

## MINUTES

MEETING OF THE ROSS LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD AT THE READING ROOM, ROSS ON WEDNESDAY, 5 APRIL 2017 COMMENCING AT 2:57PM

### 1 PRESENT

Mrs Christine Robinson (Chairperson), Mrs Debra Cadogan-Cowper, Mrs Helen Davies, Mr Keith Draper, Mr Tim Johnson, Mr Arthur Thorpe, Mr Tony Thorogood

### 2 IN ATTENDANCE

Councillor Andrew Calvert (2:59pm), Councillor Leisa Gordon (2:59pm), Mr Leigh McCullagh, Mrs Amanda Bond (Regulatory & Community Services Manager), Miss Georgina Brown (Executive & Communications Officer), Mr Herbert Johnson (Guest), Ms Candyce Hurren (Guest), Mrs Helen McQuade (Guest), Mr Keith Jolly (Guest)

### 3 APOLOGIES

Mr Allan Cameron, Mrs Jill Bennett, Mrs Margaret Langridge

### 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 Keith Draper/Mr Arthur Thorpe***

*That the minutes of the meeting of the Ross Local District Committee held on **Wednesday, 7 March 2017** be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.*

*Carried unanimously*

## **6 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

### **6.1 Ross Village Green**

Lange Design and Loop Architecture are preparing the design drawings and costings.

Awaiting outcome of Building Better Regions funding application.

### **6.2 Ross Cannon**

The Council's Commemorative Grant application seeking funding toward the restoration of the Ross Cannon has been approved.

Update of restoration quote sought. Work will progress after ANZAC Day.

Senator Jonathan Duniam to announce the success of the funding application in Ross on Thursday, 6 April.

### **6.3 Alternative parking for hirers of the Ross Hall**

Hire Agreements for Ross Town Hall will be amended to suggest overflow parking on Ross School Ground during summer months only.

The Ross Local District Committee expressed support for the oval to be used during the busier, summer months.

A concern was raised with respect to the oval becoming a permanent car park. It was reported it is not Council's intention to allow permanent parking outside of summer months due to planning requirements and the risk of vehicles becoming bogged.

### **6.4 Sergeant Lewis McGee Commemoration**

The Working Group to provide an update regarding proposed content of the brochure. Project to be completed by 30 September 2017.

The Working Group advised the project will be progressed after ANZAC Day. The Chairperson confirmed draft content will be provided to the Avoca, Royal George and Rossarden Local District Committee for comment.

### **6.5 2017/2018 Budget request**

The Ross Local District Committee's 2017/2018 budget requests have been provided and are listed in order of priority:

1. Paint Town Hall and Supper Room, replace carpet in old Council Chambers and repair window between Town Hall and Supper Room;
2. Provide missing section of footpath on western side of Beaufront Road between Bridge and Portugal Streets;

3. Install automated reticulated watering system to extend current system on both sides of Church Street to High Street;
4. Protection (i.e. guards) and replacement where necessary of trees in Bond Street and plant more trees on both sides of Street;
5. Stage 1 of 3 year plan culminating in the road being sealed. Grade Tasman Street East of Waterloo Street, including the turning circle for vehicles (including garbage collection trucks) and move incorrectly placed fences on street verge;
6. Grade and possible seal of Wellington Street from Tooms Lake Road to Waterloo Street. Quarry at top of Wellington Street soon to be tourist attraction with increased traffic on Wellington Street;
7. Replacement of asphalt footpath surface with lookalike stone pavers on western side of Church Street from intersection with Bridge Street down to intersection with High Street;
8. Tourist Brochure as the one for Cressy. RLDC will compile and to be distributed outside Ross to attract tourists.

The following budget requests have also been made, but were not listed:

- White lines; (see item 7.10)
- Gravel area at top of Church Street; (see item 7.1)
- Extend paved area from the Drill Hall to the Reading Rooms (see item 7.1)

4 Year Plan:

1. Install lookalike stone around verges of grassed area at southern end of Church Street to prevent vehicles parking on grass; (Possibly money held over from budget for a couple of years to finance this. Quote from works department approximately \$30,000)
2. Upgrade the road surface of Waterloo Street from Portugal Street to Wellington Street;
3. Create access to lower level at Tacky Bridge and include interpretive signage on bridge. (Consultation with State Growth and Council Works Department indicate this is possible using a pipe and fill design). Create parking area;
4. Install exercise equipment (as in Campbell Town) at Recreation Ground.

10 Year Plan:

1. Progressively change footpath surface on both sides of Church Street with lookalike stone pavers.

The above list will be provided to Council to consider in its 2017/2018 budget.

## 6.6 6.6.1 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:**

Still awaiting outcome of Final Cat Management Plan.

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

**Update:**

The budget allocation provided by Council in 2016/2017 will need to be reapplied for in 2017/2018.

## **6.7 Dark MOFO Festival**

Council has been approached by an artist to display several light installations within the Northern Midlands as part of the Dark MOFO program, with one proposed installation in Ross.

Dark MOFO will be held from 8-21 June 2017. The event's program will be launched Friday, 7 April 2017.

## **6.8 Overnight Camping**

The Forum to provide comment on the letter sent via the Chairperson on 14 March 2017 regarding overnight camping for self-contained vehicles.

