

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ROSS LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD COMMENCING AT THE WESTERN END OF BADAJOS STREET (NEAR THE RIVER), AND THEN PROCEEDING TO THE READING ROOM, ROSS ON TUESDAY, 21 OCTOBER 2014 COMMENCING AT 3.00PM

1 IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs Fiona Doe (Chair) (from 3:30pm), Mr Allan Cameron, Mrs Debra Cadogan-Cowper, Mrs Gwyneth Jenkinson, Mrs Jill Bennett, Councillor Andrew Calvert, Mr Wayne Chellis (Works & Infrastructure Manager), Mr Leigh McCullagh (Works Supervisor), Mr Des Jennings (General Manager), Miss Amanda Mason (Secretary), Mr Herbie Johnson (until 3:10pm)

2 APOLOGIES

Mr Keith Draper, Mr Terrence Jacobson, Ms Robyn Quill

3. BADAJOS ST

The Committee commenced the meeting at the western end of Badajos Street where maintenance of the area was discussed. It was noted the area on the river edge does not belong to Council.

Action

Mr Chellis advised that Council will attend the area and clean up the broken limbs and grass.

It was raised that historically there has been a walkway between the end of Badajos St and the Ross Bridge. Enquiries were made as to whether that walkway can be cleared.

Action

Investigations will be made by Miss Mason to determine where titles run and whether or not the walkway can be cleared.

The Committee then relocated to the Reading Room.

Mr Cameron reported that a meeting had been held between Mr H Johnson, Mr W Chellis, Mr L McCullagh and Mr Cameron regarding drainage issues on the corner of Badajos & Waterloo Streets prior to the meeting. It was resolved that when a heavy rain next falls, Mr Johnson will contact Mr Chellis to visit the site and observe the water retention issues with the view to determine works, if any, required to resolve the issue.

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Mr Allan Cameron/Mrs Debra Cadogan-Cowper

That the minutes of the meeting of the Ross Local District Committee held on Tuesday, 16 September 2014, be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

Carried.

5 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.*

Mrs Doe has a pecuniary interest in respect to item 6.3.

6 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6.1 Maintenance of Town Canon

Action

Mr Cameron will contact Mr Peter Jackson to enquire what works are to be done on the cannon.

6.2 Stop taps for watering system

It was reported that some of the sprinklers are blocked or jammed. It was resolved that the committee will approach community businesses to turn the sprinklers on and off during the summer months.

Action

Council to check which sprinklers do and don't work.

6.3 Tooms Lake Road – overhanging trees

Mr Cameron reported that the landowner has been approached and works are being considered.

Action

No further action.

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. Mrs Bennett watering trees.	Monitor progress.
Pavers—section of the nature strip outside the Ross General Store.	On works schedule for 2014/15.	Works & Infrastructure Dept.

Request	Status	Action by
Stage curtains at Town Hall.	Update as to whether hemming of curtain complete.	
Drop offs on Tooms Lake Road in vicinity of railway line.	On Works Schedule to be done. Complete.	Works & Infrastructure Dept.
Tress on the Boulevard	Customer request issued to have stumps removed / ground. Stumps will be removed. Issue with infrastructure (cable) below trees which prevents Council from being able to dig.	Works & Infrastructure.
Old Ross Bridge	Committee requested Council to write to Minister for State Growth regarding completion of the works on the bridge. Council approved and letter has been sent to Minister Hidding as per the request to Council from the last Ross Local District Committee meeting. Report from State Growth is that intention is to complete the southern side of the works however, timeframe could not be provided at this stage.	State Growth
Ross Public Toilet	On works schedule to be refurbished in 2014/15. Discussion had regarding cracks that have opened up in toilet block. Mr Chellis to prepare report on condition of toilet block. The Committee resolved that if it is concluded that the toilet block requires replacement not refurbishment, it is requested the budget allocation for the refurbishment roll over to next financial year / when works are conducted.	Works & Infrastructure.
White lines on Tooms Lake Road	Request has been issued to State Growth to mark lines. Timeframe unknown.	State Growth

8 NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Wifi

The Committee discussed a potential location for Wifi hotspot in Ross. Concluded the Post Office is a central location.

Action

Miss Mason to provide map showing coverage if Wifi located at Post Office at next meeting.

8.2 Pathways to Care

Workshop will be held on 13 November 2014 at 9:30am-3:30pm re support for families, friends and associates of those bereaved through suicide.

8.3 AGM and nominations

Miss Mason advised the next meeting is the AGM and that all members are up for renomination. Nomination forms were distributed. Nominations have been advertised in the Examiner and forms are available at the Ross Post Office.

8.4 Issues raised by Committee

- Top of Church Street, Ross
The Committee discussed the issue of vehicles parking on verge causing erosion and dust. Hold over until next meeting.
- Northern exit of Ross
Verge is crumbly and needs attention. Noted this is a State Growth Road but Wayne Chellis will investigate. Customer request to be issued.
- Uniting Church Spotlight
Has been turned off again. Council to check and advise Mrs Cadogan-Cowper how to reset so can be checked daily. Customer request to be issued.
- Loose sheep
Recurring issue, Miss Mason to provide animal control officer number to Committee.
- Female Factory
Thistles and willows are to be cleaned up by Parks & Wildlife.
- Burn off
It was noted that the Fire Brigade will be conducting a gorse burning training exercise south of Ross next week. Concern was raised re fire causing germination of gorse.

9 NEXT MEETING/CLOSURE

Next meeting to be held on Tuesday, 18 November 2014 commencing at 3.00pm.

Mrs Doe will be an apology at next meeting.

The Chair closed the meeting at 4:50 pm.