

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ROSS LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD IN THE READING ROOM, ROSS ON TUESDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER 2013 COMMENCING AT 3.20PM**

**1. ATTENDANCE**

Mr A. Cameron – Chairperson, Mrs F. Doe, Mrs J. Bennet, Cr A. Calvert, Mr A. Wilson – NMC General Manager and Mrs N. Horne – NMC Admin officer

**2. APOLOGIES**

Mr W Chellis – NMC Works Manager

**3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

***Mr A Cameron / Mrs J Bennet***

That the minutes of the Ross Local District Committee Meeting held at the Ross Reading Room on Tuesday, 20 August 2013 be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings subject to the following alteration – Item 7 Matters pending - customer request item 6 – trees to be put in existing guards **not** guards to be put on existing trees.

**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

**5 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**i) Welcome to Ross Structures**

At the 16 July meeting 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.

At the 20 August meeting 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 to organize a quotation for the original design.

Mr Chellis to provide update at the next meeting as he was an apology for this meeting.

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

Note: at 20 August meeting that Mr Wilson had written to Mr Johnson regarding the land.

Mr Wilson advised that this matter had been discussed at the September Council meeting at which it was decided to Advise Mr Johnson that Council not interested in purchasing his part of the quarry and not considering opening as a tourist attraction; and planned action is to repair fence, spray as required, place appropriate signage on fence line.

## **iii) Development of Walkways in Ross**

A copy of the letter and plan sent to Crown Land requesting permission for public pedestrian access to two sections of unmade roads in Ross was tabled for the Committee's information, Council is still waiting on a reply.

## **iv) Future of Targa Stage in Ross**

As yet, no response received from Octagon in relation to Council's 7 June letter of support for a stage of Targa Tasmania to be held in Ross.

## **v) Godfrey Rivers Painting**

This painting was viewed following the July meeting. It was noted that the painting is in a poor condition and requires extensive restoration; agreed that Mrs Bennett would seek advice on viability of restoration.

Mrs Bennett has organized Scott Milen to value the painting in its current condition and advise if restoration is viable. Mr Wilson is to investigate the ownership of the painting as it is not clear if Council or the Wool Centre is the owner.

## **vi) Resignation**

Following recent resignations, advertisements for Committee members scheduled for 14 and 21 September in the Examiner newspaper, nominations close on 22 October.

## **vii) Strategic Plan for Ross**

The Committee discussed the future direction for Ross Township. Mr Harwood has previously provided the committee members notes on this and it is requested that members review them for discussion at the meeting.

The committee agreed to use the plan as a reference for any future developments which may happen in Ross.

## **viii) Ross Bridge Maintenance**

At the 20 August meeting, Mrs Bennett provided information received from a heritage adviser in relation to the recommended maintenance of the bridge; Mrs Bennett to forward to Mr Chellis for his consideration. Mr Chellis is to provide an update at the next meeting.

## **6 MATTERS PENDING**

### **i) Customer Requests**

<b>Issue</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Committee Contact</b>
Outside Eddie Freeman's house, water lying about, there seems to be problems with council drain	Minor works carried out only. Mr Cameron has view the work carried out and will discuss with the Works & Infrastructure Manager.	Mr Cameron
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	Light adjusted by Works Supervisor. Mrs Doe will check light and provide feedback at next meeting.	Mr Jacobson
Number of waste bins in the main street seems excessive, can some be removed	Needs to be reviewed in summer period, as reluctant to remove any existing bins.	Mrs Bennett
Footpath outside newsagency is damaged	To be asphalted in summer time.	Mr Cameron
Bridge retaining wall stones are loose	Repaired.	
Plant poplar trees in the existing guards on private property (western side of the road, at southern entrance)	To be planted when time permits. Mrs Doe requested discussion on the species of tree to be planted with Works & Infrastructure Manager.	
Heritage Stone was supplying as the committee already has the stone. Mr McCullagh to clarify quotation and advise at next meeting.	Works & Infrastructure Manager to obtain another quote for Robyn's original design.	

## **7 NEW BUSINESS**

### **i) House On Brick Pallets**

This issue is with Council's Solicitor and is progressing

### **ii) Ross School Sale**

The survey plans have been finalized and Council are in discussions with a real estate company regarding a marketing strategy. A further update will be prepared for the next meeting.

### **iii) Pruning Of Street Trees**

Mrs Doe noted that the pruning of the street trees has not been carried out in accordance with industry standards. Mr Chellis to contact Mrs Doe to obtain specific locations of trees in question and to investigate pruning methods.

## **8 NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting to be held on Tuesday, 15 October 2013 commencing at 3.00pm.

## **9 CLOSURE**

Chairman closed meeting at 3.55pm