

**MINUTES OF THE ROSS LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE READING ROOM,  
ROSS ON TUESDAY, 18 MARCH 2014 COMMENCING AT 3.10PM**

**1 ATTENDANCE**

Mrs F Doe (Chair), Mrs J Bennett, Mr A Cameron, Mrs R Quill, Mr P Godier – Senior Planner (to 3.35pm), Mr W Chellis – Council’s Works & Infrastructure Manager (from 3.40pm), Mrs G Eacher (Secretary)

**2 APOLOGIES**

Mr K Draper, Ms G Jenkinson

**3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

*Mr A Cameron/Mrs J Bennet*

*That the minutes of the meeting of the Ross Local District Committee held on Tuesday, 25 February 2014, subject to the following amendments to*

***6 MATTERS PENDING - i) Customer Requests/Works***

<b>Request</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Action by</b>
Footpath outside newsagency is damaged	To be asphalted in summer time. Complete.	Works & Infrastructure Dept.
Maintenance required seat (all slats broken) in High Street, near intersection of High & Church Streets	CR issued. Repaired 13/2/2014. <b>Not Complete.</b>	Works & Infrastructure Dept.

*be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.*

**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*, Part 5, S48A – S56, 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 should be noted that any person declaring an interest is required to notify the general manager, in writing, of the details of any interest declared within 7 days of the declaration.*

**5 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**i) Shipping Containers**

At the 21 January meeting, issues relating to shipping containers located on properties in the Ross Village were discussed. Consequently a discussion paper was provided by Council’s

Planning Department.

Further information requested by the Committee, included the following:

- locations of sites listed as having an active application at which a container/s is/are located;
- whether it is possible to place restrictions on containers, e.g. colour, reduced permitted time, etc.

The Committee noted that in some cases containers had been converted into “permanent” structures, which included the installation of windows and carports.

Mr Godier provided an overview of assessed containers and an updated list, as well as information relating to actions taken by Council in the event that a container is not removed once the permit expires. He advised that there were provisions that could be imposed on containers located in heritage areas.

#### **Action**

*No further action required.*

#### **ii) House at Park Street, Ross**

Mr Godier advised that the matter had been considered by the Resource Management Planning Appeals Tribunal on Thursday, 13 March and that the Tribunal had upheld Council’s decision and the house was required to be removed by 14 May.

#### **Action**

*No further action.*

#### **iii) Property in Heritage Area**

Mr Godier advised that Council only dealt with buildings and structures, not décor, garden design or motor vehicles/machinery parked on of properties in heritage areas; and referred to the provision in the Planning Scheme which allowed for consideration of a change in use of vacant heritage buildings which may previously have been prohibited.

#### **Action**

*No further action.*

#### **iv) Northern Midlands Council Strategic Plan 2007-2017: Structure Planning & Sustainability items**

The Committee resolved to consider the following information contained in the memo provided by Council’s Senior Planner at the March meeting.

*Council’s Strategic Plan 2007—2017 recommends that under Structured Planning and Sustainability, Local District Committees are to be provided with briefing notes regarding strategic planning.*

*The Strategic Plan also seeks to have the provision for the commercial and service needs reviewed through Local District Committees.*

*The Committee referred to the notes prepared by Council’s Senior Planning Officer, Mr Paul Godier and queried whether a light industrial area was to be included and commented that the Regional Planning Scheme was still under review.*

Mr Godier attended the meeting and advised as follows:

- re the Interim Planning Scheme 3 representations had been received in relation to a proposed Light Industrial Area;
- In a submission to the Planning Commission representation was made that 1 Fitzroy Street be rezoned to Light Industrial;
- Hearings would not be held before the completion of the Launceston hearings expected to be in April/May

**Action**

*No further action required.*

**v) Management of Fire Hazards**

The required plan was circulated in order that blocks which require attention can be identified.

**Action**

*Matter to be held over until after winter, i.e. October 2014.*

**vi) Wood Carving**

At 21 January meeting discussions held re timber carving for Ross township.

The following suggestion has been made:

- a carving depicting stone masons working on the bridge be erected in the area behind the cenotaph in the vicinity of Class Wood.

The Committee to further consider the matter at a later date.

**Action**

*Matter to be placed on hold*

**vii) Budget**

The Committee queried the progress with the following 2013/14 budget items – confirmed installation to progress in 2013/14:

- Cable bundling
- Bin surrounds in Church Street – rehabilitation/paving to be considered

Committee members agreed that the following be considered during budget discussions and to consider this matter further at the April meeting of the Committee:

- Drill Hall parking
- Repairs to the stage curtains at the town hall (curtain rails)

New Toilets - that Council prepare plans for new toilets at the town hall, which are in keeping with the heritage design, to be built utilizing funds received from the sale of property in Ross.

**Action**

*To be considered at April meeting.*

### **viii) Wifi for Ross**

The Chair to discuss with the Wool Centre, and thereafter with Tourism Northern Tasmania the possibility of establishing a Wifi hotspot in Ross, possibly in the vicinity of the town hall.

#### **Action**

*To be considered at April meeting.*

### **ix) Outdoor Gym Equipment**

At the 25 February meeting, discussion took place in regard to the possible installation of outdoor gym equipment at Ross Sports Ground (similar to that at Campbell Town).

