

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ROSS LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD AT THE READING ROOM, ROSS ON TUESDAY, 20 JANUARY 2015 COMMENCING AT 3.00PM

1 PRESENT

Mr Keith Draper (Chair), Mr Allan Cameron, Mrs Jill Bennett, Mr Arthur Thorpe, Mr Herbert Johnson, Mrs Fiona Doe, Mrs Debra Cadogan-Cowper,

2 IN ATTENDANCE

Cr Leisa Gordon, Miss Amanda Mason (Secretary)

2 APOLOGIES

Cr Andrew Calvert, Mr Des Jennings (General Manager)

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Mr Allan Cameron/Mrs Jill Bennett

*That the minutes of the meeting of the Ross Local District Committee held on **Tuesday, 21 October 2014** be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.*

Carried

Mr Allan Cameron/Mr Arthur Thorpe

*That the minutes of the meeting of the Ross Local District Committee held on **Tuesday, 18 November 2014**, be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings with the inclusion of the following dot points at 9.1:*

- Chiswick Road, Ross – enquiry made as to whether or not a white line can be painted down the middle of the road, to ensure vehicles know the road is two lanes. Customer request to be issued.*
- Historic stables – wooden panel requires refastening and thistles require removal. Customer request to be issued.*

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*, 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:

- has an interest; or
- 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.*

5 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

5.1 Ross Strategic Plan

The Committee met in the hour prior to the meeting to discuss priority projects for Ross. The following list was developed, with the top four being considered priority projects:

1. Drainage survey be conducted east of the railway line, connecting to the western side of the village;
2. Automated reticulated watering system be installed, using river water and extending the current watering system north to the Church;
3. The vacant land next to the Hotel be purchased using the funds from the sale of the Ross School and developed into a town square;
4. A complete tree survey of the village be conducted (noting there is a current plan).

Other potential projects that were discussed are:

5. Lighting in and around the town be reviewed, in particular streets east of the railway line. Streets are dark, however, lighting should be in keeping with the heritage feel of the town. It was noted that a survey of property owners should be conducted prior to adding additional street lighting.
6. Heritage street signs;
7. Power lines in Church street;
8. Public toilet block upgrade (noting this is on the current works schedule for action).

It was noted by the committee that there are still some items for action by Council that have not been progressed and these should be considered prior to the priority projects listed above. These are: the development of the public toilets in Ross and the verge at the top of Church Street.

Action

Miss Mason to discuss with General Manager and report back to committee regarding progressing projects.

5.2 Maintenance of Town Canon

RSL and Council Works department have been liaising re works to canon. Refurbishing works on track to commence in 2015. Mr Chellis to consult with RSL re location of wheels.

Action

Matter complete.

5.3 Walkway between Badajos Street and Ross Bridge

Committee to refer to map circulated after last meeting. Titles run to edge of river in some parts, therefore pathway cannot be cleared on private land.

Action

Matter complete.

5.4 Female Factory

Thistles have been cleaned up and damaged trees are being looked at.

Action

Matter complete.

6 MATTERS PENDING

i) Customer Requests/Works

Request	Status	Action by
Pavers—Church Street.	Pavers have been received by works department, will be completed in coming weeks. Miss Mason to advise committee of exact location of paving.	Works & Infrastructure Dept.
Ross Public Toilet	Council to prepare a report on works required on the toilets. To be completed.	Works & Infrastructure.
Uniting Church spotlight	New timer and box to house switch ordered and received, to be installed.	Works & Infrastructure.
Speed Limit on Northern exit	Blackened 100km/hr sign has been replaced with 80km/hr sign	Complete
Dividing white line at northern exit to Ross	Council's Engineering Officer contacted Mr Thorpe and advised white lines can be placed on roads 5m wide. Chiswick Rd is 5.3-5.5m wide. Cost for line marking is estimated at \$2,000 per km. Alternative options are also being explored such as arrows. It was noted by the committee that the edge of Chiswick Rd at the corner near the highway is crumbling and requires maintenance.	Works & Infrastructure
Badajos Street	Request for seats and grass to be sewn. Barrier still must be erected, will need to be in accordance with legal requirements. Seats can be considered as a budget request. It was requested that the area is levelled slightly to make it easier to mow to river edge.	Works & Infrastructure
Cemetery at top of Park Street	Needs tidying. Completed prior to Christmas.	Works & Infrastructure
Information sign at Ticky Tacky Bridge re 42 degree parallel sculpture	Enquiries made with Corporate Services re funding sign. Will need to be considered in 2015/16 budget. Information for sign will need to be prepared and design done. Suggested that the sign also provide information for other attractions within the village.	
Timber partition in stables	Brace erected.	Works & Infrastructure
Wifi in Ross	On hold pending outcome of trial in Longford	Ongoing

Request	Status	Action by
Old Ross Bridge	Works to commence in first quarter of 2015 and hope to be concluded by June 2015.	State Growth
Plant poplar trees in the existing guards on private property	Trees developing, have been staked.	Monitor progress.
Items for budget consideration 2015/16	Seats at the end of Badajos Street Sign for Ticky Tacky Bridge	
White lines on Tooms Lake Road	Council to investigate progress and whether or not Council can complete.	Works & Infrastructure

7 NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Items raised by Committee members

- Ross Progress Association has sought a quote to install a fly killer in the kitchen at the Town Hall.

It is noted the Ross Local District Committee supports the purchase of the item.

- The committee discussed the increasing prevalence of wild cats in the area and enquired what Council is doing to combat the issue.

Action

Miss Mason to follow up.

- Concern was expressed regarding noxious weeds in the area.

Action

Miss Mason to follow up with NRM Officer.

- Trees at the 42nd parallel signs are in need of water.

Action

Customer request to be issued.

- The Committee discussed the issue of shipping containers in Ross and the guidelines required to ensure containers aren't continually erected in the heritage village.

- Cumbungi weed in the river needs spraying.

Action

Miss Mason to investigate whether Council responsibility and if so, issue customer request.

- Weeds on the island in the river – noted this is not Council land therefore, Council cannot action.

Action

Miss Mason to investigate where request to be directed and action.

- Railway line requires tidying and foliage cutting back.

Action

Miss Mason to issue request to Tasrail.

- Signage - issue was raised regarding illegal signage within the village.

Action

Miss Mason to raise with compliance officers.

Committee to report with full details/information to Council to investigate.

- Golden Elms on Chiswick Road are looking fantastic, thank you to Council. Also, Ross looked very tidy and nice prior to Christmas, thank you to Council.
- Trees – it was noted the ashes on Bond Street and the Boulevard have been knocked with the mower.

Action

Miss Mason to pass on to Works Supervisor.

- Elm suckers – it was raised that residents may spray elm suckers in their yard that can kill trees in the street

Action

Miss Doe to prepare an item for the Country Courier and provide to Miss Mason.

- Maintenance of the Town Hall required. The committee noted that a review of all Council buildings will be done shortly with the view to prepare a maintenance schedule.
- Esplanade, grass being killed where cars are turning off the road.

Action

Miss Mason to pass on to Works Supervisor.

- Budget

Action

Miss Mason to investigate and report on works completed in Ross this financial year.

8 NEXT MEETING/CLOSURE

Next meeting to be held on Tuesday, **17 February 2015** commencing at 3.00pm.

The Chair closed the meeting at 4:17 pm.