

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ROSS LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD IN THE READING ROOM, ROSS ON TUESDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER 2014 COMMENCING AT 3.00PM

1 IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs Fiona Doe (Chair), Mr Allan Cameron, Mr Terence Jacobson, Mrs Jill Bennett, Mrs Debra Cadogan-Cowper, Cr Calvert, Cr Knowles, Deputy Mayor Downie, Mr Kim Peart (Guest) (until 3:30pm), Dr Jennifer Bolton (Guest) (until 3:30pm), Ms Shannon Hyland (Guest) (until 3:15pm), Mr Paul Willows (Guest) (until 4:10pm), Mr Charles Booth (Guest) (until 4:10pm).

2 APOLOGIES

Mr Keith Draper, Mrs Gwyneth Jenkinson, Ms Robyn Quill

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Mrs Jill Bennett/Mrs Debra Cadogan-Cowper

That the minutes of the meeting of the Ross Local District Committee held on Tuesday, 19 August 2014, be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings with the inclusion of the item that the directional signs outside the Ross Public Toilets be condensed onto one sign post.

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 WELCOME TO GUESTS

Ms Shannon Hyland – National Disability Insurance Scheme

Mrs Doe welcomed Ms Shannon Hyland from the National Disability Insurance Scheme who spoke about the role of the Scheme – to provide support to 15-24 year olds with a permanent disability impacting on a life function. The Scheme intends to work in partnership with services available in regional areas and endeavour to expand current services.

Mr Kim Peart and Dr Jennifer Bolton

Mrs Doe welcomed Mr Peart and Dr Bolton who gave a presentation on their interest in the history of the Ross Bridge, and ideas for creating a virtual world project involving the Ross Bridge.

It was noted by the Committee that Mr Peart and Dr Bolton would have a stall at the Ross Market on Sunday, 21 September 2014, and a public meeting at the Reading Room in Ross afterward.

It was further noted that the Ross Bridge is not listed on the National Heritage Register and this is being investigated by the Council.

Mr Paul Willows and Mr Charles Booth

Mr Willows and Mr Booth were welcomed and gave a presentation regarding a proposed grain storage site at “Williamwood” on Roseneath Road, Ross. The aim is to provide facilities to store 6,000-7,000 tonnes of grain harvested in the Ross area of the Midlands. The grain is to be stored in large plastic “sausages” that cover the ground.

Issues discussed were: erection of shed on site, increased truck movements, weighbridge, employment, noise and visual impact.

It was requested that investigation be conducted into a neutral colour for the plastic surrounding the grain. It was noted a vegetative screen would be placed along the road.

6 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6.1 Wifi

The Committee noted that Council is investigating a trial Wifi hotspot Longford, with a view to looking at suitable locations in each town in the Northern Midlands. It was resolved by the Committee to monitor the progress with the trial at Longford.

6.2 Maintenance of Town Canon

Mr Draper to provide report.

Action

Deferred until next meeting when Mr Draper returns.

7 MATTERS PENDING

i) Customer Requests/Works

Request	Status	Action by
Plant poplar trees in the existing guards on private property	Trees have been planted. Committee noted the trees were advanced.	Monitor progress of tree growth.
Pavers—section of the nature strip outside the Ross General Store.	On works schedule for 2014/15.	Works & Infrastructure Dept.
Stage curtains at Town Hall.	Scheduled for repairers to attend Ross and sew hems up on site.	
Drop offs on Tooms Lake Road in vicinity of railway line.	On Works Schedule to be done. Ongoing.	Works & Infrastructure Dept.

Request	Status	Action by
Gate at top of High Street	Gate and fence have been installed. The issue of the location of the gate was raised and the committee noted, the gate was unable to be installed at the top of High Street due to a water main underground. It was requested a sign be put on the fence directing people to the gate.	Works & Infrastructure.
Tress on the Boulevard	The Committee expressed disappointment at the trees that have been cut down by Council, large stumps have been left. It was requested that Council cut the stumps to ground level or grind them with a stump grinder.	Works & Infrastructure.
Street Bins	Bins have been installed. Feedback was provided that some members of the community have expressed that the bins are not in keeping with the surrounds. A letter was tabled from Mrs Jacobson-Hall expressing her disappointment regarding the new bins.	Works & Infrastructure.
Old Ross Bridge	One side is complete, however, the other side is yet to be finished. See motion below.	State Growth
Ross Public Toilet	On works schedule to be refurbished in 2014/15.	Works & Infrastructure.
100km/hr zone at entrances to Ross	DIER agreed to reduce speed limit to 80km/hr. The committee requested the sign with graffiti on it be removed.	Works & Infrastructure
White lines at Bridge and Church St	DIER has been notified.	Works & Infrastructure
Maintenance east of railway line	Customer request issued.	Works & Infrastructure.
Tasman Street	Request issued for road to be gravelled or considered in next budget for sealing. Repairs to Tasman Street have been conducted.	Works & Infrastructure.

8 NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Ross Bridge

Mr Allan Cameron/Mrs Jill Bennett

The Ross Local District Committee request a letter be written to Minister Hidding thanking State Growth for the work that has been done on the Ross Bridge but expressing

disappointment in the time that has taken for the work to be completed and enquiring a time frame as to when the work will be complete.

Carried.

8.2 Badajos Street

Mr Allan Cameron/Mrs Jill Bennett

That the Ross Local District Committee request that representatives of the Northern Midlands Council meet with Mr Draper (Chair), Mr Cameron and Mr H Johnson on site at the corner of Badajos St and Waterloo St to discuss ongoing problems with a build up of rainwater.

Carried

It was noted that Council had previously indicated water levels would be taken from this general area, as well as east of the railway line and the matter discussed.

8.3 Other items raised

Ross Street Plan

Mrs Doe tabled the Ross Street Plan and the new Oatlands brochure that has been produced. The Committee discussed the production of a more detailed brochure. It was noted that the Wool Centre produces a brochure with a map of Ross with numbers of corresponding businesses and sites in Ross. These are available for a gold coin donation, and other businesses are welcome to purchase them from the Wool Centre.

Action

Mrs Doe will respond to enquiry advising them of the brochure produced by the Wool Centre.

Honeysuckle Road –grading and gorse spraying.

Action

Miss Mason to issue customer request.

Stop taps in Ross – who monitors these?

Action

Mrs Doe to do a plan of the location of the taps.

Badajos Street – committee to commence its next meeting at end of Badajos St near river.

Ross Marathon – success, some feedback regarding road closure and local traffic access.

Tooms Lake Road – overhanging.

Action

Mr Cameron, Mrs Doe and Mr Draper to meet and discuss concerns regarding the trees on Tooms Lake Road.

9 NEXT MEETING/CLOSURE

Next meeting to be held on Tuesday, 21 October 2014 commencing at 3.00pm.

The Chair closed the meeting at 5:00 pm.