

NOTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ROSS LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD IN THE READING ROOM, ROSS ON TUESDAY 28 JUNE 2011 COMMENCING AT 4.00PM

1. ATTENDANCE

Mr G Cadogan- Cowper (Chairperson), Mr L Harwood (Secretary), Mr F Dowling, Mr H Johnson, Mrs J Bennett, Mr A Wilson (Councils General Manager), Cr A Calvert.

2. APOLOGIES

Mr A Cameron, Mr P Bewg, Mrs J Cummins, Mr R Goss, Mr S Kummerow, Mr W Chellis-Council's Works & Infrastructure Manager

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Mrs Bennett / Mr Johnson

That the minutes of the Ross Local District Committee Meeting held at the Ross Reading Room on Tuesday 17 May 2011 be accepted and that the item relating to the purchase of drinking glasses for use at the Town Hall being shown as being purchased by the Market Committee.

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) Customer Request Issues

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

Date Rec'd	Issue	Progress
November 2010	Tree replanting (3) north entrance	CR to Mr Chellis Will be putting in English Elms- on works list
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	On works list - ongoing
April 2010	Power point in Reading Room	On works list
March 2011	Down pipe at Town	On works list
April 2011	Stage lights at Town Hall not working	On works list
March 2011	Hand rail at Ross Bridge—to be referred to DEIR	Mr Chellis to follow up – in progress Ms Quill to send Mr Chellis photos of the hand rails Various matters relating to the rail being followed up by Mrs Bennett
April 2011	Waterloo & the Boulevards Name Plates to be re-instated/replaced	Mr McCullagh is investigating
April 2011	Sewerage inspection outlet outside 17 Badajos St	Mr Chellis to take up with Ben Lomond Water – in progress

April 2011	Street numbering of 32, 34, 36 & 38 Bond St to be re-numbered as being on Tooms Lake Rd	Matter assessed by Council's Corporate Services Dept. and that a request to re-number was not supported.
May 2011	Load of gravel to be spread at the Old Depot	CR to Mr Chellis—to be done
May 2011	Weeds need spraying along Bridge, where footpath meets road	CR to Mr Chellis
May 2011	Southern wall of town hall and toilets-cobwebs need to be removed	Mr McCullagh to organise it to be sprayed.—to be referred to cleaner
May 2011	Sign at top of hill near female factory has part of sign missing	CR to Mr Chellis – sign to be removed

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

i) Ross Activities

Mr Cadogan-Cowper referred to:-

Meal at Man O Ross Hotel & movie ticket offer on trial for the next 3 months

Holding of a Campbell Town District High School family film day in late July

Attendance at each film at Ross averaging between 50-70 patrons

It was **RESOLVED** that the comments from Mr Cadogan-Cowper be received.

ii) Planning Issue

The following application was received by Council

Site	Proposal
9 High St, Ross	House extension (verandah) & carport—commercial zone/heritage area

It was **RESOLVED** that no concerns be raised in relation to the above planning application.

iii) Lights on the Hill Memorial

A copy of a proposal to build a truck drivers memorial from an organisation named Lights on the Hill Trucking Memorial Inc was tabled.

It was **RESOLVED** that the proposal from the Lights on the Hill Trucking Memorial Inc be noted and that as Ross is an historic village, it would be difficult to find an appropriate site.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

i) Level Rail Crossings at Ross

Mr Harwood tabled an email from Tasrail about a safety concern of the level rail crossing near the cemetery at Ross.

The email read as follows:-

TasRail is increasingly concerned about safety at one of the pedestrian level crossings at Ross – specifically, the location of the pedestrian crossing near the cemetery which has a very poor line of sight. To help manage this in the short term, TasRail has imposed a temporary track speed restriction on this section of the track so instead of the train travelling through the crossing at 50 kmh, it is currently required to travel at 30kmh. However, the temporary track speed restriction is not ideal for two reasons – one being that it does eliminate the safety risk, and secondly because it does impact train operations and efficiency (noting that safety is our priority). TasRail considers the optimum safety solution is to close this pedestrian crossing, but we recognise this may require consultation with the local community. Are you able to advise who to contact/how best to progress the matter please.

Following a discussion about the level rail crossing near the cemetery, it was **RESOLVED** that the level rail crossing near the historical cemetery at Ross remain open and furthermore Tas Rail be informed that the site is an important link in a popular tourism walk in the village.

ii) Establishment of a Light Industrial Zone in the Ross Village

A copy of a map for the Ross Village was tabled showing the various planning zones.

It was noted that there is no land suitably zoned for the establishment of light industrial operations and that this seriously impedes the establishment of any business operations in the area and recommends and requests that the area (in proximity to the intersection of Fitzroy St & Badajos St) be rezoned to light industrial or equivalent as soon as possible.

It was **RESOLVED** that the matter be further discussed at the July Ross Local District Committee Meeting.

iii) Status Report—Former Ross Primary School & Medical Clinic

Mr Harwood advised that clarification was being sought from the Solicitor-General in regard to the Ross Primary School and a lessee was being sought for the former medical clinic premises.

iv) General Works Items

Items referred to included:-

Need for car park adjacent to the Ross Bridge to be re- gravelled.

Patching works required at the intersection of Bridge St & Rosneath Rd, Ross

Level rail crossing at the Boulevards and at Badajos St—road pavement leading up to the track needs to be widened and the painted road line markings to be located closer to the track so that the line of vision for motorists is improved.

Culverts on Honeysuckle Rd—fill required adjacent to concrete strips
Roof --Ross Reservoir—information about type of material and colour of the cover to be obtained from Ben Lomond Water

8. MATTERS PENDING

i) Management of Willows

Matter referred to Council's NRM Facilitator

ii) Entrance/Exit Signs for Ross Village

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

9. NEXT MEETING

Next meeting to be held on Tuesday 26 July 2011 commencing at 4.00 pm.

10. CLOSURE

Chairman closed meeting at 4:50 pm.