The Committee agreed that

- the Chair liaise with the Chair of the Ross Sports Club;
- notice to be issued re the project and placed in the Post Office with an information/suggestion box – to engage community and ascertain required equipment;
- in due course, the Chair to liaise with Ms Green re finalisation and submission of the application for the TCF funding.

Ms Doe to hold discussions with Chair of Ross Sports Club.

#### **Action**

*To be considered at April meeting.*

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

Previously, Mr Chellis provided comments regarding the work to be undertaken by Council – limited to the provision of a fence at top of sharp embankment in the proximity of the 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 would not be progressed due to the cost associated with on-going maintenance of the said area of land.

Mr Chellis advised that the area had been made safe and that, in due course, a contractor would be engaged to install a gate and fence across the High Street access. The area would not be developed as a walkway, however, the area would be accessible via the gate to be installed.

#### **Action**

*Installation of gate and fence as time permits.*

### **xi) Campbell Town District High School**

The Committee commented on the attendance of the Principal of the Campbell Town District High School at the previous meeting, in particular in relation to the insight into the initiatives undertaken by the school to integrate CTDHS scholars into the wider Tasmanian community.

#### **Action**

*No further action.*

## 6 MATTERS PENDING

### i) Customer Requests/Works

Request	Status	Action by
Footpath outside newsagency is damaged	To be asphalted in summer time.	Works & Infrastructure Dept.
Plant poplar trees in the existing guards on private property (western side of the road, at southern entrance)	To be planted when time permits. Suggested that consideration be given to extension of the water line (already installed) to the location of the new plantings. Mrs Doe & Mr Chellis to liaise re purchase/planting of new trees.	Mrs Doe & Mr Chellis
Pavers—section of the nature strip outside the Bakery 31	To be installed when time permits (2013/14 budget)	Works & Infrastructure Dept.
Maintenance of town cannon	Small amount of rust, to be pursued by the RSL	RSL
Maintenance required seat (all slats broken) in High Street, near intersection of High & Church Streets	CR issued. Recorded as repaired 13/2/2014. However noted that repairs to bench not effected. Mr Chellis noted that the bench may need to be removed.	Works & Infrastructure Dept.
Weed at Ross Sewerage Lagoon	Letter sent to TasWater re Cumbungi Weed at the lagoon. No response received to date.	TasWater
Culvert at southern entrance to Ross needs to be inspected	Repaired. Complete.	Works & Infrastructure Dept.
Nursery/Landscaping business – Badajos Street	Investigate permitted use and signage issues relating 7 Badajos Street. Matter being addressed by Compliance Officer. No further action.	Compliance Officer
Broken tree – opposite Mens Shed	Customer Request issued. Action complete.	Works & Infrastructure Dept.
Speed limit – changed signage on both entrances/exits to Ross – now 100km/h, request that consideration be given to changing to 80km/h.	Customer Request issued.	Traffic Management Committee
Signage – Antique shop signage which had been affixed to trees in Church Street and nursery sandwich board sign.	Customer Request issued. Not on display when inspected by Compliance Officer. Amendment to use of property sought.	Compliance Officer
Road Repairs – Bitumen breaking up on the northern entrance/exit to Ross (town side) breakdown and cracking.	Customer Request issued.	Works & Infrastructure Dept.
Tree that recently had dangerous limb removed by Council staff needs attention at the excise site.	Customer Request issued.	Works & Infrastructure Dept.
Bridge Path – noted that the bitumen should not abut the sandstone bridge as damage is being caused.	Letter sent to DIER. No response to date.	Executive Assistant

<b>Request</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Action by</b>
Recent dig out, gravel and bitumen patch on High Street not adequate.	Customer Request issued. Still to be asphalted.	Works & Infrastructure Dept.
Mowing of verges – verges need to be mowed to the edge/footpath.	Customer Request issued. Complete.	Works & Infrastructure Dept.
Stage curtains at town hall need attention; noted that repairs have been undertaken previously, however, repairs have not previously been effective and the repairs have failed/fallen apart within days. Needs attention to faulty tracks, tears, hems etc	Matter to be considered in Budget process. Noted that the hanging mechanism requires repair/replacement, not the curtains.	Corporate Services Manager

## **7 NEW BUSINESS**

### **i) Customer Requests/Maintenance issues**

The following matters were raised:

- a. Light on Uniting Church needs repair.
- b. Noted that trees overhanging on public property, especially on Tooms Lake Road.
- c. Spotlighting – problems encountered by farmers in Campbell Town/Ross area, Tasmania Police to be invited to attend April meeting.
- d. Noted drop offs on Tooms Lake Road in the vicinity of the railway line.

#### **Action**

*Customer Requests to be issued.*

### **ii) Old School at Ross**

The Committee noted that surveyors had been observed at the Old School and queried the progress.

#### **Action**

*Update to be provided.*

## **8 NEXT MEETING/CLOSURE**

Next meeting to be held on Tuesday, 15 April 2014 commencing at 3.00pm outside the Drill Hall. The Chair closed the meeting at 4.45pm