

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ROSS LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD IN THE READING ROOM, ROSS ON TUESDAY 20 DECEMBER 2011 COMMENCING AT 4.00PM

1. ATTENDANCE

Mr G Cadogan- Cowper-Chairperson, Mr L Harwood--Secretary, Mr P Bewg, Mr F Dowling, Cr A Calvert, Deputy Mayor D Downie, Mr H Johnston, Mr S Kummerow--from 5.07pm, Mr W Chellis (W & I Manager – from 4.45pm), Mr A Wilson--Council's General Manager from 4.15pm) Mayor K Polley--from 4.25pm, Mr A Cameron--from 4.02pm, Mr W Chellis—from 4.35pm.

Guest: Mr Ian McMahon – Consultant representing the Uniting Church of Australia – from 4.28pm to 5.00pm.

2. APOLOGIES

Mrs J Bennett, Mrs J Cummins, Mr R Goss,

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Mr Dowling / Mr Kummerow

That the minutes of the Ross Local District Committee Meeting held at the Ross Reading Room on Tuesday 15 November 2011 be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

Carried

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, 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 was **RESOLVED** that the information be received.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

i) Development of Old Stone Quarry—Waterloo St, Ross

Mr Cadogan-Cowper referred to correspondence received from Mrs Pearson-Smith in regard to the future development of the former stone quarry located at the top end of Waterloo St, Ross.

It was mentioned by Mr Cadogan-Cowper that members of the Ross Local District Committee has inspected the site on 16 November 2011 and Mr Pearson-Smith as a Heritage Architect had since been invited to prepare a plan of the area and upon being completed, the matter would be further considered by the Committee..

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

i) Ross Activities

Mr Cadogan-Cowper referred to the following activities held/to be held in the Ross Village.:-

Visit to Ross by the Jaguar Car Club
Holding of movie sessions for children and seniors
Macquarie exhibition in the Tasmania Wool Centre
Holding of next Probus meeting in February 2012

ii) Planning Applications

The following applications were received by Council

Site	Proposal
11 High St	House extension for conservatory
6-8 Bridge St	Craft shop & signage—temporary 3 year permit (Heritage Area)

It was **RESOLVED** that the above applications be supported by the Ross Local District Committee.

iii) Future Use of Uniting Church Ground

Mr Ian McMahon representing IMC-Link—Professional Advisory & Consultancy Services attended the meeting and advised that Uniting Church Camping was in the very early concept stages of a feasibility study for developing and operating an inspiring meeting and gathering space.

He mentioned that based upon the Uniting Church Camping initial scope requirements, a very preliminary examination of the options had identified what is seen as a highly suitable location for such a space in the township of Ross as the existing church land-- the working title for the concept is the *Junction*

The Junction would be a place where all people are welcome and that it would create a safe environment for individuals and groups to reflect, to encourage dialogue, to explore ideas and for the positive exchange of knowledge and experiences.

According to Mr McMahon, Uniting Church Camping feel that Ross is an ideal location as it is centrally located within the State and importantly offers a unique setting and will add significant value to the experience.

Mr McMahon indicated that the initial feasibility study would be completed by late January 2012 and submitted to the Uniting Church for consideration.

Members of the Ross Local District Committee expressed general concern about the impact any structure would have on the existing church—other premises within the Ross Village was suggested such as the former Ross Primary School .

Finally, Mr McMahon thanked members for their interest and advised that he would liaise with Mr Cadogan-Cowper when the matter had progressed to the next level

7. OTHER BUSINESS

i) Customer Request Issues

Mr Harwood to provide an update on the various customer request issues:-

Date Rec'd	Issue	Progress
November 2011	Cob webs on Reading Room Building & weeds to be removed from spouting	Referred to Mr Chellis (Work Completed)
March 2011	Down pipe at Town	On works list (Work Completed)
November 2011	Recent plantings of claret ash in the Village need to be inspected	Referred to Mr Chellis
July 2011	Repair potholes on Tooms Lake Rd	Mr Chellis invited to liaise with Mr Cameron re location of potholes..
November 2011	Roadside reservation between Mt Morriston and the Mt Morriston Bridge need to be sprayed to control the variegated thistles	Referred to Mr Chellis (Sprayed by Mr Cameron)
November 2011	Spraying of weeds at the Ross Cenotaph	Referred to Mr Chellis (Work Completed)

ii) External Surface- Ross Motel Units

it was mentioned that structures were to be rendered . Mr Harwood to check conditions contained within the relevant planning permit.

iii) Shipping Containers in Ross Village

Mr Harwood to provide a plan of the Ross Village & Mr Cadogan-Cowper to mark on the plan the location of all shipping containers with the Ross Village and return the document to Council. Mr Harwood to pass information onto Council's Planning Officer and provide a report to the next meeting.

iv) Issues in Ross Village

Infestation of cotton thistle weed in the Ross Village particularly Fitzroy & Portugal streets—matter to be referred to Council's NRM Officer—Ms Monique Case.

Problem of noisy vehicles referred to Tas Police

Opportunity for Mens Shed volunteers to assist in the manufacture of signs for the former stone quarry site proposal.

Condition of the pine trees at the Ross Recreation Ground—Mr Chellis in company with Council's Arborist-Mr Gordon Paul to inspect the area

Clean up of the Old Burial Ground—Mr Cadogan-Cowper to inspect with representatives from the Anglican Church.

Appreciation expressed to Ross residents for maintaining Council facilities eg-Ross Recreation Ground and the Ross Swimming Pool as well as managing the Ross Library.

Need for suckers from trees within the village to be trimmed—matter to be referred to Mr Chellis

Council signs used on Tooms Lake Rd and Verwood Rd projects to be collected—item to be referred to Mr Chellis

On street ding area barricade in front of bakery near the Man O Ross Hotel to be inspected due to potential risk of children accessing the road via the gap between each unit.

v) Appreciation

On behalf of Council, Mayor Polley thanked members for their invaluable contribution over the past 12 months and wished everybody a Happy & Safe Christmas.

8. MATTERS PENDING

ii) Entrance/Exit Signs for Ross Village

9. NEXT MEETING

Next meeting to be held on Tuesday 21 February 2012 commencing at 4.00pm.

10. CLOSURE

Chairman closed meeting at 5.30pm