

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ROSS LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD AT THE READING ROOM, ROSS ON TUESDAY, 17 FEBRUARY 2015 COMMENCING AT 3.00PM**

**1 PRESENT**

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

**2 IN ATTENDANCE**

Miss Amanda Mason (Secretary), Mrs Glenda McCulloch (Guest - present until 3:19pm)

**3 APOLOGIES**

Cr Gordon, Cr Calvert, Mr Des Jennings (General Manager)

**4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

***Mr Arthur Thorpe/Mr Herbert Johnson***

*That the minutes of the meeting of the Ross Local District Committee held on Tuesday, 20 January 2015 be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.*

***Carried unanimously***

**5 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.

*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.***

**6 GUEST**

Mr Draper invited guest Mrs Glenda McCulloch to speak. Mrs McCulloch raised concern as a result of the Ross Rodeo on the weekend prior. It was reported there was excessive noise throughout the weekend, hooning and mess (rubbish, horse poo and vomit) on Waterloo Street. It was noted by the committee that noise issues and hooning are a police issue, however, the concerns will be raised with the organisers of the Ross Rodeo.

**7 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**6.1 Strategic Plan**

The Committee noted that Council is now in the process of costing the projects for budgetary consideration. It was clarified that the reference to the Tree Survey as a priority project was to obtain an update as to the progress of the present tree survey, not seeking a new survey.

## 8 MATTERS PENDING

Request	Status	Action by
Pavers—Church Street.	Complete. Enquired as to whether bins will be returned to existing position.	W&I Dept.
Ross Public Toilet	It was noted the Council meeting minutes say the project has been deferred. Clarification was sought as to what this meant.	Miss Mason to investigate
Uniting Church spotlight	Electrician working on installation of new unit	Works & Infrastructure.
Dividing white line at northern exit to Ross, and road verge	Referred to Council Traffic Management Committee, concluded that white line will not be put on road at this stage. Circulate reason for decision.  Road verge issue referred to Works Department for investigation. Noted all Council road verges graded and upgraded during winter months.	Works & Infrastructure
Badajos Street	Barrier to be erected at end of street. Request for seats to be considered in budget deliberation. Customer request issued for more dirt to be installed to allow mowing further toward river.	Works & Infrastructure
Information sign at Ticky Tacky Bridge re 42nd parallel sculpture	Committee to collect information for sign. It was suggested a sign be placed at the middle of Chiswick Road in a lay-by area to avoid motorists stopping near the highway.	
White lines – Tooms Lake Road and within township of Ross	Council investigating white line marking.	W&I Dept.
Trees at 42 <sup>nd</sup> Parallel signs	Customer request issued for water	W&I Dept.
Railway line	Request submitted to TasRail to clear the line	
Cumbungi Weed and weeds on island in river	Miss Mason to follow up with who is responsible to spray/clear	
Signage in Ross	Concerns re illegal signage reported to the Planning & Development Department for review to be conducted. Photographs provided to forward to planning department.	Planning & Development

Wild cats	The Northern Midlands Council does not have a policy in place regarding wild cats. Traps are available for use from Council. <a href="#">See motion below.</a>	Planning & Development
Wifi in Ross	Longford trial underway.	Ongoing
Old Ross Bridge	Works to commence in first quarter of 2015 and hope to be concluded by June 2015.	State Growth
2015/16 Budget items	Seats at end of Badajos Street Information sign at Ticky Tacky bridge	

## **9 NEW BUSINESS**

### **9.1 Rabbits**

Concern was raised at the number of wild rabbits in the town. It was requested that Council contact DPIPWE regarding release of the calicivirus disease.

#### **Action**

[Miss Mason to investigate.](#)

### **9.2 Ross School**

Enquiry was made regarding the progress of the sale of the Ross School. It was noted the property continues to be marketed for sale.

### **9.3 Badajos Street**

Pothole at the western side of the railway line. It was noted by the Committee this has been fixed.

### **9.4 Customer requests**

#### **Corner Bond and High Streets**

Bitumen has been cut out.

#### **Load limit**

Concern raised that the load limit sign for the Ross bridge (town side) is obscured.

#### **Bollard**

Has been run over.

#### **Picnic tables (x2) on nature strip south of Church Street**

Require cleaning.

#### **Ticky Tacky Bridge**

Requires maintenance – “cleaning up”.

#### **Action**

[Customer requests to be issued.](#)

### **9.5 Overhanging trees – Chiswick Road**

Trees pushing / crowding golden elms.

#### **Action**

Miss Mason to progress.

### **9.6 Church Street**

Concern was raised regarding car parking on the nature strip on Church Street causing erosion.

### **9.7 Wild cats**

*Mr Allan Cameron/Mr Herbert Johnson*

The Ross Local District Committee request the Northern Midlands Council to have all cats registered.

**Carried unanimously**

### **9.8 Information board for Ross Village**

It was suggested an information board for the Ross Village be developed. It was resolved to include in the strategic planning process.

### **9.9 Walkway**

It was suggested a walkway be opened up between the Female Factory and the Pump Station.

#### **Action**

The Committee to investigate by meeting at 2:30pm prior to the next committee meeting.

## **10 NEXT MEETING/CLOSURE**

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

The Chair closed the meeting at 4:24 pm.