

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ROSS LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD IN THE READING ROOM, ROSS ON TUESDAY 15 JANUARY 2013 COMMENCING AT 4.00PM

1. ATTENDANCE

Mr G Cadogan-Cowper-Chairperson, Mr L Harwood - Secretary, Mrs J Bennett, Mrs J Cummins, Mr S Kummerow – until 5pm, Ms G Jenkinson, Mr A Petrie and Mr A Cameron.

Guests: Mr & Mrs Pearson-Smith and Mr G Robertson

2. APOLOGIES

Mr P Bewg

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Mr Cameron / Mr Kummerow

That the minutes of the Ross Local District Committee Meeting held at the Ross Reading Room on Tuesday 18 December 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** the information be received & it was noted that no declarations of any pecuniary interest were declared.

5. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

i) Welcome to Ross Sign (Sandstone Structure)

Mrs Cummins circulated an image of the proposed structure.

It was **RESOLVED** to support the idea in principle and ask Council for the design to be refined and a costing be obtained which is to include the provision of solar lighting.

It was specifically requested that quotation for the work be sought from qualified local trade persons

ii) Development of Former Stone Quarry Site

Mr Pearson-Smith (Heritage Architect and a resident of Ross) was invited to address the Committee about the project and in doing mentioned that the site was an important part of the heritage of the area and in fact regarded as one of the finest convict quarries in Australia

He suggested that the following matters be investigated/actioned:-

- Ownership and zoning of the property to be clarified
- Site to be heritage listed
- Vegetation to be removed
- Analysis of the water sink hole to be undertaken
- New fencing to be erected so that the area is secure and safe
- Installation of interpretation panels in the future and consideration to be given in the future on the use of the sandstone formations
- Future involvement of university students (School of Architecture)

It was **RESOLVED** that the proposal to re-develop the former sandstone quarry at Ross be noted and that Mr Pearson-Smith & Mr Cadogan-Cowper prepare a brief so that the matter can be given due consideration by Council.

iii) Testing Regime—Ross Sewage Lagoon

Concern raised at December Meeting re need for current data and it was requested that an officer from Ben Lomond Water be invited to attend the February Meeting.

The excessive high thermotolerant coliform reading was specifically mentioned including non presence of phosphate test results.

v) Maintenance-- Glen Connell Rd and Verwood Rd

Customer Request form issued for above roads to be graded

It was also mentioned that sections of the Isis Rd needed grading.---- matter to be referred to Mr Chellis.

vi) Audit of Kerbside Signs

Mr Harwood advised that he had been informed by Council's Planning Officer that the audit would be undertaken week commencing 7 January 2013.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

Mr Harwood advised that Mr Denver Solomonsz had resigned as a member of the Ross Local District due to work commitments in Launceston. An advertisement calling for nominations to fill the vacancy would be published in the Examiner in the near future.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

- i) Relocatable Dwelling—Park St, Ross--Matter being pursued by Council
- ii) Maintenance of car park—Ross Female Factory--- Condition of the site to be monitored.
- iii) Spraying of the old cemetery—work completed.
- iv) Spraying of cumbungi weed to be carried out in February 2013

- v) Maintenance of Honeysuckle Rd/ Tooms lake Rd & Town Watering Issues--Email received from Council's Works & Infrastructure Manager, Mr Chellis dated 15 January 2013 read as follows
- "I put a sprinkler on the area at 7am this morning re trees adjacent to the Town Hall and also met Louis on site and asked him to ensure the area was watered twice a week with a sprinkler to save the trees . Louis advised that the trees have been watered with the water tanker, however it was obviously not enough. The water pressure at the toilets is very poor and we need BLW to provide a new connection from Bridge Street so that an underground sprinkler system is able to be installed in next year's budget.*
- Leigh and myself met Allan at Ross yesterday afternoon and inspected a number of concerns regarding Tooms Lake Road and Honeysuckle road and we agreed as follows.*
- (a) Council will slash (approx) the first kilometre of Honeysuckle Road which is able to be cut with Council's flat slasher on an annual basis when slashing Tooms Lake Road verge.*
- (b) The contract reach arm slasher will be engage to cut the remainder of the verge in particular the Wattle trees in approximately three months time.*
- (c) Council's contractor will spray weeds and small wattle trees on the roadside."*
- vi) Culverts—Tooms Lake Rd—Need for some culverts to be extended
- vii) Overgrown Trees at Beaufront—matter to be followed up by Mr Cadogan-Cowper
- viii) Ross Hotel (Structural Condition of Verandah)--- concern raised about this matter—matter to be referred to Council's Manager of Planning & Development.
- ix) Extent of Overgrown Vegetation—Rail Reserve, Ross Village—matter to be referred to TasRail
- x) Aurora Poles—Fire Protection--- need for adequate protection around poles including removal of nearby trees—issue to be referred to authority including reference to the substantial monetary loss and inconvenience incurred when there is an interruption to a power supply when caused by fire.
- xi) Maintenance of Church Properties in Ross Village—matter to be discussed at future town meeting

- xii) Maintenance of Garden Beds at Ross-- Mr Robertson to liaise with Mr Chellis about the provision of suitable soil for the town garden beds
- xiii) Evacuation Procedures for Ross Village-- Mr Harwood to circulate a copy the relevant section of the Northern Midlands Council Emergency Management Plan.
- xiv) Licence Renewal Fees for Roadside Signs—Mr Kummerow advised that he had not received an invoice from Council. Mr Harwood agreed to follow up the matter.
- xv) Town Meeting—Suggested Agenda Items
 - Provision of footpaths
 - Water Quality
 - Caring of Church Properties
 - Use of sale proceeds from sale of Council properties in Ross
- xvi) Availability of Ross pool (for seniors)--- matter to be referred to the Ross Community Sports Club
- xvii) Provision of New Folding Tables at Town Hall --- Mr Harwood to check re available funds and also progress re installation of shut out blinds for the building.
- xviii) Presentation of Keep Australia Beautiful —Function to be held at the Town Hall on Wednesday 23 January 2013 at 5.00pm
- xix) Distribution of a “Welcome Letter” for new residents

8. **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is to be held on Tuesday 19TH February 2013 commencing at 4.00pm.

9. **CLOSURE**

Chairman closed meeting at 5.30pm