Discussion was held with regard to the existing overnight camping sites within the municipality. It was mentioned campers are profitable to the village/townships they visit.

A free camping site in Ross was generally not supported as there is an existing caravan park within the village.

It was reported the CMCA have launched a CMCA member only site at Railton and are investigating a site at George Town. A CMCA site in Campbell Town or Ross was generally not supported by the Committee.

Mrs McQuade was invited to provide details on the black waste dump point, located at the Ross Caravan Park. Mrs McQuade confirmed the existing facility is locked due to misuse.

The Committee raised concern in regard to how Council will enforce overnight camping. It was confirmed the policy review is focusing on addressing regulation issues.

## **6.9 Heritage Street and Directional Signs**

Council's Engineering Officer has reviewed the proposed designs for signage in Ross and is currently researching reflective colour options with suppliers.

A Heritage architect has been asked to review the street and directional sign proposal. Mr McCullagh reported the street signs would cost approximately \$900 each, excluding installation expenses.

## **ACTION**

Miss Brown to confirm the 2016/2017 budget allocated to Ross for signage and request it be carried over.

### **6.10 Reseal of High Street**

Mr McCullagh advised the Committee resealing of High Street is complete. Council has a resealing program. Resealing is required every 12-15 years to ensure the road's longevity.

### **6.11 Ross Auto Classic Event**

Council Officers to report on feedback received in regard to the motoring event held 12 March 2017 in Ross.

Mr Thorpe reported a petition has been signed by 38 members of the community protesting the event for the following reasons:

- Inconvenience to the residents in the town, tourists and travellers on the Tooms Lake Road because of the duration of the event (from 8am – 4pm)
- Lack of coordination on public streets and the excessive noise and speed of the race cars on those streets; and
- Because this entire event is inappropriate for our village.

The petition will be submitted to Council at its April meeting.

The event organiser, Mr Benson has indicated it is his intention to hold a community meeting to address concerns raised.

[Mr McCullagh left the meeting at 3:45pm](#)

### **6.12 Public Land Reserve in Ross**

Committee to discuss proposed walkway from High Street to the Boulevard.

General discussion was held in respect to the esplanade and the surrounding property boundaries.

[Mr Tony Thorogood/Mr Keith Draper](#)

[The Ross Local District Committee request the Northern Midlands Council to have surveyed the location of the esplanade from the Boulevard to Bridge Street.](#)

[Carried unanimously](#)

## **7 NEW BUSINESS**

### **7.1 Parking at Uniting Church and Wool Centre**

Discussion was had regarding parking on verge in front of the Wool Centre and at the top of Church Street. It was resolved to request Council gravel the area at the top of Church Street and extend footpath from the Drill Hall to the Reading Room.

#### **ACTION**

Both requests to be listed within the 2017/2018 budget submission to Council.

### **7.2 Chiswick Road**

It was reported the shoulders along Chiswick Road require regrading. Committee was advised Council has a verge maintenance program and this will be completed as part of the program.

### **7.3 Mowing schedule**

It was reported the mowing Council complete along the sides of the roads is inconsistent. The Committee request the streets on the eastern side of the train line are mowed/slashed more frequently.

#### **ACTION**

Miss Brown to provide feedback to Council's Works Department.

### **7.4 Ross Stormwater Management Plan**

An enquiry was made in regard to the Stormwater Management Plan for Ross.

#### **ACTION**

Miss Brown to investigate and provide an update to the Committee.

[Councillor Gordon left the meeting at 4:10pm](#)

### **7.5 For sale signage in Ross**

It was reported the main street of Ross have several large for sale signs at the front of homes and business. It was noted the signs promote a negative feel to the village as people intend to leave.

#### **ACTION**

Miss Brown to provide compliance requirements for 'for sale' signs.

## 7.6 Weir

General discussion was held with regard to the water flow of the Macquarie River. It was suggested the weir be opened to allow water to flow through.

[Councillor Calvert left the meeting at 4:24](#)

## 7.7 Uniting Church signage

It was reported a discussion was held with the Church in respect to the Church gate, picket fence and signage.

## 7.8 Golden elms

Several Golden Elms along Chiswick Road will not grow to full height due to the stone which lay beneath.

## 7.9 Ross 2016/2017 budget allocation

An enquiry was made in respect to the remaining budget for items which have not progressed from the Committees 2016/2017 allocation.

### **ACTION**

Mrs Bond to confirm process for the outstanding budget allocation.

## 7.10 Installation of white lines

The installation of white lines to be included in the Committee's 2017/2018 budget requests. It was reported the cost is approximately \$3,294 and repainting is required between 5 – 7 years.

## 7.11 Various Customer requests

Various customer requests were reported at the meeting:

- The Old stables require minor repairs;
- Road signs at the northern entrance into Ross are blocking the view of the newly installed entrance statement;
- A drain, located at the south eastern side of the Ross bridge to be inspected;
- Loose gravel at Female Factory to be inspected;
- A patch of road along Chiswick Road needs repairing;
- No parking signs to be installed on the trees on the grassed area at the southern

end of Church Street.

The above customer requests to be provided to the relevant Council Department to investigate.

## **8 NEXT MEETING/CLOSURE**

Next meeting to be held **3 May 2017 at 3:00pm.**

The Chair closed the meeting at 4:37pm.