

MINUTES

MEETING OF THE ROSS LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD AT THE READING ROOM, ROSS ON TUESDAY, 4 AUGUST 2015 COMMENCING AT 1.00PM

1 PRESENT

Mr Keith Draper (Chair), Mr Allan Cameron, Mr Terence Jacobson, Mr Herbie Johnson, Mrs Christine Robinson, Mrs Debra Cadogan-Cowper, Mrs Fiona Doe, Mr Arthur Thorpe

2 IN ATTENDANCE

Ms Helen McQuade (Ross Motel & Caravan Park), Mr Brian and Mrs Candyce Hurren (Classwood), Miss Amanda Mason (Executive Officer)

3 APOLOGIES

Cr Andrew Calvert, Cr Leisa Gordon,

4 GUESTS

Mr Draper welcomed Ms McQuade and Mr and Mrs Hurren to the meeting and members introduced themselves.

Brian and Candyce Hurren – Classwood

Mr & Mrs Hurren gave a brief introduction advising they have moved to Tasmania from WA and purchased Classwood.

Helen McQuade – Ross Motel and Caravan Park

Ms McQuade gave a brief introduction advising her and Mr Fost have also moved from WA. The purpose of Ms McQuade's attendance at the meeting is to identify the protocol between the committee and Council and what the process is for actioning requests.

Mr Draper explained that the Ross Local District Committee is an advisory committee to Council that provides proposals for improvements and projects for the town. Ideas or proposals for the community can be filtered through the Committee to Council.

Ms McQuade requested some dog clean up bags and signage at the river bank in front of the Caravan Park.

Action

[Miss Mason to put customer request in for dog clean up bags.](#)

[Miss Mason to circulate minutes to Ms McQuade and Mr and Mrs Hurren.](#)

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.

**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.*

Mr Johnson declared an interest in item 7.4 – Light Industrial Area.

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Mr Allan Cameron/ Mr Arthur Thorpe

*That the minutes of the meeting of the Ross Local District Committee held on **Tuesday, 7 July 2015** be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.*

Carried unanimously

7 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

7.1 Meeting times

Committee to agree on date and time for meetings, noting will need to be different to Campbell Town District Forum.

The Committee resolved to meet at 3:00pm on the first Wednesday of the month.

7.2 Ross Strategic Plan

Committee to discuss the following items in respect to the Strategic Plan:

- Entrance statements;
 - o Discussion was had in respect to entrance statements to the town – to be discussed further post Council meetings with State Growth.
 - o Zoning – re heritage entrance to Ross – review of information from Southern Midlands Council in respect to requirements for rezoning.
- Tree review (audit has been undertaken in past month – awaiting recommendations out of audit).

Action:

Miss Mason to provide Committee with recommendations of tree audit (relevant to Ross).

7.3 Bus stop

Committee to discuss designated bus stop in Ross.

Mrs Debra Cadogan-Cowper/Mrs Jill Bennett

That Council investigate the installation of a bus stop and shelter on Church Street, Ross on the land next to the Town Hall and in front of the Public Toilet for all school buses.

Carried unanimously

It was requested that the community consultation process be identified, as well as a timeframe for completion should Council endorse the recommendation.

7.4 Light Industrial Area in Ross

Committee to discuss proposal for Council to investigate creating a Light Industrial Zone in Ross.

Mr Johnson declared an interest and left the room at 1:35pm.

The following advice was provided to the Committee as a result of review of Ross Local District Committee meeting minutes, Northern Midlands Council meeting minutes and discussion with the Northern Midlands Council Planning Department:

1. July 2013 – Representation was made to NMC that there by a light industrial zone in Ross, recommending 1 Fitzroy Street, Ross.
2. July 2013 - Mr Cameron as Chair of the Ross Local District Committee supported the representation.
3. October 2013 – NMC recommended to the Planning Commission that 1 Fitzroy Street be zoned light industrial when the Interim Planning Scheme was made final.
4. 2015 – Interim Scheme still has not been made final.
5. January 2015 – legislation changed, preventing rezoning from occurring in the finalisation of the Interim Planning Scheme.

In order to progress the rezoning of a parcel of land, a private property owner would be required to make an application to Council for a formal amendment to the Planning Scheme.

The Ross Local District Committee can support a proposal for rezoning, should it agree with it but cannot make application on behalf of private property owners.

Action

It was resolved by the Committee to consider any rezoning applications if and/when they arise.

