

MINUTES

MEETING OF THE ROSS LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD AT THE READING ROOM, ROSS ON WEDNESDAY, 2 DECEMBER 2015 COMMENCING AT 3:00PM

1 PRESENT

Mrs Christine Robinson (Chair), Mr Allan Cameron, Mr Arthur Thorpe, Mr Keith Draper, Mrs Fiona Doe, Ms Noelene Brown, Mr Herbert Johnson (3:08pm)

2 IN ATTENDANCE

Miss Amanda Mason, Mr Wayne Chellis (Works & Infrastructure) (3:07pm)

3 APOLOGIES

Mrs Debra Cadogan-Cowper, Mrs Jill Bennett, Mrs Helen McQuade, Mr Des Jennings, Cr Andrew Calvert (will endeavour to make the meeting but is coming back from Richmond so may not make it)

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.*

Nil

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Mr Allan Cameron/Mrs Fiona Doe

That the minutes of the meeting of the Ross Local District Committee held on **Wednesday, 4 November 2015** be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

Carried unanimously

6 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6.1 Interpretive signage at Ross

Request for additional maintenance works at the Tacky Bridge has been completed.

6.2 Street garden beds

Mrs Bennett has planted succulents in some beds. Ms Brown looking after beds in the Main Street.

7 MATTERS IN PROGRESS

7.1 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. Approx. 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.

Update:

No update available.

Motion (07/10/2015): *That the Badajos Street and Boulevard railway crossings be widened to allow for traffic to pass simultaneously* was noted for investigation by Council at its meeting of 19 October 2015.

Update:

7.2 Cannon

Miss Mason awaiting response on suggested restoration companies.

7.3 Bus stop

Discussion was had in regard to the relocation of all bus stops to the bus stop outside the Town Hall, versus, installation of a bus shelter only.

Ms Noelene Brown/Mr Keith Draper

That Council erect a bus shelter behind the Ross Town Hall and retain the Bus Only sign at its present location.

Carried unanimously

7.4 Vacant land in Ross

Investigations in progress.

7.5 Ross Public Toilet

Planning approval has been received.

7.6 Ross Entrance Statement

Committee noted that the proposed locations of the sign have been marked on the road verge. Concern raised regarding the height and impact of line of sight for vehicles.

Next stage is for planning approvals to be obtained.

8 NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Acoustics of the Ross Town Hall

It has been reported by the Film Society that the acoustics in the Ross Town Hall are poor. The Film Society has requested the Council engage an acoustics engineer to test the Hall. The Film Society are willing to pay for works required.

Mr Keith Draper/Mr Allan Cameron

That Council pay for an acoustics engineer to assess the Ross Town Hall.

Carried unanimously

8.2 Stormwater upgrades

The Chairperson has requested information in respect to stormwater upgrades to Ross, in particular the area on the eastern side of the railway line. Advice has been received from the Works & Infrastructure Manager and the General Manager that Council is now required by legislation to have stormwater management plans for all of its townships. Council has a timeframe over which these plans are to be developed. Council has commenced the process with the town of Perth, and will progress throughout the community on a prioritised basis. Stormwater issues in Ross will be dealt with through this process.

8.3 Parking area at Ross Drill Hall

See attached report and plans.

Mr Arthur Thorpe/Mr Keith Draper

The Committee accepts the proposed plan and gives the preference of large twilight as the paving colour.

Carried unanimously

8.4 Thank you to outgoing Chairperson

Mrs Robinson thanked Mr Keith Draper for his contribution as Chairperson and to the Committee during his time as Chair.

Mrs Robinson thanked Miss Mason and Mr Chellis for their work for the Committee.

8.5 Midlands Herald

Mrs Robinson is to prepare a regular article for the Midlands Herald regarding the Ross Local District Committee. It was requested that a copy also be provided to the Council for our information. Further, the Chairperson's report is to be published in the Country Courier each year.

8.6 Murton Masonic Lodge

The Committee noted the Murton Masonic Lodge are donating dishwasher to the Ross Town Hall. Committee to discuss location with Mr Chellis after the meeting.

8.7 Minutes of the Ross Local District Committee tabled at Council meeting

It was noted the unconfirmed minutes of the meeting of the Ross Local District Committee are included in the Council meeting each month. It was noted further that if they are not included, there will be a two month lag between motions being put forward and updates coming back from Council.

It was noted there was a misquote of the minutes in a Council report.

Action

Miss Mason to discuss process further with Council Management.

8.8 Railway

Request has been issued for the Council Compliance officer to inspect the railway line for fire hazards.

8.9 Launceston Airport

The Committee noted the campaign regarding the Launceston Airport and unpaid rate equivalent payments. It was noted rate payers have received a letter from Council encouraging them to contact their local Federal Member to seek support.

Mr Allan Cameron/Mr Arthur Thorpe

That the Ross Local District Committee supports Council's campaign to recover the rates.

Carried unanimously

8.10 Trees at 'Roseneath'

Mrs Doe to inspect and tie.

8.11 Robberies

The Committee noted there have been a recent number of robberies in Ross and Campbell Town.

Action

Mrs Robinson to incorporate a "see something, say something" message in the article in the Midlands Herald.

8.12 Streetlights

It was noted the streetlights have been changed.

8.13 Cumbungi

Action

Miss Mason to request DPIPWE spray the cumbungi in the river in February.

8.14 Trees at sewerage pond

It was noted some of the trees have died. A request has been forwarded through to the Works Department to replace. Noted Works will not plant trees at this time of the year.

8.15 Budget

It was noted that items to be requested in the Council 2016/17 budget are to be finalised by March 2016.

Discussion was had about the budget process. How funds are allocated by Council and distributed, including the proceeds of the sale of the Ross School.

Action

Miss Mason to discuss further with Corporate Services Manager and provide further advice when available.

8.18 Electric car station in Ross

Idea was raised, no further action to be taken at this stage.

8.19 41 Park Street, Ross – planning application

It was noted the planning application was passed. Letter tabled from Ross resident for information of Committee.

9 NEXT MEETING/CLOSURE

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

The Chair closed the meeting at 4:13 pm.