

MINUTES

THE MEETING OF THE ROSS LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD AT THE READING ROOM, ROSS ON WEDNESDAY, 4 OCTOBER 2017 COMMENCING AT 2:59PM

1 PRESENT

Mrs Christine Robinson (Chairperson), Mrs Helen Davies, Mr Arthur Thorpe, Mr Allan Cameron, Mrs Candyce Hurren, Mrs Jill Bennett, Mr Tony Thorogood

2 IN ATTENDANCE

Cr Leisa Gordon, Cr Mary Knowles, Miss Lucie Copas (Executive and Communications Officer), Mr Steve Robinson (Guest), Mr Kim Peart (Guest), Dr Jennifer Bolton (Guest)

3 APOLOGIES

Councillor Andrew Calvert, Mr Tim Johnson

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 Allan Cameron/Mrs Helen Davies

*That the minutes of the meeting of the Ross Local District Committee held on **Wednesday, 6 September 2017** be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.*

Carried unanimously

6 RESIGNATION

Committee advised of resignation from Mrs Debra Cadogan – Copwer from committee and expressed regret.

7 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

7.1 Sergeant Lewis McGee Commemoration

Committee commended all involved with the final product and expressed their contentment with ceremony.

Committee to arrange celebratory ceremony with funds left over from grant to commemorate anniversary.

Action:

Mrs Robinson to coordinate with Committee and liase with Miss Copas.

7.2 Motions to Council

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

Update:

Miss Copas tabled letter from General Manager. Committee expressed their discontent with response and have requested no further action to be taken before committee and community are advised of proposed new solution.

7.2.2 Motion (01/03/2017): *The Ross Local District Committee request the Northern Midlands Council to consider fortnightly collection of green waste bins in 2017/2018 budget.*

Update:

Report to be presented to Council.

Committee has requested copy of report once it is complete.

7.3 Heritage Street and Directional Signs

Mrs Davies presented proposed new signs and will provide Miss Copas with an electronic copy.

Committee pleased with new designs and requested they be presented to Council for approval.

7.4 Tooms Lake

Committee has requested copy of report from meeting held in September.

7.5 Budget

Miss Copas tabled letter from Mrs Bricknell. Committee did not receive copy and will discuss at November meeting.

7.6 Bi-centenary 2021

Committee to continue discussion and liaise with community about potential activities and events.

7.7 Weeds

If declared weeds are reported to Council, Council compliance officer reports through to DPIPWE and assists with any action requested with regard to report.

Committee expressed discontent towards lack of authority by Council for weeds located on private property.

7.8 Street Trees

Mrs Davies has provided information.

Mulch to be installed around tree bases to avoid mower damaging them.

7.9 Cannon

Cannon to be delivered late October. Delayed due to wheel repair.

8 NEW BUSINESS

8.1 GIVE WAY signs

Mr Thorpe to provide report regarding intersection of Bridge Street and Bond Streets, Badajos and Bond Streets and Badajos and Waterloo Streets.

Committee has requested Council investigate options.

8.2 Community Engagement

Mr Cameron to encourage community members to attend committee meetings to increase community engagement and awareness.

Mr Cameron also expressed his disappointment towards the committee and their attitude towards community members attending.

Committee requested Council conduct a letterbox drop in Ross advising of role of committee and encourage attendance.

Discussion also regarding advert in Ross Post Office noticeboard. Suggestion of Ross Local District Committee newsletter.

Action:

Miss Copas to investigate options and report back.

8.3 Gorse removal – Church Street

Committee would like clarification on who is responsible for Gorse removal at the top of Church Street.

Committee requested report made by Council be provided.

8.4 Garden Beds

Committee has requested a submission to Council to purchase more box hedges for the garden beds to finish them off. Committee has indicated they will provide ongoing care.

8.5 Guest Presentation

Mr Peart provided details of newly formed Ross based Landcare group who will be conducting their first event on Saturday the 21st of October.

8.8 Chiswick Road and Roseneath Road line marking

Committee expressed their thanks to Council for new solid line marking on Chiswick Road and Roseneath Road.

9 NEXT MEETING/CLOSURE

The Chair closed the meeting at 4:27pm.

Next meeting to be held 1 November 2017 at 3:00pm.