

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ROSS LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD IN THE READING ROOM, ROSS ON TUESDAY 22 MARCH 2011 COMMENCING AT 4.00PM**

**1. ATTENDANCE**

Mr G Cadogan- Cowper (Chairperson), Mr L Harwood (Secretary), Cr A Calvert (from 4.06pm), Mr P Bewg, Mr H Johnson, Mrs J Bennett, M/s R Quill, Mr A Cameron, Mrs J Cummins, Mr R Goss, Mr S Kummerow.

**2. APOLOGIES**

Mr F Dowling

**3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Mr Kummerow / Mr Bewg

That the minutes of the Ross Local District Committee Meeting held at the Ross Reading Room on Tuesday 22 February 2011 be confirmed as a true record of proceedings.

Carried

**4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**i) Strategic Issues-- Ross**

Information previously prepared by Mr Cadogan-Cowper relating to a Ross Strategic Review was circulated with the February agenda papers. Matters covered included

Village Ambience & Heritage  
Community  
Economic

In discussing this matter it was **RESOLVED** that the primary issue that needs to be addressed is a review by Council of the zoning of land located on the eastern side of the rail line thus providing an opportunity for industrial development.

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

## **ii) Location of Fire Hydrants at Ross**

At the January Council Meeting, the following resolution was passed:-  
“That Council request Ben Lomond Water to assess the water pipes in Ross and if required, instal upgraded mains and ensure adequate fire hydrants are installed”

A follow-up email was sent to BLW on 16 March 2011 and the response read as follows:-

“As Ben Lomond Water has previously indicated there is no requirement for us to provide fire plugs in Ross. Our priorities at this time are determined by our regulators and we are working through these in a timely and responsible manner. The issue you have raised does not feature on our priority project list. No additional assessment of the infrastructure is required at this time.

I hope this assist in your feedback to council.”

It was **RESOLVED** that the response be noted and that in recognition of the unacceptable position, it be recommended to Council that the matter be followed up with Ben Lomond Water as a matter of priority

## **iii) Provision of a Sewer Dump Point**

Mr Harwood to liaise with Council’s Works & Infrastructure Manager, Mr Chellis about a discussion with the lessee of the Ross Caravan Park re availability of the sewer dump point for general use.

Matter to be further discussed at the April meeting.

## **iv) Audit of Signs in Ross Village**

Mr Harwood advised that an audit of signs in the Ross Village was undertaken on Monday 21 March 2011.

Details of audit to be available at the April meeting.

## v) Overnight Camping at Ross

Following a discussion about free overnight camping in the Ross Village, it was **RESOLVED** that the matter be referred to Council's sub-committee for assessment.

## 5. GENERAL BUSINESS

### i) Ross Activities

M/s Quill provided a report about activities in the Ross Village and mentioned:-

Picnic at Ross to be hosted by the Post Vintage Car Club on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2011

Holding of the inaugural screening by the Ross Film Society  
Successful operation of the Ross Market

Distribution of newsletters re project of the 42 parallel

Holding of the Winter Fashion in Ross on 25 June 2011—to be confirmed

Future events diary

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month

Knitters & spinners at the Wool centre

Most Tuesdays at 7.00pm

Ross Singing Group  
Meeting of the Midlands Probus Club

13 April 2011

March 2011

Art Exhibition on display at the Man O Ross Hotel  
Heritage month including the "Picnic at Ross"

May 2011

May 2011

Performance by the Watoto Choir--- 10 Days on the Island event

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

### ii) 2011/2012 Ross Works Budget

Projects for consideration in Council's 2011/2012 works budget were discussed and included:-

Priority 1--Town Weir Level—a proposal to increase the height of the town weir to be assessed

Priority 2--A shutter to be installed between the kitchen and the supper room at the Ross Town Hall building

Priority 3--Stormwater issues at the Ross Town Hall to be rectified

Others

Provision of a watering system to benefit Council reserves in Church St

Provide garden beds around the base of the new street lanterns in Church St—using sandstone blocks.

Landscaping of the southern entrance to Ross

Plaques for the historical properties in the Ross Village

Improvements to Church St—outside “Craftwood”—Mr Chellis be invited to provide a costing.

Cover over the cannon located at the intersection of Bridge St & Church St

Mr Harwood advised that the Councillors Roads Tour would be held on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March and that the Councillors would be in the village at approximately 1.10pm.

### **iii) Fire Hazards in Ross Village**

At the February meeting, Mr Harwood advised that Council's Fire Abatement Officer had recently visited Ross and no residential hazards were identified in discussing this matter it was suggested that land in Bridge Street adjacent to the rail line be investigated.

### **iv) Storage Container—Campbell Town & Ross Men's Shed**

The issue about a large shipping container (to be used for storage purposes) by the Campbell Town/Ross Men's Shed Group at the Council Depot site in Ross was discussed.

Mr Cadogan-Cowper advised that he had spoken with a representative of the group and advised the person that the Ross Local District Committee did not support the use of shipping containers for storage purposes in the Ross Village and furthermore had suggested that they consider other suitable storage options.

Upon the matter being further considered by the Campbell Town /Ross Men's Shed Group, an update report will be made available.

## **6. CUSTOMER REQUESTS**

<b>Date Rec'd</b>	<b>Issue</b>	<b>Progress</b>
November 2010	Tree replanting (3) north entrance	CR to Mr Chellis
November 2010	Drains in Badajos St (between Church St & Bond St) need cleaning. It was noted that 2 pits in this area will be installed	CR to Mr Chellis
January 2011	Trimming of pin oaks in Ross caravan Park	Cr issued to Mr Chellis

## **7. OTHER BUSINESS**

- i) Need for school bus signs on Verwood Rd—matter to be referred to Mr Chellis
- ii) Require a power point in Reading Room 2 to enable n existing fridge to be used.
- iii) Street numbers in Bond St--- 32, 34, 36 & 38 to be re-numbered as being on Tooms Lake Road
- iv) Re-naming of the Campbell Town & District Men's Shed to the Ross & Campbell Town Men's Shed—Mr Harwood to follow up.

## **8. MATTERS PENDING**

### **i) Management of Willows**

Matter referred to Council's NRM Facilitator and a funding application for the required work being progressed

### **ii) Entrance/Exit Signs for Ross Village**

Committee to consider proposal and develop a suitable design for the structure

### **iii) Provision of Drains—Eastern Side of Rail Line**

Committee to meet on site and inspect area

Suggested that the area be surveyed re appropriate levels so that future drainage works can be planned.

**9. NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting to be held on Tuesday 19 April 2011, commencing at 4.00pm.

**10. CLOSURE**

Chairman closed meeting at 5.30pm