

**MINUTES OF THE ROSS LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD IN THE READING ROOM, ROSS ON TUESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2013 COMMENCING AT 3.00PM**

**1. ATTENDANCE**

Mr A Cameron-Chairperson, Mrs N Horne-Secretary, Mr A Wilson – General Manager (until 4.30), Mr W Chellis – Works & Infrastructure Manager (from 4.25), Mrs G Jenkinson (until 4.45), Mrs J Bennet, Mr A Petrie.

Guest: Mr T Jacobson

**2. APOLOGIES**

Mr L Harwood, Mrs F Doe, Mr P Bewg,

**3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Mrs Bennett / Mr Cameron

That the minutes of the Ross Local District Committee Meeting held at the Ross Reading Room on Tuesday 16 July 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 received

**5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**i) Welcome to Ross Structures**

Mr McCullagh tabled a quotation received from Heritage Stone Pty Ltd for supply and install of the entrance sign. The committee enquired what

Heritage Stone was supplying as the committee already has the stone.

Mr Chellis advised that the quotation was for supply of the stone as he was informed that the committee didn't have enough stone for the structure.

The committee advised that the original design from Robyn was the preferred one; Mr Chellis will organize a quotation for the original design.

**ii) Development of Former Quarry Site**

Mr Wilson has written to Mr Johnson regarding the land. Waiting on a reply from Mr Johnson to further this project.

**iii) Development of Walkways in Ross**

The Bikeways & Trail Study (which includes walkways) done by Mr G McClintock didn't include an internal town study for Ross. A further feasibility study will have to be conducted for the township of Ross.

A letter has been sent to Crown Land requesting permission for public pedestrian access to two sections of unmade roads in Ross, waiting on a reply.

**iv) Re-Zoning of Land to Industrial**

The Planning Commission has written to council requesting more information, a feasibility study will need to be conducted, waiting on Mr Johnson to discuss this with planning staff. This is now a matter between Mr Johnson and the planning commission.

**i) Future of Targa Stage in Ross**

No reply as yet

**ii) Godfrey Rivers Painting**

This painting was viewed after the last meeting and is in bad condition and needs extensive restoration. Mrs Bennett will enquire from Mr Von Bibra if he knows of someone to give some advise on what to do with the painting and if it would be worth restoring.

**6. OTHER BUSINESS**

**i) Resignation**

It was noted that Mr Kummerow and Mrs Judit Cummins had tendered their resignations from the committee.

Council to advertise for new committee members.

**ii) Strategic Plan for Ross**

Committee discussed future direction for Ross Township. Committee members asked to review the strategic plan which was given to them by Mr Harwood previously.

**iii) Ross Marathon – Sunday 1 September**

Advertisement regarding road closure has been sent to examiner, other assistance has been organised, e.g. wheelie bins.

**iv) Committee members**

**Mrs J Bennett**

Mrs Bennett read a letter received from heritage adviser she had discussions with in regard to the Ross Bridge. There are some recommendations on maintenance of the bridge; Mrs Bennett will email the letter to Mr Chellis for his consideration.

**Mr Cameron**

The southern entrance – Mr Cameron advised that he had spoken with DIER and he has been advised that they will mow from the town entrance to the entrance of Mona Vale along the highway twice a year in October and June.

**7. MATTERS PENDING**

**i) Customer Requests**

Who requested	Issue	Action
Mr Cameron	Outside Eddie Freeman's house, water lying about, there seems to be problems with council drain.	Works Manager to investigate
Mr Jacobson	Orange flood light at bridge seems to dazzle drivers as they come into Ross if they are in a higher vehicle, can it be adjusted	Works Manager to investigate
Mr Cameron	Number of waste bins in the main street seem excessive, can some be removed	Noted –Works Manager to consider.
Mr Cameron	Footpath outside newsagency is damaged	Works Manager to investigate
	Bridge retaining wall stones are loose.	Request to be forwarded to DIER
	Can council put guards on the trees on western side of the road, at southern entrance	Works Manager to investigate

**8. NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting to be held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2013

**9. CLOSURE**

Chairman closed meeting at 5pm