

MINUTES OF THE ROSS LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD IN THE READING ROOM, ROSS ON TUESDAY, 15 OCTOBER 2013 COMMENCING AT 3.10 PM

1. ATTENDANCE

Mr A. Cameron – Chairperson, Mrs F. Doe, Mrs J. Bennet, Ms G Jenkinson, Cr A. Calvert, Mr A. Wilson (from 3.15pm) – NMC General Manager and Mrs N. Horne – NMC Admin Officer, Mr W Chellis (from 3.30pm) – NMC Works Manager.

Guest: Mr Keith Draper

2. APOLOGIES

Nil

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Mrs Bennett / Cr Calvert

That the minutes of the Ross Local District Committee Meeting held at the Ross Reading Room on Tuesday, 17 September 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.

No interest was declared.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

i) Welcome to Ross Structures

Mr Chellis tabled two designs for the entrance sign. After much discussion it was decided to place this matter on hold due to budgetary considerations. This matter to be revisited when the committee has sufficient funds to provide an acceptable sign.

ii) 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 at the 17 September meeting for the Committee's information, the sections referred to are:

- Section of Portugal Street between Waterloo Street and Park Street,
- Section of Fitzroy Street between Bridge Street and High Street.

As yet, no response has been received.

Mr Chellis and Mr Camerson to view the proposed walking route in relation to construction of gates. Mr Chellis to further investigate and report at next meeting.

iii) Future of Targa Stage in Ross

To date, 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.

iv) Godfrey Rivers Painting

The Painting has been viewed by Mr S Milen, and he will forward his recommendations to the Wool Centre. Mrs Bennett to follow up with the Wool Centre as soon as they receive any further information.

v) Membership

Following recent resignations, vacancies were advertised in the Examiner and on Council's website, nominations close on 22 October. It was noted that terms would only be one year, so that all committee members' terms will end at the same time in 2014.

The AGM will be held before the next committee meeting in November.

vi) Ross Bridge Maintenance

Mr Chellis requested Mrs Bennett forward a copy of the letter to him and DIER, as the bridge is maintained by DIER.

vii) Ross School Sale

The real estate agent has completed a marketing strategy for the potential sale of the school building. Further information will be provided when the property goes on the market.

viii) Pruning of Street Trees

Mr Chellis and Mrs Doe have had discussions in regard to the lower branch tree pruning in Ross.

6 MATTERS PENDING

i) Customer Requests

Issue	Action	Committee Contact
Over grown plants on footpath at front of old school on Tooms Lake	Referred to Mr Chellis	Mr Cameron
Gorse and blackberry on Interlaken Road	Referred to Mr Chellis for inclusion in spraying program.	Mr Cameron
Outside Mr Freeman's house, water lying about, there seems to be problems with council drain	Minor works carried out only. Mr Cameron has viewed 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

7 NEW BUSINESS

Light Industrial area – The Chair extended the committee's thanks to Mr Godier and Mr Kummerow for their efforts in getting this area rezoned.

Fire Abatements – The Chair expressed his concerns regarding several areas of long grass and gorse which needed attention prior to the fire season. Noted that the process is as follows:

- The prior year's list is reviewed at the beginning of November each year, as well as any new areas that have been identified.
- Inspections are carried out at the end of November
- Abatement notices are sent out, if required, in early December – owners then have 28 days to slash/put in fire breaks
- A follow-up inspection is carried out in January and if no action has been taken the contractors are notified to carry out the work and the property owner is billed.

8 NEXT MEETING

Next meeting – Tuesday, 19 November 2013. The AGM to commence at 3.00pm, followed by the General Meeting.

9 CLOSURE

The Chairman closed the meeting at 4.30pm.