

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ROSS LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD IN THE READING ROOM, ROSS ON TUESDAY 19 MARCH 2013 COMMENCING AT 4.05PM**

**1. ATTENDANCE**

Mr Cadogan-Cowper—Chairperson, Mrs N Horne – Secretary, Mr A Cameron, Mr A Petrie, Mr S Kummerow (until 5pm), Mrs J Cummins, Mrs F Doe, Mr A Wilson – General Manager,

Guest: Mr H Johnson

**2. APOLOGIES**

Mr Harwood, Cr A Calvert, Mrs J Bennett, Mr P Bewg, Ms G Jenkinson

**3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Mr Cameron/ Mr Petrie

That the minutes of the Ross Local District Committee Meeting held at the Supper Room, RossTown Hall on Tuesday 19 February 2013 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 pecuniary interests were declared.

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

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

It was mentioned that the design previously tabled by Mrs Cummins was not supported by Mr David Denman--Council's Heritage Advisor. Mr Chellis presented a concept drawing as previously prepared by Mr Denman and advised that as the cost of the structure was prohibitive, he would further discuss the matter with Mr Denman about using alternate construction materials to reduce the cost.

Mr Chellis will report at the next meeting.

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

An outline of the project as prepared by Mr Pearson-Smith (Heritage Architect) was presented to Mr Harwood at the last meeting of the Ross Local District Committee.

It was **RESOLVED** that the project be further investigated however the matter re need for land ownership (acquisition/lease of the allotment located on the eastern side of Council property containing the former sandstone quarry) needed to be determined.

After due consideration, it was **RESOLVED** that

- i) Mr Cadogan-Cowper draw the matter to Council's attention with the recommendation that Council accept to take up Mr Johnson's offer to transfer the allotment to Council at no cost.
- ii) Mr Pearson-Smith's suggestion that the site then be heritage-listed to provide some protection and facilitate interest.
- iii) The Committee not support any further action until a study has produced a sustainable economic plan.

### **iii) Structural Condition of Verandah—Man O Ross Hotel**

Customer Request form issued to Council's Manager of Planning & Development on 13 February 2013. Advice received that the structure will be inspected week ended 15 March 2013 with the Owner and a Council Officer.

It was **RESOLVED** that the information be noted.

**iv) Protection of Power Poles**

Response received from Aurora who provided an extract of the “Tasmanian Electricity Code—Distribution Powerline Vegetation Management”.

Mrs Doe mentioned that she had read the code as prepared by Aurora and noted that point 88.2.6 was a basis to start a discussion with them about the concern of members.

Mr Cameron and Mrs Doe to meet and prepare an itemised list of locations which were of concern and forward this list to Mr Cadogan-Cowper.

A representative of Aurora to be invited to a meeting to discuss the concerns.

**v) Clearance of Vegetation By TasRail**

Advice received from Tas Rail that vegetation clearing will take place in Ross over the next few weeks. It was noted that the work had been completed.

**vi) Review of Council’s Draft Strategic Plan**

It was noted that members had no comments on the Strategic Plan, Mr Wilson advised that the plan would be further considered at the May Council Meeting and if members had any views, they needed to be submitted to Council as soon as possible.

**vii) Impact of Elm Beetles**

Mr Chellis advised that some of the elm trees were treated 2 years ago and that the 2013/2014 works program will list the trees to be injected in September 2013. The trees will be monitored closely and action taken as required.

### **viii) Ben Lomond Water**

Reference was made to the recent information session conducted by BLM at the Town Hall. Mr Wilson advised that the Acting Chief Executive Officer and Chair person of Ben Lomond Water had been invited to the next Council workshop to discuss issues such as water quality, billing and sewerage.

## **6 GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **2013/2014 Council's Budget**

Priorities:

- i) Painting of Town Hall (same colours as Epping Forest Hall)
- ii) Railway pedestrian crossing maze on Tooms Lake Road to be completed
- iii) Bundled lines across High Street
- iv) Plans and construction for new toilet block

Maintenance Issues

- i) Garbage bins purchased and still to be installed.
- ii) 2012/2013 budget allocation of \$5000 for the Ross Town Hall yet to be spent--Committee to discuss matter and advise Mr Chellis re any proposed works/purchases.
- iii) Some windows at Town Hall not opening
- iv) Church Street—southern side of the Tasmanian Wool Centre needs to line up with existing kerb
- v) Provide underground watering system for part Church Street
- vi) Tree treatment
- vii) Upgrade and move local business signage from Anglican Sunday School.
- viii) Roof guttering at the Town Hall carry water load and is spilling
- ix) Underground watering for Ross Recreation Ground
- x) Tree planting—southern approach to the Ross Village—Mr Chellis to consider a suitable species
- xi) Area around Tacky Bridge needs a clean-up

### **Rezoning of Council Properties at Ross**

It was **RESOLVED** that the application for the rezoning of the former Ross Primary School and land at the rear of the Ross Depot be supported.

## 7. **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **Council Fire Safety Policy**

Council policy was provided to members for their information.

Mr Cadogan-Cowper advised that the Tas Fire Service was compiling action plans for all towns and plans are available on the Tas Fire Service Website.

### **New Meeting Times**

A new meeting time has been requested for start at 3.30 as the finish time is getting too late for members.

### **Maintenance of Ross Bridge**

Hand rails on the Bridge are peeling – Mr Chellis to advise DIER

### **Strategic Plan for Ross**

Mr Petrie referred to the need for a five/ten year plan for progressing the Ross Village.

Mr Cadogan-Cowper to locate the previous documents about this matter and distribute to the Committee for further discussion.

### **Signage in Ross**

Mrs Cummins sought information about quantity/quality of signs in Church St, Ross.

Previous guidelines on this matter to be re-tabled at the next meeting.

### **Maintenance of Garden Beds—Church St**

Mrs Doe referred to the cement work completed around the poles in Church St and in particular concrete remnants being deposited into the garden beds.

Mr Chellis to investigate.

### **Maintenance Issues Raised by Mr Johnson**

Verges in town need work – Mr. Johnson to liaise with Mr. Chellis re specific roads.

Footpath in Badajos St near former school are lower than the road and need some gravel to build up

Need for line marking on the main road, as it is not visible at night

Badajos St has no central line

Weatherboard coming off the wall of the Town Hall – Mr Chellis to investigate.

Tacky bridge needs some tidying up around it.

Large amount of gorse on the west bank of the Macquarie River-- a potential fire hazard (believe it is on the property 'Williamwood' )

**8. NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting to be held on Tuesday 16 April 2013 commencing at 3.30pm.

**9. CLOSURE**

Chairman closed meeting at 5.35pm