

**MINUTES OF THE ROSS LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN THE READING ROOM, ROSS ON TUESDAY 18 JUNE 2013
COMMENCING AT 3.00PM**

1. ATTENDANCE

Mr A Cameron-Chairperson, Mr L Harwood-Secretary, Mr S Kummerow, Mr P Bewg, Mrs J Cummins, Mrs J Bennett, Ms G Jenkinson, Mr P Godier-Council's Senior Planning Officer and Mr D Payton-Council's Manager of Planning & Development until 4.10pm, Mr W Chellis-Council's Works & Infrastructure Manager until 4.12pm

Guests: Ms R Quill, Mr R Doe, Mr H Johnson

2. APOLOGIES

Mrs F Doe, Mr A Petrie, Cr A Calvert

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Ms G Jenkinson / Mrs J Bennett

That the minutes of the Ross Local District Committee Meeting held at the Ross Reading Room on Tuesday 21 May 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 declarations of any pecuniary interests were declared.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

i) Extra-Ordinary Vacancy--Ross Local District Committee

Mr Harwood advised that in order to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr Cadogan-Cowper, nominations were invited via an advertisement in the Examiner Newspaper.

As no nominations were received, the vacancy will be re-advertised at a later date.

ii) Welcome to Ross Structures

Council's Works & Infrastructure Manager, Mr Chellis tabled concept drawings re various options for "Welcome To Ross" structures.

Costings are being obtained by Mr Chellis and the matter will be discussed at the next meeting.

iii) Planting of Trees—Southern Approach to Ross

Item was discussed and it was suggested that poplars be planted—matter to be listed on the Matters Pending Schedule.

iv) Development of Former Quarry Site

Mr Harwood advised that the matter was being reviewed by Council's Property Sub-Committee. In the near future, the Committee to meet on-site with Mr Harwood & Mr Chellis being in attendance. It was suggested that members of Council be invited to inspect the area.

v) Structural Condition of Verandah—Man O Ross Hotel

Letter issued to the Man O Ross Hotel about the condition of the front verandah. It was understood that public access is now prohibited.

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

vi) Rezoning of Land

After some discussion, it was agreed that the suggested area of land to be zoned for light industrial purposes comprised all of the title owned by Mr H Johnson with boundary to Fitzroy St and Badajos St Ross.

Mr Johnson attended the meeting and agreed to liaise with Council's Senior Planning Officer to seek a dispensation from the Northern Midlands Interim Planning Scheme 2013 for the said area of land to be re-zoned for light industrial use. A report about this matter will be presented to Council at the July Council Meeting

The Ross Local District Committee was invited to assist in progressing the matter by lodging a formal submission to support the change—closing date 2 August 2013.

vii) Future Targa Stage at Ross

Mr Harwood circulated a letter that was sent to Octagon Motorsport asking for a future Targa Stage to be held at Ross.

viii) Water Quality—Macquarie River

Mr Harwood mentioned that advice had been received from Mr Joe Conti—Senior Environmental Health Officer, Department of Health & Human Services that they have been monitoring Tombs Lake and the Macquarie River for about five years for blue green algae and they usually take a sample twice a year. The next samples will be collected in a month or two and he will take more samples during the summer months.

6 OTHER BUSINESS

Development of Walkways in Ross

The issue about opening up unmade streets in the Ross Village so that they can be used by residents in Ross for exercise purposes.

Mr Kummerow/Ms Jenkinson

That it be recommended to Council that a pedestrian access licence be obtained from Crown Land Services for a selection of unmade streets in the Ross village—specific details to be provided.

Carried

Letter of Appreciation

It was **RESOLVED** that a letter be sent to Mr Chris McMahon of Ross expressing appreciation for his donation of labour and heavy machinery in removing the overgrown gorse and vegetation in proximity to the Ross Bridge.

Strategic Plan for Ross

Mr Harwood to circulate the notes previously prepared by Mr Cadogan-Cowper --- matter to be discussed at a future meeting.

Community Assistance

Mr Doe—resident of Ross referred to the skills of Mrs Fiona Doe who is a qualified arborist and suggested that she be contacted on tree issues in the Ross Village. Other matters raised by Mr Doe were:-

- i) Need for a painted white line at corner of Bridge St & Church St so that motorists are aware as to who gives way.
- ii) Suggested that a 40km/per hr speed limit for the Village

Defibrillator

Unit now located at the Ross Community Sports Club during the non-swimming season.

Provision of Garden Beds—Church St, Ross

Mr Chellis agreed to replace the soil in one of the beds and Ross Progress Group will plant suitable species.

Watering System—Church St

Mr Chellis agreed to investigate the automation of the system

Grass Reserve Outside 31 Church St, Ross

Mr Chellis to inspect the area and consideration be given to the placement of an additional picnic table.

Management of Stormwater--- Eastern Side of Rail Line at Ross

Mr Chellis advised that a stormwater plan would not be prepared however concerns would be investigated and appropriate action taken.

House on Brick Pallets—Park St, Ross

Matter to be discussed at next meeting

Subdivision of Former Ross Primary School Property

Mr Harwood advised that instructions had been issued for a subdivision plan to be prepared.

7. NEXT MEETING

Next meeting to be held on Tuesday 16 July 2013 commencing at 3.00pm
Note—As Mr Harwood will be on long service from July to October 2013, Council's General Manager, Mr Adam Wilson and Administrative Officer, Mrs Natalie Horne will attend meeting.

8. CLOSURE

Chairman closed meeting at 5.05pm.