Mr Johnson returned to the meeting at 1:50pm.

7.5 Canon

Update to be provided in respect to progressing to cover canon.

Meeting held between Miss Mason and Red Arrow re structure to cover the canon.

Mrs Cadogan-Cowper advised meeting scheduled with representatives from Port Arthur on 24 August to discuss other interpretive signage around Ross. Suggestion was made that two projects be combined.

Concern was raised re timeframe for combining the two projects and a suggestion was made that the restoration and cover of canon be one project and perhaps the interpretive signage be incorporated into another project.

Action:

Mrs Cadogan-Cowper to contact Miss Mason post meeting with representatives from Port Arthur to discuss further.

8 MATTERS IN PROGRESS

8.1 Motions to Council

Motion (17/02/2015): *The Ross Local District Committee request the Northern Midlands Council to have all cats registered* is being investigated by Council officers.

Update:

To be provided in January 2016 when outcome of State Government Cat Management Plan released.

Motion (05/05/2015): *That the Ross Canon be included on the heritage listing in the Northern Midlands Council Planning Scheme* was noted by Council at its meeting of 18 May 2015 for investigation by Council and has been referred to the Planning Department to be included in next amendment to the Northern Midlands Planning Scheme.

Update:

Time frame is dependant on finalisation of Interim Scheme. Hoped to be in the next 12 months.

Motion (05/05/2015): *That Council investigate the possibility of offering a subsidy for returning bottles/can/drink bottles* was noted by Council at its meeting of 18 May 2015 and has been referred to Northern Regional Waste Management committee.

8.2 Ross Public Toilet

Works to be completed in 2015/16.

9 NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Self contained motor homes

Committee to discuss free overnight camping for self contained motor homes in Ross.

Discussion was had in respect to having an area for free overnight self contained motor homes in Ross. Consideration was given to existing caravan park in the town.

Action:

[The Committee resolved not to proceed with the proposal.](#)

9.2 Vintage machinery display

Committee to discuss proposal to display vintage machinery in Ross.

It was noted that there is vintage machinery on surrounding farms and this could be placed on display at Ross. Suggestion was made for the vacant land opposite the Recreation Ground.

Action:

[Mr Johnson to put together a proposal for next meeting.](#)

9.3 Walkway from Bridge to Female Factory

It was requested that Council be thanked for the work so far on the walkway from the bridge to the Female Factory.

It was noted that there has been vehicle access through the rocks at the Female Factory car park to the fence.

Action:

Miss Mason to issue customer request for removable bollard.

9.4 Ross Bridge car park

It was noted there is water lying in the car park as the drainage pipes are too high.

Action:

Miss Mason to issue customer request for review by Works Department.

9.5 Vacant land for sale in Ross

The Committee was advised that there is two blocks of vacant land in Church Street, Ross.

Action:

Mr Johnson to find out more information and report back.

9.6 Ross Marathon

It was suggested that the start of the Ross Marathon be moved to the Recreation Ground. Miss Mason advised that she has been working closely with the Ross Marathon organisers and that the suggestion has been raised to relocate the start for future events.

9.7 Trees on Chiswick Road

Mrs Doe waiting for response from property owner.

9.8 Mowing

The Committee requested Council staff take care when mowing around the trees as damage is being caused to them.

Action:

Miss Mason to issue customer request.

9.9 Walkway on northern side of the bridge

It was noted a cross and flowers have been placed at the beginning of the walkway for Nan Purdy. It is unknown who the cross relates to.

9.10 Water testing of Macquarie River

Enquiry was made as to the type of testing done in the Macquarie River and at the sewerage pond at Ross. In particular, the phosphorus levels at the outlet of the sewerage pond.

Action:

Miss Mason to follow up with TasWater and report back.

9.11 Railways at Badajos and Bridge Street

The Committee noted the vegetation growing around the railway line creating a fire hazard.

Action:

Miss Mason to issue customer request for TasRail to inspect.

9.12 Volunteers

It was raised that there should be recognition of volunteers in the Northern Midlands. Miss Mason advised the Committee that Council does run a Volunteer Recognition program and that next year it will be changing slightly to be incorporated into the municipal Australia Day event. Nominations will open in August/September.

9.13 Leave of absence

Mrs Robinson will be absent at next meeting.

10 NEXT MEETING/CLOSURE

Next meeting to be held **2 September 2015 at 3:00pm.**

The Chair closed the meeting at 2:43 pm.