

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ROSS LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD IN THE READING ROOM, ROSS ON TUESDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2012 COMMENCING AT 4.00PM

1. ATTENDANCE

Mr G Cadogan- Cowper-Chairperson, Mr L Harwood--Secretary, Mr P Bewg, Mr F Dowling, Deputy Mayor D Downie, Mr H Johnston, Mrs J Bennett, Mr A Cameron, Mrs J Cummins, Mr R Goss, Mr A Wilson – Council's General Manager & Mr D Payton –Planning & Development Manager from 4.20pm.

2. APOLOGIES

Cr A Calvert, Mr S Kummerow

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Mrs Bennett / Mr Cameron

That the minutes of the Ross Local District Committee Meeting held at the Ross Reading Room on Tuesday 20 December 2011 be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings subject to the following alteration:-

Item vi-Issues in Ross Village- last paragraph to read

“On- street dining area barricade in front of the bakery nearest to the Man O Ross Hotel to be inspected re potential risk of children accessing the road via a gap between each unit.”

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 confirmed that a further inspection of the site would take place and a concept plan would then be prepared by Mr Ken Pearson-Smith.

It was **RESOLVED** that the information be received

ii) **External Surface—Ross Motel**

Mr Harwood advised that the issue about the required treatment of the brick surface of buildings at the Ross Motel was being followed up by Council's Planning Department and that further information would be available at the March meeting.

iii) **Shipping Containers**

Mr Harwood confirmed that a plan showing the location of shipping containers in the Ross Village had been provided to Council's Planning Department and that each site would be inspected systematically and that action would be taken in cases of non-compliance (where no permit issued)

Committee suggested that when a permit is issued for a shipping container to be located on an allotment, it be indicated that a penalty will apply if the unit is not removed at the expiration of the permit period.

Other approval/planning matters discussed included:-

House in Bond St still positioned on brick pallets—Council's Manager of Planning & Development, Mr Payton agreed to review this matter.

Feedback received from Deputy Mayor Downie that at the Council Meeting held on 20 February 2012, it was agreed that the request from the Ross Local District Committee to create a light industrial area in Ross be reinvestigated.

iv) Growth of Cotton Thistle at Ross

Mr Harwood advised that the matter regarding the presence of cotton thistle in the Ross village was being dealt with by Council's NRM Officer in consultation with the Department of Primary Industries, Water & Environment.

Further information to be available at the March meeting.

v) Condition of Pine Trees—Ross Recreation Ground

Council's Works & Infrastructure Manager, Mr Chellis to arrange for the trees to be inspected by Council's arborist.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

i) Ross Activities

Mr Cadogan-Cowper referred to the following matters:-

- i) On-going success of the Ross Village market
- ii) Recent holding of an ABC outside broad caste in the grounds of the Tasmania Wool Centre
- iii) Successful Staging of the Macquarie Exhibition at the Tasmanian Wool Centre

Mr Cameron/Mr Bewg

That in recognition of the exceptional success of the Macquarie Exhibition held at the Tasmanian Wool Centre, a letter of appreciation be sent to Mrs Cadogan-Cowper- Manager of the Tasmanian Wool Centre and Mrs Val Kummerow who represents the operators of the Ross Village Market.

Carried

- iv) Future direction and possible name change of the Ross Hub Group under review
- v) .Closure of the Ross Probus Club.

- vi) Holding of the 2012 Ross Art Competition with sponsorship being again provided by the Man O Ross Hotel
- vii) Ross Film Society operating successfully with a recent attendance of 70

7. OTHER BUSINESS

i) Customer Request/Outstanding Issues

Mr Harwood provided an update on Customer Request issues:- (Note—in the future, a copy of all Customer Request Forms for the Ross area to be provided to Cr Calvert as Council’s representative on the Ross Local District Committee.

Date Rec’d	Issue	Progress
December 2011	Development of stone quarry site	Plan to be prepared by Mr Ken Pearson-Smith
November 2011	Recent plantings of claret ash in the Village need to be inspected	Referred to Mr Chellis re watering regime
December 2011	On-street dining barricades re children safety issue	Matter referred to Building & Maintenance

ii) Crowth of Willows in the Macquarie River

Mr Cadogan-Cowper advised that a recent on-site meeting had been held with Mr Cameron, Mr Johnson, Council’s NRM Officer-Ms Monique Case and a government representative in attendance. It was mentioned that an amount of \$850 would be contributed by NRM towards the cost to remove the willows. Mr Cameron to review a file when project was previously undertaken so that planning and costing can be completed as basis for funding application.

Matter to be listed on the next agenda of the Elizabeth Macquarie Water Trust to be held on the 28 February 2012

iii) Future of the Ross Primary School

Mr Harwood provided an update about the former Ross Primary School Property and it was **RESOLVED** that the matter be listed on the next agenda so that it’s future zoning can be discussed.

iv) Various Works Issues

Directional Sign—Sewer Dump Point at Ross

Comment—interested users either agree to pay for the use of the facility at the Ross Caravan Park or use the service at Campbell Town—no sign required.

Need for flower garden at the base of specific trees in Church St—matter to be discussed at the March meeting

Weed spraying near old cemetery and also near Mt Morrision—to be referred to Mr Chellis

Legality of advertising signs in the Ross Village—clarification to be obtained as to whether all signage in Ross has been audited, licensed and approved in accordance with Council's By-Law

Watering of trees—northern entrance—the management/frequency of watering to be referred to Mr Chellis.

Provision of a Street Light in Bridge St—Between Church St & Ross Bridge---previously discussed and not considered a priority

Provision of another community barbecue in the Ross Village—Committee are of the opinion that the unit located in the reserve adjacent to the Ross Bridge is adequate.

Clean Up-Old Burial Ground—Mr Cadogan-Cowper following up this matter

Removal of tree—Adjacent to the Ross Pool—to be discussed at next Local District Committee Meeting.

Stage curtains—Ross Town Hall--- right side curtain has dislodged from track—Mr Harwood to issue a Customer Request.

2012/2013 Works Budget for Ross—to be listed on the March agenda

Appointment of a Weeds Officer—Council’s Manager of Planning & Development, Mr Payton advised that the matter was discussed at the February Council meeting and the following resolution was passed:-

Deputy Mayor Downie/Cr Knowles

That Council submit the following motion:

- i) That the State Government fund an additional Weed Officer for each of the three regions to facilitate the reduction of listed weed species in order to maximise the long term sustainable agricultural use of Tasmania’s resources, in particular with regard to the new and proposed irrigation infrastructure which in turn will support the furtherance of the State Government’s ‘food bowl’ initiative. to be included on the Agenda of the Local Government Association of Tasmania General Meeting to be held on Wednesday, 11 July 2012.*

Carried unanimously

Flood Lighting of the Ross Bridge—general functioning/timing unit to be inspected by Council’s Works Manager, Mr Chellis

8. MATTERS PENDING

- i) Entrance/Exit Signs for Ross Village**

9. NEXT MEETING

Next meeting to be held on Tuesday 20 March 2012 commencing at 4.00pm.

10. CLOSURE

Chairman closed meeting at 5.30 pm