

## MINUTES

### **MEETING OF THE ROSS LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD AT THE READING ROOM, ROSS ON WEDNESDAY, 7 SEPTEMBER 2016 COMMENCING AT 3:00PM**

#### **1 PRESENT**

Mrs Christine Robinson (Chairperson), Mrs Jill Bennett, Mr Keith Draper, Mr Allan Cameron, Mr Tony Thorogood, Mr Tim Johnson, Mrs Debra Cadogan-Cowper, Mrs Margaret Langridge, Mr Arthur Thorpe

#### **2 IN ATTENDANCE**

Cr Andrew Calvert, Cr Mary Knowles (3:10pm), Mrs Amanda Bond (Governance & Community Development Officer), Mr Steve Robinson

#### **3 APOLOGIES**

Mrs Helen Davies, Mr Des Jennings

#### **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 declared.

#### **5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

***Mr Keith Draper/Mrs Margaret Langridge***

***That the minutes of the meeting of the Ross Local District Committee held on **Wednesday, 3 August 2016** be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.***

Carried unanimously

## **6 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

### **6.1 Ross Town Square Master Plan**

Awaiting first draft of concept plan.

## **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:***

Awaiting outcome of Final Cat Management Plan.

**Motion (05/05/2015):** *That the Ross Cannon 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:***

Approved at the Council meeting of 16 May 2016. Public consultation has been completed. Council have requested the matter be deferred to a Council workshop for discussion. Report to September Council meeting for approval of revised amendment.

**Motion (02/12/2015):** *That Council pay for an acoustics engineer to assess the Ross Town Hall.*

#### ***Update:***

An allocation of 50% of the cost of the acoustics work has been allocated in the 2016/17 Council budget. Discussions to be had with Committee and community groups re contributing to the cost of work.

The Committee noted the Film Society have informally expressed concern regarding contribution to the cost. Other avenues to be explored such as grant funding.

### **7.2 Ross Cannon**

Council have requested officers progress with seeking quotes for the restoration of the cannon. This is in progress. Moving slowly due to difficulty into sourcing contractors who can complete this type of restoration work. Ross RSL are being kept informed of progress.

### **7.3 Ross Entrance Statement**

To be constructed.

#### ***Action***

Mrs Bond to obtain construction timeframe.

## **8 NEW BUSINESS**

### **8.1 Road safety**

Concern was raised regarding tourists driving on the wrong side of the road.

*Mr Tim Johnson/Mrs Margaret Langridge*

That Council investigate the installation of a broken white line on Roseneath Rd from the highway to the 50km/sign, and on Chiswick Rd, from the highway to the 50km/hr sign with the installation of a two way sign (arrow up/arrow down) at the 50km/hr signs.

Carried unanimously

### **8.2 Works & Infrastructure**

- Request was made for the mowing and slashing program for the town.
- Notification was provided on the installation of waterless urinals. Is this something the Northern Midlands Council would consider?
- Request was made for Wellington Street to be graded.
- Noted the path from the top of Church Street to the river needs resurfacing after the rain.

#### **Action**

*Mrs Bond to obtain information and action.*

### **8.3 TasWater**

The Committee noted that during a power outage last week the water pressure dropped significantly. It was requested Council contact TasWater and seek confirmation that in the event of a power outage the booster pump has backup power, particularly if access to water required for fire fighting services.

#### **Action**

*Mrs Bond to make enquiry with TasWater.*

### **8.4 Pokemon Go**

The Committee discussed Pokemon Go within Ross and encouraging its playing. It was resolved it is a game developed by a private company and therefore not an area for Council to pursue.

### **8.5 Geophysical investigation**

It was reported there are opportunities for Geophysical Examination through the Port Arthur Historic Site which could be accessed to locate the original Ross Bridge site. Once located, opportunity for access to the Green Army to clear.

#### **Action**

*Mrs Cadogan-Cowper to obtain further information and provide to Mrs Bond.*

## **8.6 Paddle Safe Program**

Council has been approached by MAST about the possibility of providing a Paddle Safe session at a local water area in the municipality. Committee to discuss Campbell Town as a potential location.

The Committee noted their interest for Ross to be considered for the program.

### **Action**

[Mrs Bond to obtain further information and report back.](#)

## **8.7 Family Violence Consultative Group**

Forum to note Councillor Knowles has been appointed the Tasmanian Council representative to the Family Violence Consultative Group and that the purpose of the group was to raise community awareness of the issue. The group recently received a presentation by Our WATCh. Key messages of Our WATCh circulated with the Agenda.

## **8.8 ANZAC Funding**

The Committee noted Mrs Bond has spoken with stakeholders in Avoca, Campbell Town and Ross regarding an event for funding in recognition of Sergeant Lewis McGee VC.

## **9 NEXT MEETING/CLOSURE**

Next meeting to be held **5 October 2016 at 3:00pm.**

The Chair closed the meeting at 3:31 pm.