

MINUTES OF THE ROSS LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE READING ROOM, ROSS ON TUESDAY, 21 JANUARY 2014 COMMENCING AT 3.00PM

1. ATTENDANCE

Mr K Draper, Mr L Harwood-Secretary, Mr A Cameron, Mr T Jacobson, Ms G Jenkinson, Mrs F Doe, , Mr W Chellis-Council's Works & Infrastructure Manager- from 3.20pm

Guests;- Representatives of the Post Vintage Car Club, Mr O & Mrs S Kay, Mr H Johnson & Mrs W Dyer

2. APOLOGIES

Cr Calvert

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Mr Jacobson/Mr Cameron

That the minutes of the Ross Local District Committee Meeting held at the Ross Reading Room on Tuesday, 17 December 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 noted that no declarations of any pecuniary interest were declared.

5 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

i) Development of Walkways in Ross

Mr Chellis provided comments about the work to be undertaken by Council—limited to the provision of a fence at top of sharp embankment in proximity to reservoir where soil had been recently dumped.

It was advised that a recommendation from the Ross Local District Committee for Council to lease the unmade streets will not be progressed due to the cost associated with on-going maintenance of the said area of land.

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

ii) Management of Fire Hazards

Map of the Ross Village provided to Mr Draper was tabled and it was requested that a new plan be circulated showing the actual street numbers allocated to each property in the Ross Village.

iii) 2014 Picnic at Ross

Mr Draper welcomed to the meeting delegates from the Post Vintage Car Club and also Mr & Mrs Owen Kay representing the Ross Recreation Ground Management Committee.

Position of Post Vintage Car Club---Mr Robert Lowe indicated that due to the number of vehicles participating in the event when held in the Ross Village (approx 800), the issue of traffic management was complex and the risk of an incident was high. With the availability of the Ross Recreation Ground and the transferring of the event to the site in May 2013, all concerns in regard to risk issues had been addressed. He emphasized that the Club wished to continue holding the annual event at the Recreation Ground.

It was **RESOLVED** that the proposal of the Post Vintage Car Club to continue to hold the annual Picnic at Ross at the Recreation Ground be supported.

iv) Renovation of M1 Locomotive

Following a query about the development of the M1 locomotive which was previously on display in the Ross Village and was gifted to the Derwent Valley Railway Preservation Society in 2004, Mr Harwood advised that he received an email from a former Board member—comments endorsed by present Chairperson which read as follows:-

"I can report that the locomotive, M 1, has been stripped down and placed in a state of active conservation pending the time when funds and labour become available for a full restoration to running order. The conservation process included the complete and professional removal of asbestos and an overall application of preserving oil to protect against further deterioration.

Derwent Valley Railway (DVR), as you would probably know, has been in a state of hibernation since Pacific National stopped its operations at the end of 2006. The organization hasn't sat quietly but embarked on a concerted effort to totally renovate its working rolling stock whilst negotiations have proceeded on regaining operational status on the main lines and obtaining a long term lease on the Derwent Valley Line. These things have taken some time but the goal would now seem to be not too far from being realized.

I am not currently a member of the Board but you could contact the Chairman, Mr. Derek Jones, at the DVR's e-mail address:- dvr@dvr.org.au I have cc'd this message to DVR's Secretary, Dennis Hewitt.

You would be aware that DVR had good intentions when it first acquired M 1 from NMC. It was unfortunate that services came to a sudden stop, especially when patronage and support were increasing. M 1 was ear-marked to be the second steam locomotive to undergo a full overhaul following the completion of the Railway's flagship engine H 2, a sister to H 6 at Perth. That work was all but finished after 6 years of heavy engineering when the closure pulled the pin on final testing and ultimate completion. Once operations return to normal, work should continue on H 2 and that will then leave the way clear to make a start on M 1".

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

v) Behavioral Issues—Campbell Town District High School

It was noted that the Principal of the Campbell Town District High School would be invited to attend the February Meeting of the Ross Local District Committee.

vi) 2014/2015 Council Works Budget—Ross Village

Council's Works & Infrastructure Manager, Mr Chellis circulated a schedule showing suggested works re \$45,000 allocation.

6 MATTERS PENDING

i) Customer Requests/Works

Footpath outside newsagency is damaged	To be asphalted in summer time.	Works
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 & Mr Chellis
Pavers—section of the nature strip outside the Ross General Store	To be installed when time permits	Works
Mtce of town cannon	Grant funding set aside—work to be undertaken in the New Year	Works

7 OTHER BUSINESS

Reference was made to a discussion with Mr Eddie Freeman re a suitable timber carving for the township of Ross—Matter to be further discussed at the February meeting.

The issue about the proliferation of shipping containers in the Ross Village was discussed. It was **RESOLVED** that Council's Planning Dept be invited to prepare a Discussion Paper on this matter including a schedule showing the standard planning permit conditions. Information to also be available re addresses of properties where a current permit exists for shipping container(s)

Maintenance required to Council bench seat (all slates broken) –structure located in High St near intersection of High St and Church St

8 NEXT MEETING

Next meeting to be held on Tuesday, 25 February 2014 commencing at 3.00pm.

9 CLOSURE

Chairman closed meeting at 4.35pm