

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE ROSS LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD IN THE READING ROOM, ROSS ON TUESDAY, 15 JULY 2014 COMMENCING AT 3.00PM**

**1 IN ATTENDANCE**

Mr Keith Draper (Chair), Mr Terrence Jacobson, Mr Allan Cameron, Mrs Gwyneth Jenkinson, Ms Robyn Quill, Cr Andrew Calvert, Miss Amanda Mason (Secretary), Mr Herbert Johnson (Guest)

**2 APOLOGIES**

Mrs Fiona Doe, Mrs Debra Cadogan-Cowper, Mrs Jill Bennett

**3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

*Mr Allan Cameron/Mrs Gwyneth Jenkinson*

*That the minutes of the meeting of the Ross Local District Committee held on Tuesday, 17 June 2014, 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*, 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.*

Nil.

**5 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**i) Ross Public Toilets**

Update on outcome of budget deliberations re upgrade.

\$37,000 has been allocated in the 2014/15 Annual Budget to the refurbishment of the Ross Public Toilet.

***Action***

Miss Amanda Mason to keep Committee updated as to progress of refurbishment.

## ii) Wifi for Ross

Debra Cadogen-Cowper to report as to whether response from Anderson Morgan received.

### **Action**

Deferred until next meeting.

## iii) Old School at Ross

Auction is scheduled for 15 August 2014 at the Country Club Casino.

### **Action**

Provide Committee with update in due course.

## iv) Community updates as to progress of committee

Keith Draper to report on status of draft community update on the Committee's achievement in the past 12 months.

### **Action**

Deferred until next meeting.

## 6 MATTERS PENDING

### i) Customer Requests/Works

Request	Status	Action by
Plant poplar trees in the existing guards on private property (western side of the road, at southern entrance).	Mrs Does & Mr Chellis to liaise re purchase/planting of new trees. Ongoing.	Mrs Doe & Mr Chellis  Ms Robyn Quill to speak with Works Supervisor/Manager re tree purchase.
Pavers—section of the nature strip outside the Ross General Store.	Pavers to be ordered. Is on Works Schedule to occur. Ongoing.	Works & Infrastructure Dept.
Signage – nursery sandwich board sign.	Customer request has been issued for sign to be investigated.  Noted, not open until 10:00am. Compliance Officer has previously been advised that not open Monday / Tuesday.	Compliance Officer
Stage curtains at Town Hall.	Quote has been provided for hemming. Update re funding allocation.  Hemming to occur this week. Funding allocation received from Council for track mechanism repair. Advised track mechanism has been fixed.	Executive Officer to investigate re funding allocation.

Request	Status	Action by
Trees overhanging public property, especially on Tooms Lake Road.	Arborist has advised that if some branches are removed it will cause the trees to continue to fall. Some trees have been removed.	Works & Infrastructure Dept. Works Dept. to contact Chair directly to discuss specific issues.
Drop offs on Tooms Lake Road in vicinity of railway line.	One side of road complete. Other side scheduled to be completed. On Works Schedule to be done. Ongoing.	Works & Infrastructure Dept.
14 Park Street, Ross – relocation of house	Update on progress. Planning Department is following up with property owner re removal of remaining part of building.	Planning & Development
16 Bond Street, Ross	Update on cleaning of Lot. Environmental Health Officer has inspected, no health risk, therefore no further action to be taken.	Complete
Pattersons Curse/Cott Thistle infestation at Mr Morrison	Action being taken. Update was requested prior to meeting but not received. Ongoing.	NRM Officer
Program for tree trimming in Ross	There is a tree trimming program for the entire municipality. This is the time of year that pruning/maintenance occurs.	Works & Infrastructure Department.
Gate at top of High Street	Ground has been levelled. Works Supervisor meeting with fencing contractor this week. Ongoing.	Works & Infrastructure Department.
Tress on the Boulevard	Require maintenance. Customer request has been issued. Ongoing.	Works & Infrastructure Department.
Tooms Lake Road	White lines need repainting. Customer request has been issued. DIER require the measurement of the length of the lines. Will be actioned this financial year. Ongoing.	Works & Infrastructure Department.
Anglican Church Light and Uniting Church Light	Not working, requires attention. Customer request issued. Anglican Church Light still not working, one of Uniting Church Lights is not working. Requested that a cage be placed over timer to prevent tampering.	Works & Infrastructure Department.

