

**MINUTES OF THE OF THE ROSS LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD IN THE SUPPER ROOM TOWN HALL, ROSS ON
TUESDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2013 COMMENCING AT 4.00PM**

1. ATTENDANCE

Mr Cadogan-Cowper—Chairperson, Mr L Harwood—Secretary,
Mrs F Doe, Mr A Petrie, Ms G Jenkinson, Mrs J Bennett, Mr A Cameron,
Mrs J Cummins, Mrs J Bennett

Guests—Mr G Rowlands & Mrs S Murphy—Ben Lomond Water

2. APOLOGIES

Mr S Kummerow, Cr A Calvert

3. MEMBERSHIP

After calling for nominations to fill the vacancy on the Committee, it was advised by Mr Cadogan-Cowper that Mrs Doe had been appointed.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Mr Cameron/Ms Jenkinson

That the minutes of the Ross Local District Committee Meeting held at the Ross Reading Room on Tuesday 15 January 2013 be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

**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 noted that there were no declarations of any pecuniary interest declared.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

i) Welcome to Ross Sign (Sandstone Structure)

Mr Harwood advised that the proposed design as suggested by Mrs Cummins had been referred to Council's Heritage Advisor.

Matter to be further discussed at the March meeting.

ii) Development of Former Quarry Site

Mr & Mrs Pearson-Smith attended the meeting and provided a summary of the project.

Specific reference was made to:-

- Site ownership and site use
- Heritage protection
- Order of works

It was **RESOLVED** that the information be received and the matter be further discussed at the March meeting.

iii) Testing Regime—Ross Sewage Lagoon & Two Part Water Pricing

Mr Glen Rowlands--Civil Engineer and Sophie Murphy- Communications Officer from Ben Lomond Water attended the meeting and provided information about the pricing policy (charging \$0.72kl as the non potable rate rather than the treated rate of \$0.90kl) and billing process for treated water in the Ross Village.

The issue about the need for the community to be fully informed about the above matters was discussed and it was indicated by the representatives from Ben Lomond Water that "an information session" would be held on a one for one basis at the Town Hall on Tuesday 26 February 2013.

iv) Overhanging Trees—Tooms Lake Rd

Mr Cadogan-Cowper advised that he discussed the matter with Mr von Bibra –owner of "Beaufront" who had agreed to attend to the matter.

vi) Structural Condition of Verandah—Man O Ross Hotel

Mr Harwood advised that a Customer Request Form was issued to Council's Manager of Planning & Development.

No feedback at this stage.

vii) Maintenance of Church Properties

Item to be discussed at Community Meeting.

viii) Protection of Power Poles

Letter issued to Aurora Energy seeking information about fire prevention measures to protect electricity infrastructure such a power poles.

No feedback at this stage.

ix) Evacuation Procedures-- Ross Village

Mr Harwood advised that a community alert would be issued via the ABC radio network announcing location of a Ross evacuation centre upon precise details of the emergency being assessed.

6 GENERAL BUSINESS

Review of Council's Draft Strategic Plan

A draft 2012 Revision of the Northern Midlands Strategic Plan 2007-2017 has been prepared.

Comments on the plan are invited until 9 March 2013 and may be submitted to the General Manager or can be emailed to planning@nmc.tas.gov.au.

Due to the limited time available to discuss this matter, item to be considered at the next meeting.

Audit of Kerbside Signs

Update at next meeting.

Overgrown Vegetation—Rail Reserve in Ross

Mr Harwood advised that the matter had been referred to Tas Rail and advice received that vegetation clearing should take place over the next few weeks.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

General Works Issues

- i) Water being released from Council sprinklers eroding soil around trees—matter to be referred to Mr Chellis.
- ii) Impact of Elm Leaf Beetle—Mr Chellis be invited to liaise with Mrs Doe and provide an update/action plan for the next meeting.
- iii) Need for a sprinkler to be installed on the grass verge between bakery and the Man O Ross Hotel and the height of the grass in these areas be slightly increased
- iv) The provision of an underground watering system for the Ross Recreation Ground to be considered as part of the 2013/2014 budget.
- v) The problem of hooning in the Ross Village to be referred to Tas Police
- vi) Fire Management Policy—copy of the recently approved Council policy to be circulated in the minutes.

8. NEXT MEETING

Next meeting to be held on Tuesday 19 March 2013 commencing at 4.00pm.

9. CLOSURE

Chairman closed meeting at 4.55pm