

**MINUTES OF THE ROSS LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN THE READING ROOM, ROSS ON TUESDAY 26 JULY 2011
COMMENCING AT 4.00PM**

1. ATTENDANCE

Mr G Cadogan- Cowper (Chairperson), Mr L Harwood (Secretary),
Mr H Johnson, Mr A Cameron, Mr P Bewg, Mr S Kummerow (until
5.30pm), Mr F Dowling, Mr R Goss, Mrs J Cummins, Mr W Chellis-
Council's Works & Infrastructure Manager (until 5.25pm),

Guests:

Mr H Beverage – 42nd Parallel Project,
Mr S Ireson – Tas Rail

2. APOLOGIES

Cr A Calvert, Mrs J Bennett, Ms R Quill

**3. 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.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Mr Johnson / Mr Dowling

That the notes of the Ross Local District Committee Meeting
held at the Ross Reading Room on Tuesday 28 June 2011 be
accepted.

Carried

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	Planting of 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	Works completed
April 2010	Power point in Reading Room	Work completed
March 2011	Down pipe at Town Hall	On works list
April 2011	Stage lights at Town Hall not working	Work completed
March 2011	Hand rail at Ross Bridge—to be referred to DEIR	Mr Chellis to follow up
April 2011	Waterloo & the Boulevards Name Plates to be re-instated/replaced	Work completed.
April 2011	Sewerage inspection outlet outside 17 Badajos St	Referred to BLW
May 2011	Load of gravel to be spread at the Old Depot	Work completed.
May 2011	Weeds need spraying along Bridge, where footpath meets road	Part of spraying program.
May 2011	Southern wall of town	Referred to cleaner

	hall and toilets-cobwebs need to be removed	
May 2011	Sign at top of hill near female factory has part of sign missing	Sign to be removed

ii) Level Rail Crossing (Pedestrian)—Near Cemetery at Ross

Mr Ireson of Tas Rail addressed the meeting about a recent inspection of the site and outlined options that will be considered to improve safety in the vicinity of the pedestrian crossing.

He advised that work on the rock wall would be undertaken in approximately 3 weeks and in the future there would be a general upgrade of the track to improve efficiency of the rail system.

It was **RESOLVED** that the report from Mr Ireson be accepted.

6.GENERAL BUSINESS

i) Ross Activities

Mr Cadogan-Cowper referred to the presentation of a film at the Ross Town for students at the Campbell Town District High School.

ii) Planning Issue

The following application was received by Council

Site	Proposal
13-17 Bridge St	Signs

It was **RESOLVED** that no concerns be raised about the application provided the proposal complies with the guidelines and relevant Council By-law.

Mr Harwood to provide a copy of the signage by-law and guidelines to Committee members.

It was requested that the issue about a sign located at the corner of Church St & Bridge St mentioning Gum Tree Cottage (outside the

Man O’Ross Hotel) be referred to Councils Planning Dept to ascertain whether approval has been issued.

iii) Presentation—42nd Parallel of Latitude—“Drawing the Line” Project

Mr Beverage addressed the committee on issues associated with the project. He mentioned that the purpose of the community project was to commemorate and celebrate the historical significance of the line of latitude of 42 degrees South in early European settlement of Van Diemen’s Land. Images for various components of the project were displayed.

Mr Beveridge mentioned that the “Drawing the Line” aimed to capture and communicate important historical and current aspects of Tasmania’s geography, social, political and scientific history including aspects of the history of surveying in Tasmania, the role and impact of political boundaries and the history of the Ross township and the local region.

The project outcomes will be:-

- An artistic installation alongside the Midlands Highway, near the site where 42 degrees south crosses the highway.
- Landscaping, artwork and interpretive material to be located adjacent to the Ross Town Hall-eastern side.
- Educational support material that provides richness to the two commemorative sites.

It was **RESOLVED** that the appreciation be expressed to Mr Beveridge for his presentation.

Mr Chellis outlined the work to be undertaken by Council for the project next to the Town Hall including a concrete slab and drainage works to deal with stormwater disposal.

iv) 2011/2012 Capital Works—Ross Area

A schedule of the approved 2011/2012 capital works for Ross was distributed at the meeting.

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

6. OTHER BUSINESS

i. Willow Management

Information about funding works to remove willows in the Macquarie River at Ross (from Council's NRM Officer—Monique Case) was tabled.

Mr Harwood to ask M/s Case to liaise with Mr Johnson, Mr Cameron & Mr Dowling to arrange an on-site inspection.

ii. Proposed Industrial Estate at Ross (Near Intersection Badajos St & Fitzroy St—northern Side of Badajos St)

Mr Johnson declared an interest in this matter and left the meeting room at 5.20pm

Reference was made to a proposal to have the land zoned for light industrial purposes—matter discussed at Ross Local District Committee meeting held on 28 June 2011—extract of minute listed hereunder:-

“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.”*

Mr Cameron/Mr Bewg

That it be recommended to Council that the land located near the intersection of Badajos St and Fitzroy St, Ross (north western side) be rezoned to light industrial.

Carried

Mr Johnson returned to the meeting room at 5.25pm

iii) General Matters

Power Cabinet at Town Hall

Mr Cadigan-Cowper referred to the need for a suitable lock to be provided so that the electrical switches can be adequately secured. Mr Harwood to arrange for the provision of a lock.

Potholes—Tooms Lake Road

Matter to be referred to Mr Chellis

Wattle Trimming

Work required along Auburn Rd

Maintenance—Honeysuckle Road

Mr Chellis advised that work had been undertaken and he would further investigate the matter.

iv) Lease of the Ross Caravan Park

Mr Cadogan-Cowper declared an interest in this item and left the meeting—he did not return to the meeting.

Mr Harwood advised that tenders had been invited to lease the Ross Caravan Park with interest closing on Friday 29 July 2011.

Reference was made to the \$25,000 budget allocation to upgrade the female toilets.

It was **RESOLVED** that the matter be further discussed at a meeting of the Ross Local District Committee at 10.00am on Friday 5 August 2011.

7. MATTERS PENDING

i. Entrance/Exit Signs for Ross Village

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

8. NEXT MEETING

Next meeting to be held on Tuesday 23 August 2011 commencing at 4.00pm.

9. CLOSURE

Chairman closed meeting at 6.05pm