sewage lagoons at Ross.

**viii) Securing of trees**

Customer Request Form issued and feedback received that the stakes around the trees have been removed.

**ix) Aurora Turret—Near St Johns Church**

Matter referred to Aurora and remedial work to be undertaken asap.

**x) Maintenance—Car Park at Ross Female Factory**

Area inspected—condition to be monitored.

**xi) Spraying –old Cemetery**

Area sprayed 6 weeks ago.

**xii) Spraying of Cumbungi**

Spraying will only be undertaken at the end of February each year.

**xiii) Clean Up—Ticky -Tacky Bridge Area**

Need for poplars to be cut back--matter referred to DIER.

**xiv) Seed Pods**

Advice received that “seed pods” inspected on the day prior to the last clean up and not considered an OH&S issues.

**xv) Honeysuckle Rd-- Spraying**

Customer Request form issued re need for area to be sprayed.

**6. OTHER BUSINESS**

**Signs**

An audit of kerbside signs to be undertaken during January 2013.

**Beautification—Church St, Ross**

It was noted that the project was not completed—matter to be discussed at next meeting.

**General Issues**

- i) High grass/fire hazards in the Ross Village—matter to be referred to Council fire abatement officer including allotment on the northern side of the Man O Ross Hotel and also land adjacent to the former rail platform
- ii) Drainage issue on road outside the Ross General Store (newsagent)—Mr Chellis agreed to inspect
- iii) On-going concerns re control of willows within the town reach
- iv) Spraying of cumbungi to be undertaken in February 2013
- v) 2014 being the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Anzac Day and need for Ross to link into the historical event
- vi) Need for Glen Connell Rd and Verwood Rd to be graded.
- vii) Restoration of steps on pathway to the Female Factory to be considered—possible future capital works project.
- viii) Request for Council to lobby the State Government to resolve the planning scheme impasse.

- ix) Overview provided by Mr Cadogan –Cowper on the emerging structure of the Elizabeth Macquarie Water Trust

**Appreciation**

Mayor Polley expressed on behalf of Council appreciation to members of the Committee for their input over the past 12 months and wished everybody a Happy & Safe Christmas.

**7. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is to be held on Tuesday 15 January 2013 commencing at 4.00pm.

**8. CLOSURE**

Chairman closed meeting at 5.15pm