Request	Status	Action by
Sandstone steps to Female Factory.	Reviewed by Works Supervisor after last meeting. Have been reviewed by Works Supervisor. Committee requested investigation for grant funding to upgrade.	Executive Officer to investigate funding availability.
Shipping containers	4 containers are present without permit. Update on response from Planning Department to letter dated 17 July 2014. Matters raised are being followed up with property owners by Planning Department.	Keith Draper / Planning & Development.
Street Bins	On Works task list to be completed. Committee expressed concern that the bins have not been erected, despite having been received by Council.	Works & Infrastructure.
Sandstone bank next to bridge	On Works task list to be cleared. Complete.	Works & Infrastructure.
Old Ross Bridge	DIER works underway. Update on status. Committee noted works are looking good.	
Church Street, Ross	Works without permit/planning application. Update on status. Both properties were exempt from Planning Applications due to existing use rights and main use purposes. It was noted, property owners must comply with Health & Safety Regulations.	Complete
Conifers by Ross Bridge	Nearly dead and require removal. Customer request issued. Removed.	Complete

## **7 NEW BUSINESS**

### **7.1 Response to Community Survey**

It was noted by the Committee that 8 responses were received to the community survey requesting suggestions for development in Ross over the next 1-5 years.

The primary issues / projects raised in the responses were:

1. Kerbing in the Main Street;
2. Street lighting east of the railway line;
3. Paving of unsealed roads; and
4. Drainage issues.

### **Action**

It was resolved that Miss Mason would discuss the issues raised with the Acting General Manager and the Works & Infrastructure Manager to determine costing and timeframes and report back to the Committee so that the Committee can prioritise each action.

## **7.2 Matters raised by Mr Herbert Johnson**

- Ross Local District Committee Minutes

Minutes are not available in Ross.

### **Action**

It was resolved that Miss Amanda Mason will contact Mr Steve Kummerow at the Post Office and request hard copies be displayed there.

- Ross Recreation Ground Committee

Minutes are not available to the community. It was noted that the Minutes of these meetings are printed in the monthly Council Agendas.

### **Action**

Miss Amanda Mason will arrange for copies of these minutes to be sent to Mr Keith Draper when received.

- Old Ross School – sale proceeds

It was noted that Council has clearly received and noted the wishes of the Ross Local District Committee for the sale funds to be retained to be spent in Ross. It was further noted that the School is a Council asset and the proceeds from its sale will be applied according to Council's priorities, taking into consideration the Ross Local District Committees requests.

### **Action**

No further action.

- Information signs

It was suggested that the erection of information signs in front of significant buildings be investigated. It was noted that some home owners have previously expressed they are against such signs being erected outside their homes.

### **Action**

Miss Amanda Mason to investigate further and report at next meeting.

- Shipping Containers

It was noted that there is a shipping container situated between the Bridge and the Uniting Church hampering the popular scenic photograph of the two monuments.

### **Recommendation:**

#### ***Mrs Robyn Quill/ Mr Allan Cameron***

The Ross Local District Committee recommends that Council investigate and implement procedures whereby:

- prior to planning approval being granted for a shipping container the applicant must submit a plan showing where the container is to be located on

the site; and

- that approval should not be granted if the location specified detracts from the overall heritage feel and appearance of Ross; and
- that the Planning Department conduct a follow up inspection to ensure the container is compliant with the original application.

Carried.

- Rubbish on blocks

Further concern was raised regarding certain properties in Ross where rubbish is accumulating and becoming a fire hazard.

**Action**

Committee members to take photos and provide to Miss Amanda Mason with exact address locations so issues can be investigated.

- White lines at the Cross Roads of Bridge and Church Streets need repainting.

**Action**

Customer request to be issued.

- Gorse at Bridge Street railway crossing is hindering view of trains.

**Action**

Customer request to be issued.

- 100km/hr zones at the entries to Ross

Ms Robyn Quill has written to State Growth (DIER) and is yet to receive a response.

**Action**

Update as further information available.

## **8 NEXT MEETING/CLOSURE**

Next meeting to be held on Tuesday, 19 August 2014 commencing at 3.00pm.

The Chair closed the meeting at 4:24 pm.