

MINUTES

ROSS LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD AT THE READING ROOM, ROSS ON WEDNESDAY, 3 MAY 2017 COMMENCING AT 2:54PM

1 PRESENT

Mrs Christine Robinson (Chairperson), Mr Allan Cameron, Mrs Helen Davies, Mr Tony Thorogood, Mr Arthur Thorpe

2 IN ATTENDANCE

Cr Andrew Calvert, Cr Mary Knowles, Mrs Amanda Bond (Regulatory & Community Services Manager), Miss Georgina Brown (Executive & Communications Officer)

3 APOLOGIES

Cr Leisa Gordon, Mrs Jill Bennett, Mr Tim Johnson, Mrs Debra Cadogan-Cowper, Mr Keith Draper

The Committee noted the resignation of 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 Arthur Thorpe/Mrs Helen Davis

*That the minutes of the meeting of the Ross Local District Committee held on **Wednesday, 5 April 2017** be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.*

Carried unanimously

6 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6.1 Ross Village Green

Council have received the draft design for the Ross Village Green and will consider the proposed plan at an upcoming workshop.

6.2 Ross Cannon

Council Officers are liaising with MSCD Construction to collect the cannon in mid June 2017. The work will be completed in Hobart. It is anticipated the cannon will be returned to the War Memorial in August 2017.

6.3 Sergeant Lewis McGee Commemoration

Working group meeting next week to put the content together. Campbell Town ANZAC Committee aim to present a Sergeant Lewis McGee commemorative medal on 28th of September. The Committee aim to launch the brochure at same time.

6.4 Motions to Council

6.4.1 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.

6.4.2 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 has been listed in the 2017/2018 budget request.

The Committee enquired about the tiles detracting from the look of the Hall.

Action

Mrs Bond to provide photos of tiles and confirm advice of Heritage Advisor re installation.

6.4.3 Motion (05/04/2017): The Ross Local District Committee request the Northern Midlands Council to have surveyed the location of the esplanade from the Boulevard to Bridge Street.

Update:

Motion is to be included at Council's May 2017 meeting.

6.4.4 Motion (01/02/2017): The Ross Local District Committee request the Northern Midlands Council investigate installation of a sluice weir at Badojos Street to assist with draining the river.

Update:

Update to be provided at next meeting.

6.5 Heritage Street and Directional Signs

This project is to be undertaken in stages. As identified in the proposal, Council Officers are to progress the heritage directional signs for Man O Ross corner, the Bridge Carpark, bottom of Church Street steps and top of Church Street.

Heritage Architect has responded and takes no issue with the design. Engineering officer seeking quotes for design and installation. Street signs will be the second stage.

6.6 Ross Auto Classic

Awaiting advice from event organiser in regard to arranging a community meeting.

Mr Thorpe in his individual capacity is discussing with Tasmania Police re the process.

7 NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Ross Marathon

Council has been approached by the organisers of the Ross Marathon who have confirmed the event will go ahead later this year.

7.2 Draft shipping container by-law

The draft shipping container by-law was presented to Council at its April 2017 meeting and it was decided:

That the matter be deferred in order to seek clarification on the following:

- Clarification in relation to when a property is sold, whether the purchaser would be required to apply for a permit on any existing container on the property;
- Clarification of the meaning of *wholly contained within a building*.

Carried unanimously

Noted by-laws can't be provided retrospectively. To be presented back to Council workshop for Council to consider further.

7.3 Ross Bridge

Discussion has been had with the Department of State Growth regarding a piece missing from a pylon on the Ross Bridge. It was reported the stone is being sourced and will be repaired within the next two months.

7.4 Various Customer requests

Customer request forms provided to the Committee.

7.5 Council Bus tour

Councillors toured the municipality on their annual Bus Tour on 26 April 2017. Met with members of the local district committee in Ross and discussed issues of concern. It was noted the feedback received was generally positive.

7.6 Vacancy on committee

There is an opportunity for a member of the Ross community to join the Local District Committee.

Action

Mrs Bond to confirm the process to appoint new members.

7.7 Leave of absence

Mrs Davies requested a leave of absence from the 7 June 2017 meeting.

7.8 Bollards

The Committee noted the installation of the bollards on Church Street.

7.9 Overnight camping

It was noted caravans have been parking on the verge at the top of Church Street.

Action

Mrs Davies to report to compliance officer.

7.10 Survey markings on Portugal Street

Noted this is marking for the installation of the memorial bench for “Jack”.

7.11 Council website

Council is completing a website redesign. Part of this is to redo the town subsites on the website. The Ross subsites will be updated as part of this process. Committee will be kept informed of progress.

8 NEXT MEETING/CLOSURE

Next meeting to be held **7 June 2017 at 3:00pm.**

The Chair closed the meeting at 3:17pm.