

MINUTES

MEETING OF THE ROSS LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD AT THE READING ROOM, ROSS ON TUESDAY, 5 APRIL 2016 COMMENCING AT 1:00PM

1 PRESENT

Mrs Christine Robinson (Chairperson), Mr Allan Cameron, Mr Arthur Thorpe, Mrs Debra Cadogan-Cowper, Mr Herbert Johnson, Mr Keith Draper, Ms Noelene Brown (1:21pm)

2 IN ATTENDANCE

Mayor David Downie, Cr Andrew Calvert, Cr Leisa Gordon (1:02pm), Miss Amanda Mason (Executive Officer), Mr Wayne Chellis (1:31pm)

3 APOLOGIES

Mrs Fiona Doe, Mrs Jill Bennett, Mr Des Jennings (General Manager)

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 declared.

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Mr Arthur Thorpe/Mr Keith Draper

That the minutes of the meeting of the Ross Local District Committee held on **Wednesday, 2 March 2016** be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

Carried unanimously

6 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6.1 Planning Applications involving Council land

Miss Mason reported that Council is guided by the Planning Scheme requirements in any planning application received. In relevant instances Council will refer an application to officers and relevant experts for input, which may result in a recommendation of conditions for the planning approval.

6.2 Identification of Fire Hydrants in the Northern Midlands

Miss Mason reported that advice has been received by Council's Risk & Safety Coordinator advising identification of water hydrant outlets is the responsibility of TasWater. Inspection of the hydrants in Ross resulted in the observation the hydrants are clearly identified – painted yellow. Advice from a volunteer fire fighter was that the local fire brigades are aware of the hydrant locations within the community. Local fire brigades flush the hydrants annually to ensure no build up a contamination/blockages.

6.3 Memorial Plinth – Sergeant Lewis McGee VC

Awaiting a response from the RSL. It was noted Miss Mason is meeting with the RSL after this meeting to discuss the Ross Cannon.

6.4 Strategic Plan

Prioritised list has been provided to Miss Mason for submission to Council in the budget consideration process.

7 MATTERS IN PROGRESS

7.1 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:

Inspection complete, awaiting report.

Motion (02/03/2016): *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 was accepted by Council at its meeting of 21 March 2016.*

7.2 Cannon

Council are awaiting a quote from conservator. Miss Mason meeting with the RSL president after the Ross Local District Committee meeting today to discuss the future of the cannon. It was noted by Mr Draper that the original cannon wheels have been located at the Campbell Town depot and that the RSL are seeking to determine who owns the cannon. It was noted it is the understanding of Council that the cannon was gifted to the township of Ross and that Council therefore owns the cannon.

7.3 Ross Entrance Statement

Awaiting approval for southern entrance by Department of State Growth. It was noted Mr Chellis is meeting with the Department of State Growth at 3:00pm today, regarding the southern entrance.

7.4 Ross Public Toilet

On Works schedule to be completed.

7.5 Letter from resident, Mr Kim Peart

The Committee discussed a letter from Mr Kim Peart tabled at the last meeting and resolved to formally invite Mr Peart to the next meeting of the Ross Local District Committee to discuss further.

8 NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Planning Application P16-031 – Turning Circle, Roseneath Road

Mr Cameron reported he had spoken to Minister for Infrastructure, Mr Rene Hidding and further discussions will be had with Council regarding the proposed turning circle at the southern entrance to Ross.

8.2 Badajos St railway crossing

Mr Chellis reported that money has been allocated in the budget over the next ten years to improve the back streets of Ross, which includes the railway line crossings.

8.3 Stormwater review – corner of Badajos and Waterloo Streets

The Committee raised concern regarding the stormwater issues at the corner of Badajos and Waterloo Streets. It was confirmed that Council is conducting a full stormwater review of the municipality.

8.4 Streetlights

It was noted that there are two streetlights on the corner of Bridge and Church Streets that have been out for some time. These have been reported on numerous occasions. It was further noted that some streetlights are still white not amber.

It was further noted that the Northern Midlands Council has committed to changing its streetlights to LED lights through a combined project with other northern Councils.

Action

Mr Draper to provide street light numbers to Miss Mason to report.

8.5 Rabbits

An update was requested on the release of the calicivirus in Ross.

Action

Miss Mason to follow up.

8.6 Railway line

It was requested that TasRail be asked to spray the briers and box thorn along the railway line.

Action

Miss Mason to issue customer request with TasRail.

8.7 Water restrictions

The Committee noted TasWater has lifted the water restrictions for Ross.

8.8 Ross Public Toilets

The Committee discussed the location of the public toilets and supported the present location be retained given the bus parking available and frequent use.

Mr Keith Draper/Mr Allan Cameron

That the Ross Public Toilet be retained outside the Town Hall due to the flow of buses.

Carried unanimously

8.9 Trees

It was raised that the birches on the south of the recreation ground are looking untidy. Mr Chellis advised these were not on the works schedule for next year. Concern was also raised regarding limbs in the large tree opposite the hotel. It was noted that Council has had an arborists report conducted on the Council owned trees in the municipality and those recommendations will be actioned in due course.

8.10 Rubbish / recycling

The Committee noted increasing amounts of rubbish being left on the side of the road, particularly Tooms Lake Road. Enquiry was made about involved in Clean Up Australia.

Action

[Miss Mason to investigate further and provide information to the Committee.](#)

8.11 Stone wall at the Church

It was noted that the community has donated funds to repair the broken stone wall at the Anglican Church.

8.12 Works outside Drill Hall

Mr Chellis reported on the works being done outside the Drill Hall, installation of new pathway and garden area.

8.13 Thank you to Mr Wayne Chellis

Mrs Robinson wished Mr Chellis all the very best in his upcoming retirement and thanked him for his time over the years, which has been invaluable.

9 NEXT MEETING/CLOSURE

Next meeting to be held **4 May 2016 at 3:00pm.**

The Chair closed the meeting at 2:09 pm.