

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ROSS LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD AT THE READING ROOM, ROSS ON TUESDAY, 21 APRIL 2015 COMMENCING AT 3.00PM

1 PRESENT

Mr Keith Draper (Chair), Mr Allan Cameron, Mr Terence Jacobson, Mr Herbert Johnson, Mrs Debra Cadogan-Cowper

2 IN ATTENDANCE

Miss Amanda Mason (Secretary), Mrs Christine Robinson (Guest)

3 APOLOGIES

Mr Arthur Thorpe, Mrs Jill Bennett, Cr Andrew Calvert, Cr Leisa Gordon, Mrs Fiona Doe

It was noted Mr Jacobson and Mr Thorpe will be absent for the 5 May 2015 meeting.

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.

Nil.

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Mr Johnson/Mr Cameron

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

Carried unanimously

6 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6.1 Signage in Ross

Compliance department conducting a review of all signage in Ross and will take action as required.

Action

No further action.

6.2 Street lights

Committee to provide details of street lights that need changing and request can be issued.

Action

Mr Draper to take pole numbers and provide list to Amanda to issue request.

7 MATTERS IN PROGRESS

7.1 Ross Strategic Plan

Committee to note the items which have been listed in the Strategic Plan and referred to Council for 2015/16 budget consideration.

It is noted the Ross Public Toilet development and a trial of free Wifi in Ross have been included in the budget considerations for Ross.

Action

No further action until outcome of budget deliberations announced.

7.2 Motions to Council

Motion (17/03/2015): *that Council request DPIPWE to release the calicivirus in Ross, to be presented to Council meeting on 20 April 2015 for decision.*

The Committee noted Council, at its meeting of 20 April 2015 noted the motion for investigation. Discussion was had in respect to the time frame remaining for the release of the virus this year (March and April).

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.*

Action

Updates to be provided when available.

7.3 Old Ross Bridge

Works to be completed by State Growth by June 2015. The Committee noted the stone has been quarried.

Action

No action required.

7.4 Sale of former Ross Primary School

School remains advertised for sale.

Action

Update on sale to be provided as available.

7.5 White lines on Chiswick Road

Advice has been received that the Council's Traffic Committee (comprising of Council's General Manager, representatives from Tasmania Police and State Growth and Council's Engineering Officer) does not consider the need for a white line on Chiswick Road for the following reasons:

- the road has no significant accident history;
- the road is, for the majority of the length, straight;
- travellers have generally been travelling for up to one hour prior to reaching Ross, therefore, should be familiar with the fact that they are to drive on the left hand side of the road.

Should the Ross Local District Committee wish Council to pursue the need for a white line further, a motion will need to be put for Council to make the decision.

Discussion was had by the Committee regarding building the shoulders of Chiswick Road up to the height of the asphalt to remove the drop off. It was also noted that Bond Street requires review by the Works Department for similar reasons.

It was also requested that the Committee be advised by Council when major works projects are being conducted. It was noted an outline of current works programs is in the process of being prepared for the Council website.

Enquiry was made as to whether or not Council has a spraying program, and if not, can one be implemented.

Action

Miss Mason to formally request the Works & Infrastructure Manager and Works Supervisor contact Mr Draper to arrange a meeting to discuss road issues and footpaths east of the railway line in Ross as well as the spraying program.

Miss Mason to request the Works Department notify the Chair of the Committee when major capital works are being conducted in Ross.

7.6 Canon

Advice has been received that the Ross canon is the responsibility of the Northern Midlands Council. Council officers are currently compiling information regarding the restoration and maintenance of the canon.

It was noted the RSL have been conducting works on the canon in preparation for ANZAC Day.

Mrs Debra Cadogan-Cowper/Mr Terence Jacobson

That Council write to the RSL clarifying who has control over the canon at Ross.

Carried unanimously

Action

Officers will meet with the RSL when information is compiled and will notify the Ross Local District Committee of updates as they arise.

Miss Mason to follow up on procedure for listing the canon on its heritage register.

8 NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Antisocial behaviour

Concern was raised regarding an increase in antisocial behaviour within Ross (hooning).

Action

Miss Mason to invite Constable Littlejohn to attend a meeting to discuss concerns in Ross.

8.2 Planning Matters

The Committee noted the Planning Application for the grain storage site on Roseneath Road was refused at the Council Meeting of 20 April 2015. It was discussed that Oatlands have included the entrances to their town as part of their heritage precinct.

Discussion was had regarding planning issues and the process, particularly in respect to shipping containers.

Discussion was also had in respect to amendments to the Interim Planning Scheme and the process.

Action

Mrs Cadogan-Cowper to make enquiries with Southern Midlands Council in respect to the process they followed and report back to the Committee.

Miss Mason to invite the Planning & Development Manager and/or the Senior Planner to attend a meeting with the Ross Local District Committee to discuss.

8.3 Customer Requests

- It was requested that a street sign in Fitzroy Street be erected identifying the numbers at each end as it is a split street and recently an ambulance had difficulty finding a house.
- Seats on the Esplanade need cleaning and varnishing.

8.4 Local District Committee liaison with other committees

Discussion was had in respect to the lack of communication between the Ross Local District Committee and the Ross Community Sports Club Management Committee.

Action

Miss Mason to extend an invitation to the Ross Community Sports Club Management Committee to attend meetings of the Ross Local District Committee from time to time, and also suggest an exchange of minutes.

9 NEXT MEETING/CLOSURE

Next meeting to be held on **Tuesday, 5 May 2015 commencing at 1.00pm.**

The Chair closed the meeting at 4:17pm.