

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

1 PRESENT

Mr Keith Draper (Chair), Mr Allan Cameron, Mr Arthur Thorpe, Mrs Jill Bennett, Mr Herbert Johnson, Mrs Debra Cadogan-Cowper

2 IN ATTENDANCE

Cr Leisa Gordon, Miss Amanda Mason (Secretary), Miss Georgie Panton (NMC), Mr Terence Jacobson (guest)

3 APOLOGIES

Mrs Fiona Doe, Mr Des Jennings, Cr Andrew Calvert

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Recommendation

That the minutes of the meeting of the Ross Local District Committee held on Tuesday, 21 October 2014, be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

Minutes were not confirmed and will need to be confirmed at January meeting.

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.*

Nil.

6 CHAIR TO WELCOME CR GORDON AS NEW COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE AND NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr Draper welcomed Cr Leisa Gordon as the new Council representative to the Committee and congratulated Cr Gordon on her election to Council. Mr Draper also welcomed the two new committee members Mr Arthur Thorpe and Mr Herbert Johnson.

Mr Terence Jacobson thanked the Committee for its support over the past 2 years. Mr Draper thanked Mr Jacobson for his contribution.

7 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

7.1 Walkway between Badajos St & the Ross Bridge

Matter has been investigated. After review it has become apparent that some titles on Church Street run to the river edge, therefore a pathway cannot be cleared as it will encroach onto private land.

Mr Johnson produced a map from 1976 showing the existing walkway. Miss Mason explained that the maps as they show in the present day, show titles running to the river edge, therefore a pathway would encroach onto private land. If there is a dispute as to the current maps, they would need to be surveyed and confirmed.

Action

Miss Mason to obtain a copy of the town map of Ross for committee and provide any additional information that may be available in respect to the issue.

7.2 Maintenance of Town Canon

Mr Cameron and Mr Johnson reported that the cannon needs to be removed to be repaired. There is noticeable decay on the cannon and it needs to be repaired properly.

Action

Mr Draper to contact the RSL and ask whether there is intention to repair the cannon.

7.3 Wifi

The Committee reviewed the map provided showing the Wifi hotspot. It was noted that the Council will be running a trial at Longford and pending that success, Council will be seeking funding to roll out Wifi hotspots in other towns within the municipality.

Action

Update as trial at Longford progresses.

8 MATTERS PENDING

i) Customer Requests/Works

Request	Status	Action by
Plant poplar trees in the existing guards on private property	Trees have been planted.	Monitor progress.
Pavers—Church Street.	On works schedule for 2014/15.	Works & Infrastructure Dept.
Tress on the Boulevard	Customer request issued to have stumps removed / ground. The Committee thanked Council for the work conducted on the boulevard.	Works & Infrastructure.
Old Ross Bridge	Update on response from Minister. A letter has been received from Minister Hidding advising works will be commenced in the first quarter of 2015 and hope to be concluded by June 2015.	State Growth

Request	Status	Action by
Ross Public Toilet	Council to prepare a report on works required on the toilets.	Works & Infrastructure.
Uniting Church spotlight	Customer request issued, with request to contact Mrs Cadogan-Cowper re resetting timer. Miss Mason to follow up.	Works & Infrastructure.
Overhanging trees on Beaufront Road	In hand with property owner taking steps to prune.	

9 NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Matters raised by committee

- Anglican Church
Graveyard needs tidying - Mr Cameron to liaise with Mr Draper (Church Warden).
It was noted that issues in respect to land not owned by Council such as the church land should be raised with the property owners directly, not through the Ross Local District Committee.
- Heavy duty mower
It was noted that Council has brought the big mower in to Ross to clear some larger vegetation, it is requested that this be done again prior to Christmas – customer request to be issued.
- Speed limit on northern exit
Traffic sign on northern exit that has been painted over has still not been removed and replaced by State Growth – Miss Mason to follow up request that has previously been made.
- Badajos Street
Can Council place seats at the end rather than bollards, as well as sow some grass in the Autumn – customer request to be issued.
- Old Cemetery at top of Park Street
Requires maintenance – customer request to be issued.
- Entrances to the town
Require tidying. The road edges at the northern entry are becoming broken and crumbly, can the road be widened on the corner slightly? State Growth matter to be referred to Traffic Committee.
- 42 degree parallel sculpture
Request for an information sign be placed at the Ticky Tacky Bridge regarding the 42degree parallel sculpture – Miss Mason to investigate.
- Ross School
School continues to be advertised for sale.

- Female Factory
Waiting on Parks and Wildlife to clear thistles.
- Weed infestation on local properties
Miss Mason to follow up with NRM officer.
- Membership of the Ross Local District Committee
Present member numbers are 6. Limit is 9. If other people interested contact Miss Mason and can apply.

9.2 Strategic plan for Ross

It has been suggested by the General Manager that the local district committees develop their own 10 year, 4 year and 1 year plans for the region, identifying projects, prioritising those projects and putting them to Council.

Action

Committee to consider, meet one hour prior to next meeting and formulate a proposal.

9.3 Christmas dinner

It has been proposed by the Campbell Town District Forum that there be a combined dinner for the Avoca, Royal George and Rossarden, Ross and Campbell Town District Committees at the Bowls Club in Campbell Town on 9 December 2014.

Action

Miss Mason to confirm venue and date and time and advise committees.

10 NEXT MEETING/CLOSURE

Next meeting to be held on Tuesday, **20 January 2015** commencing at 3.00pm.

The Chair closed the meeting at 4:06 pm.