

MINUTES

THE MEETING OF THE ROSS LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD AT THE READING ROOM, ROSS ON WEDNESDAY, 6 SEPTEMBER 2017 COMMENCING AT 2:59PM

1 PRESENT

Mrs Christine Robinson (Chairperson), Mrs Debra Cadogan-Cowper, Mrs Helen Davies, Mr Arthur Thorpe, Mr Allan Cameron, Mrs Candyce Hurren, Mrs Jill Bennett, Mr Tim Johnson

2 IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs Amanda Bond (Community and Development Manager), Miss Lucie Copas (Executive and Communications Officer), Mr Chris Bearman (Guest), Mr Steve Robinson (Guest), Mrs Anne Thorpe (Guest), Ms Kylie Jamieson (Guest)

3 APOLOGIES

Councillor Andrew Calvert, Mr Keith Draper, Mr Tony Thorogood

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 Allan Cameron/Mrs Debra Cadogan-Cowper

*That the minutes of the meeting of the Ross Local District Committee held on **Wednesday, 2 August 2017** be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.*

Carried unanimously

6 GUEST PRESENTATION

Mr Bearman expressed his concern and provided suggestions on alternative ways to improve acoustics in the hall to protect the ambience. Instead of installing professional acoustic equipment he has suggested the committee consider drapes.

Mr Bearman also advised he holds no formal acoustics engineering qualifications and is speaking only from experience and prior knowledge.

7 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

7.1 Ross Village Green

Building Better Regions Funding application not successful. Council has allocated \$300,000 in funds towards the project and will continue to search for additional external funding opportunities. The project will shortly be advertised for Planning approval. Once approved and final design complete, works will commence in order of priority and will be finalised by way of additional annual funding allocations.

7.2 Sergeant Lewis McGee Commemoration

Booklet has been printed. Copy provided to Committee. First booklet to be presented at event at Campbell Town District High School on 28 September 2017.

Committee pleased with final version. Requested electronic version.

Action:

Miss Copas to confirm Council has electronic version saved.

7.3 Motions to Council

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

Update:

Committee requested Council liaise with Mr Bearman and revisit acoustic options.

7.3.2 Motion (01/03/2017): *The Ross Local District Committee request the Northern Midlands Council to consider fortnightly collection of green waste bins in 2017/2018 budget.*

Update:

Report to be presented to Council.

7.4 Heritage Street and Directional Signs

Committee discussed design in detail.

Action:

- Committee to advise of formal corrections
- Mrs Robinson to provide exact locations of signs
- Miss Copas to investigate visual image of sign

7.5 Calicivirus

DPIPWE have confirmed K5 strain (latest) was released.

7.6 Matter of Concern

Committee requested report on outcome of meeting with Tasmania Police at Tooms Lake.

Action:

Miss Copas to report back.

7.7 Fire Hazard

Committee raised concerns about potential fire hazard on land adjacent to Maquarie River.

Action:

Miss Copas to refer concern to compliance officer.

8 NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Budget

Enquiry into notification from Council of budget allocation for Ross.

Action:

Miss Copas to follow up.

8.2 Draft Bylaw – Placement of shipping containers

Council at its 21 August meeting resolved that, in accordance with s.156 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council it intends to make the proposed Placement of Shipping Containers By-Law No. 1 of 2017 to regulate the placement of shipping containers in the Northern Midlands municipality.

8.3 Resignation

Mrs Robinson tabled resignation letter from Mr Keith Draper. Committee expressed regret and wish him well.

8.4 Bi-centenary 2021

Committee to begin discussion and start thinking of ideas to celebrate.

8.5 Campbell Town District Garden Club

Mrs Thorpe reported there will be an event in November with several open gardens in Ross. Tickets will be available from the Post Office.

8.6 Weeds

Requested update on Council position.

Action:

Miss Copas to report back.

8.7 Tasmanian Wool Centre

Mrs Cadogan-Cowper has reported;

- gates at Female Factory are being installed
- Quarry work progressing, clearing gorse and planting native plants
- Phone box project progressing

8.8 Street Trees

Mrs Davies provided suggested tree guards for trees on Bond Street.

Action:

Mrs Davies to provide photos to Miss Copas

8.9 Memorial Bench

Thanks was expressed to Council for installation of memorial bench for "Jack".

8.10 Verge Spraying

Concern raised regarding spraying in windy weather.

Action:

Miss Copas to advise Works Supervisor

8.11 Cannon

Scheduled to be installed mid September. Interesting information has been gathered through restoration process. Stonework to be completed by community volunteers.

Action:

Volunteer Registration form and WHS Requirements to be provide to Mr Robinson.

9 NEXT MEETING/CLOSURE

The Chair closed the meeting at 4:12pm.

Next meeting to be held **4 October 2017 at 3:00pm.**