

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

1 PRESENT

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

2 IN ATTENDANCE

Miss Amanda Mason (Secretary), Mr Des Jennings (General Manager), Mr Geoff Cadogan-Cowper, Cr Dick Adams (from 3:50pm)

3 APOLOGIES

Mr Keith Draper, Cr Leisa Gordon, 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.*

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Mr Allan Cameron/Mrs Jill Bennett

*That the minutes of the meeting of the Ross Local District Committee held on **Tuesday, 17 February 2015** be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.*

Carried unanimously

6 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6.1 Rabbits

It is possible for Council to request DPIPWE to release the calicivirus in Ross, however, this is a decision that will need to be made by Council, and should come from a motion from the committee.

Mr Allan Cameron / Mr Terence Jacobson

That Council request DPIPWE to release the calicivirus in Ross.

Carried unanimously

Action:

Miss Mason to advise committee of DPIPWE contact.

6.2 Chiswick Road

Request for dividing white line referred to Council Traffic Management Committee.

Action:

Miss Mason to provide further update on status of request.

The Committee noted differing views on whether or not the white line is required. Suggestion made that at a minimum the white line run around the first corner on Chiswick Road.

6.3 Wild cats

Motion: *The Ross Local District Committee request the Northern Midlands Council to have all cats registered* was referred to Northern Midlands Council meeting 16/03/2015. Council officers will investigate, look at cost involved and report back to Council and Ross Local District Committee.

6.4 Signage in Ross

Concerns re illegal signage reported to the Planning & Development Department for review to be conducted.

The Committee noted the compliance officer attended Ross on 12 March 2015 and is investigating the report of illegal signage.

6.5 Overhanging trees – Chiswick Road

The Committee noted Council passed an Overhanging Trees Policy at the Council meeting of 16/03/2015. Request to property owner to be sent to prune back trees.

Concern expressed by the Committee re overhanging trees that are at risk of falling on the road. It was noted that trees on private property are the property owner's responsibility, Council can request removal or pruning, enforcement can be difficult.

6.6 Strategic Plan

Items identified need to be costed, prioritised and then listed for Council budgetary consideration.

6.7 Ross Rodeo

Complaints raised at last meeting were relayed to the Ross Rodeo organising committee. Member of committee contacted Council and Chair of the Local District Committee and advised clean up had occurred and action had been taken regarding noise and damage caused by individuals.

Action:

Miss Mason to ensure Ms McCulloch has been notified.

7 MATTERS PENDING

| Request | Status | Action by |
|---|---|-------------------------|
| Ross Public Toilet | To be considered in 2015/16 budget process. | Works & Infrastructure. |
| White lines – Tooms Lake Road and within township of Ross | Complete. | W&I Dept. |

| Request | Status | Action by |
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| Cumbungi Weed and weeds on island in river | Request issued to DPIPWE to spray. | |
| Wifi in Ross | Trial underway in Longford. Costing being sought for other areas. | Ongoing |
| Old Ross Bridge | Works to commence in first quarter of 2015 and hope to be concluded by June 2015. Commencing stone cutting on 17/03/2015, Mr Johnson requested officers of State Growth tidy up the Ticky Tacky bridge. | State Growth |
| Sale of Ross School | Currently being advertised. Update to be provided when available. | |
| 2015/16 Budget items | Seats at end of Badajos Street Information sign at Ticky Tacky bridge | |

8 NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Guest – Geoff Cadogan-Cowper

Mrs Doe welcomed Mr Cadogan-Cowper who gave a brief history on the canon.

In the late 1990s canon was taken to the war memorial and treated to stop rusting (infusing phosphorus). Canon is a rare military artefact.

Trailer is now very badly rusted at the bottom.

2005/06 wheel replacement on the canon occurred. Council contracted out to replace the wheels. Wheels weren't properly made and timber has rotted out.

Wheels need replacing and rust needs fixing. The canon is valuable and needs to be looked after.

It was noted that the understanding was that the canon is the responsibility of the RSL and they have arranged for the canon to be repaired.

It was noted that canon needs to remain in Ross.

Action:

Mrs Debra Cadogan-Cowper to make enquiries with RSL at state level as to where the wheels can be re-made.

Miss Mason to review Ross Local District Committee minutes regarding the removal of the original wheels.

Miss Mason to determine who is ultimately responsible for the canon – the RSL or NMC.

8.2 Meeting days and times

The Committee resolved to move the Ross Local District Committee meeting to first Tuesday of the month at 1:00pm, beginning in May, to ensure items raised at the meeting can then be referred to that month's Council meeting.

8.3 Cemetery mapping

It was advised there is a CD in the state library with a photograph of every headstone. Further the Wool Centre has information regarding cemeteries in Ross.

Action:

Miss Mason to advise Ms Lorraine Green.

8.4 Funding applications

Northern Midlands Council special project and event funding grants are presently open until the end of March.

8.5 Shipping containers

The Committee enquired as to the requirements for installation of a shipping container on a property.

It was noted the Committee is against the granting of retrospective planning approval for shipping containers.

Action:

Miss Mason to circulate guidelines for shipping containers.

8.6 Outdoor furniture

An enquiry was made as to why the new Council street furniture outside Wisteria Cafe is not in keeping with the other outdoor furniture within the town.

8.7 Street lights

It was requested that all the street lights be the same amber colour.

Action:

Miss Mason to find out who responsible for streetlights and action request accordingly.

8.8 Road near railway crossing

Verge is clay near the railway line, when cars pull off it has become muddy. Requested that some blue metal be laid down.

Action:

Customer request to be issued.

8.9 Grain storage application

It was noted that the planning application for the grain storage development is being readvertised and representations are required to be resubmitted.

9.0 Hooning

Concern was raised with hooning within the village. The Committee noted that if hooning is witnessed it must be formally reported to the Police for investigation as it is a criminal matter.

9.1 Parking on verges

Concern was raised regarding parking on verges within the village, particularly Church Street, causing the grass to die.

9.2 Tooms Lake Road

Concern was raised regarding the camber at the section of Tooms Lake Road where the road works have recently been completed. This has been reported to the Works Department.

9.3 Town Hall - gutter, windows and supper room

Maintenance of the Town Hall was raised with concern regarding the gutters requiring cleaning, the windows needing washing and the supper room requiring refurbishing.

Action:

Maintenance of Hall to be incorporated into Council's asset review.

Request to be issued for gutters and windows.

9 NEXT MEETING/CLOSURE

Next meeting to be held on Tuesday, **21 April 2015** commencing at 3.00pm.

The Chair closed the meeting at **4:17pm**.