

MINUTES

MEETING OF THE ROSS LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD AT THE READING ROOM, ROSS ON WEDNESDAY, 2 MARCH 2016 COMMENCING AT 3:00PM

1 PRESENT

Mrs Christine Robinson (Chairperson), Mr Allan Cameron, Mr Arthur Thorpe, Mrs Jill Bennett, Mrs Debra Cadogan-Cowper, Mr Herbert Johnson, Mr Keith Draper, Mrs Fiona Doe,

2 IN ATTENDANCE

Mr Pat Hyam (Guest), Mr Murray Ralph (Guest)(until 3:10pm), Miss Amanda Mason (Executive Officer)

3 APOLOGIES

Cr Andrew Calvert, Mr Des Jennings (General Manager), Ms Noelene Brown

4 WELCOME

Mrs Robinson welcomed the guests.

Mr Ralph introduced himself and advised he was attending to present some information on the proposed turning circle on Roseneath Road, Ross. Mr Ralph owns the affected property on Roseneath Road and had discussed the proposal with State Growth direction.

Mrs Robinson advised that had written to Council and asked for a community meeting to be facilitated to provide information on the proposal. Miss Mason advised that Council will not facilitate a community meeting in relation to a planning application. As Council is the governing body over planning applications it must remain impartial.

It was noted that individuals can contact the applicant directly for further information.

An enquiry was made as to whether or not Council owns Roseneath Road, and if so can Council form an opinion on the traffic impacts on the entrance to Ross.

The Committee noted concern about the impact of traffic on Roseneath Road and the entrance to Ross.

Action:

[Miss Mason to follow up re Council's position as road owner \(if applicable\).](#)

Mr Hyam advised that on the mainland, fire hydrants normally have reflective blue markers on the road near the hydrant. He requested Council install the reflective paint at the hydrants in Ross.

Mrs Doe (member of the Ross Volunteer Fire Brigade) reported that the fire hydrants have a yellow arrow painted on the ground and a yellow post.

Action:

[Miss Mason to submit a customer request for Council check the paint and that it complies with the Australian Standard.](#)

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 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Mr Arthur Thorpe/Mr Keith Draper

*That the minutes of the meeting of the Ross Local District Committee held on **Wednesday, 3 February 2016** be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.*

Carried unanimously

7 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

7.1 White weed

Council's NRM officer requested to notify the TFGA.

7.2 Memorial Plinth – Sergeant Lewis McGee VC

Mr Draper to report on discussion with RSL. Mr Draper provided the letter to the new RSL president Mr Luke Williams, and it is to be discussed at the RSL meeting of 11 March 2016.

7.3 Strategic Plan

Committee to review and discuss draft Strategic Plan, prioritising budget requests. The following items were added to the draft Strategic Plan.

- A) Standardised directional signage for heritage walk – suggested design for Council to cost out;
- B) Clean fill to level the area on High St side of the Recreation Ground;
- C) Trees in Bond Street (guards/replacement);
- D) Replacement of Asphalt with sandstone (lookalike), underneath picnic benches to stop vehicles from pulling in onto the footpath.

Committee to hold a workshop on Thursday 16th March 2016 at 4:00pm at the Reading Room, Ross to finalise list and prioritise projects.

7.4 Elizabeth Macquarie Irrigation Trust

Mrs Debra Cadogan-Cowper/Mr Keith Draper

Mrs Christine Robinson be nominated to attend meetings of the Elizabeth Macquarie Irrigation Trust (EMIT) and provide information back to the Ross Local District Committee, and Mrs Robinson delegate to another member of the Committee in the event she is unavailable to attend an EMIT meeting.

Carried unanimously

Mr Thorpe indicated he would be willing to attend meetings in the event Mrs Robinson is unavailable.

8 MATTERS IN PROGRESS

8.1 Motions to Council

Motion (17/02/2015): *The Ross Local District Committee request the Northern Midlands Council to have all cats registered is being investigated by Council officers.*

Update:

Awaiting draft plan from State Government.

Motion (05/05/2015): *That the Ross Cannon be included on the heritage listing in the Northern Midlands Council Planning Scheme was noted by Council at its meeting of 18 May 2015 for investigation by Council and has been referred to the Planning Department to be included in next amendment to the Northern Midlands Planning Scheme.*

Motion (02/12/2015): *That Council pay for an acoustics engineer to assess the Ross Town Hall.*

Update:

Quote accepted, date of inspection to be arranged. Requested meeting with Mr Geoff Cadogan-Cowper to discuss sound. Miss Mason to request.

8.2 Cannon

Council is seeking a quote from a conservator for the full restoration of the cannon. RSL have been notified as to Council's position and will be kept informed throughout process. Once quotes received funding opportunities can be sought.

8.3 Ross Entrance Statement

Awaiting approval for southern entrance by Department of State Growth.

8.4 Ross Public Toilet

On Works schedule to be completed.

9 NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Ross Pool

Committee to note Council has requested a master plan of the Ross Pool be completed, working in conjunction with the Ross Pool Management Committee.

9.2 Suggestions for projects for Ross

Mrs Robinson tabled a letter from resident Mr Kim Peart containing suggestions for projects within Ross. It was resolved the Committee would review and discuss further at their workshop for incorporation in the Strategic Plan.

9.3 Customer requests

- Requested Council Works conduct a review off all street signs in Ross as many appear to have been turned around recently, in particular the dangerous corner sign at the beginning of Tooms Lake Road.
- Requested a follow up on permits for shipping containers and properties containing a “nuisance”.
- Requested Council mow the side and back streets of Ross.
- Requested Council prune and spray the elm suckers in Badajos Street.
- Gorse and brier in the Boulevard requires spraying.

Action

[Miss Mason to issue customer requests.](#)

9.4 Committee expiration

It was confirmed the current term for the Ross Local District Committee expires on 30 June 2016. Positions will be advertised in April/May.

9.5 Leave of Absence

Mrs Doe requested a leave of absence for April, May, June and July.

9.6 Tree report

It was noted that Council is in the process of having a arborhist report presented in respect to the trees within the municipality.

Action

[Mrs Doe to contact Mr Chellis directly to discuss the report and relay any relevant information to the Committee.](#)

9.7 Ross Quarry

Mrs Cadogan-Cowper reported that the Wool Centre is progressing an agreement with Council to maintain the quarry and open it up for visitors. Seeking access to the Green Army to clear the gorse.

9.8 Information sign for businesses

Discussion has been had with residents regarding the current board, awaiting further response from them.

9.9 Town Hall

It was noted the dishwasher has been installed.

9.10 Anglican Church fence

It was noted the Church Committee were unsuccessful in obtaining funding for repair to the Church fence. It was suggested community support be sought for funding.

10 NEXT MEETING/CLOSURE

Next meeting to be held **6 April 2016 at 3:00pm.**

The Chair closed the meeting at 4:12 pm.