

MINUTES

THE MEETING OF THE ROSS LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD AT THE READING ROOM, ROSS ON WEDNESDAY, 4 APRIL 2018 COMMENCING AT 3:00PM

1 PRESENT

Mr Arthur Thorpe (Chairperson) Mrs Helen Davies, Mrs Candyce Hurren, Mrs Jill Bennett, Mr Tony Thorogood, Mr Tim Johnson

2 IN ATTENDANCE

Mayor David Dowine, Mr Des Jennings (General Manager), Miss Lucie Copas (Executive and Communications Officer), Mr Herbert Johnson, Mr James Dennis, Mrs Leonie Dennis, Mrs Catriona Dowling, Mr Jeffrey Booth, Mr Geoff Cadogan – Cowper, Mr Kim Peart, Mr Paul Eyre, Mr Keith Jolly, Mrs Jenny Jolly

3 APOLOGIES

Cr Andrew Calvert

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*, Part 5, S48A – S56, 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 should be noted that any person declaring an interest is required to notify the General Manager, in writing, of the details of any interest declared within 7 days of the declaration.*

Nil declared

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Mrs Candyce Hurren / Mrs Jill Bennett

*That the minutes of the meeting of the Ross Local District Committee held on **Wednesday, 7 March 2018** be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings, with the following amendment:*

5 RESIGNATION OF COMMITTEE MEMBER

Committee acknowledged resignation of Mrs Christine Robinson from the Committee.

The Committee commended the service and contribution Mrs Robinson has made to the Ross Local District Committee.

6 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6.1 Motions to Council

6.1.1 Motion (01/03/2017): *The Ross Local District Committee request the Northern Midlands Council to consider fortnightly collection of green waste bins in 2017/2018 budget.*

Update:

Report to April Council meeting.

6.1.2 Motion (07/03/2018): *That Council publish the RLDC agenda online prior to the appropriate meeting.*

Update:

Motion to go to April Council meeting.

6.2 Heritage Street and Directional Signs

Mrs Davies to provide Miss Copas with a suitable time to meet with Council's Engineering Officer at the Longford Depot to discuss in further detail.

Mrs Davies provided the committee with a brief update on her discussion with Council's Engineering Officer with regard to the design of the signs. Mrs Davies requested if council could investigate using the other side of the sign for further signage. Committee happy with finalised designs.

7 NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Customer Requests – Online

The customer request form online has now been updated to allow for further characters and more text. However, the online form does not have the ability to attach photos.

The 'MyCouncil' app allows for this function directly via the app. Miss Copas to discuss further.

Miss Copas to investigate if Council's website has the ability to attach photos to the online system.

7.2 Ross Caravan Park

The tender for lease of the Ross Caravan Park has been awarded to Linx Employment.

They are scheduled to commence on 21 April 2018.

Mr Jennings answered various questions from the committee and public about the operation of the facility and responsibility of the new lessees.

7.3 Ross Local District Committee Meetings

Committee to discuss and agree on frequency of meetings, day on which the meeting is held, suitability/convenience of the current 3PM meeting time and the possibility of self-recording the meeting minutes.

Committee to note that Perth, Cressy and Avoca Committees hold bi-monthly meetings, Campbell Town, Ross, Evandale and Longford hold monthly meetings.

Committee discussed the necessity to have monthly meetings and discussed the possibility of changing the day and time to fall in line with the Campbell Town District Forum meetings in order to minimise Council staff requirements and travel. The committee discussed the possibility of taking their own minutes and will begin to look for someone with the appropriate experience to take over all future secretarial duties from Miss Copas. Mr Jennings reminded the committee that each year, each special committee is entitled to \$2,500 in lieu of secretarial services provided by the Council which can be put toward projects approved by Council.

7.4 Keep Australia Beautiful – Tidy Towns

Council is asking all of its Local District Committees whether they would like their town to be considered in the competition this year. For towns who enter, Council will commit to ensuring the usual maintenance (mowing, rubbish collection etc), is completed prior to judging occurring, however, it does not have the resources/funds to do additional works in the towns for the competition.

If the Ross Local District Committee would like Ross to enter, we are seeking the support of the Ross Local District Committee to spread the word and encourage businesses and homes to participate to ensure they are presented nicely for the competition.

The committee held general discussions about becoming involved. Miss Copas to confirm dates for the committee to make a formal decision. Committee to note attachment which has details of dates included, was circulated with April agenda.

7.5 Budget 2018-2019

Committee to list their budget priorities for Council to consider, with a heavy focus on the Master Plans that have been pre-prepared. Most of the funds for the 2018-2019 budget for Ross will be dedicated to the development of the Ross Village Green.

Committee to finalise and collate budget list and forward to Miss Copas for Council's consideration by 16 April 2018.

7.6 Calicivirus

Committee asked for confirmation of release of calicivirus from DPIPW. Miss Copas to confirm with DPIPW. No reply has been received to date.

7.7 Ross Village Green

Committee raised questions regarding differing concept plans supplied by Council and queried community consultation. Mr Jennings answered various questions regarding the concept plan and has confirmed with the committee that the concept plans differ very minimally.

Council is waiting on the final construction detailed design and has begun work on the underground infrastructure development that is required for future planned work.

7.8 Artists and Makers Market

Mr Thorogood advised the committee of an upcoming market featuring and showcasing local artists and makers to be held in late November. Further details to come. Mr Peart commended the idea and noted that hosting events like this on a regular basis will encourage further events of a similar nature to be held in Ross.

7.9 Motions to Council - process

Mr Thorpe queried the process that is followed when a motion is moved during a Local District meeting. Miss Copas confirmed the process advising Mr Thorpe that motions are presented to Council through the Council agenda at earliest convenience.

7.10 Parking on School Oval

The committee raised concern regarding the lack of parking space currently available in the main street and noted that on various occasions, cars have been parked over driveways blocking the residents in. The committee discussed the possibility of future parking on the school oval and resolved that the adjoining property owner would need to be consulted first. Mr Peart commended Mrs Hurren's request to place exercise equipment and a barbecue area near the oval to encourage further use. He also mentioned the recent UTAS event that was held late last year on the school oval and noted that events like this encourage further events to come to Ross and make use of the facilities available.

Mr Jennings reaffirmed with the committee that if parking over driveways occurs, contact Tasmania Police immediately so they are able to act. If they are unable to act, they will have a record of all calls lodged regarding this concern. Mr Jennings confirmed that residents can place their own 'No Parking' signs on their property.

7.11 Customer Requests

Mrs Dowling commended Council on their quick action in response to a recent customer request form she submitted. The committee commended Council on quick their response and resolution.

7.12 Bridge Protection Plan

Mr Peart queried the Council's future flood protection plans for the Ross bridge and encouraged Council to lobby the appropriate departments to garner support. He noted that there has been no riverbed study completed to date.

Mr Peart also mentioned establishing a Ross bridge committee group and suggestion was made to hold a town meeting to discuss further.

8 NEXT MEETING/CLOSURE

The Chair closed the meeting at 4:05pm.

Next meeting to be held **2 May 2018 at 3:00pm.**