

## MINUTES

### THE MEETING OF THE ROSS LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD AT THE READING ROOM, ROSS ON WEDNESDAY, 4 OCTOBER 2017 COMMENCING AT 3:00PM

#### 1 PRESENT

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

#### 2 IN ATTENDANCE

Cr Leisa Gordon, Mrs Amanda Bond (Community and Development Manager), Miss Lucie Copas (Executive and Communications Officer)

#### 3 APOLOGIES

Cr 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

***Mrs Helen Davies/ Mrs Candyce Hurren***

*That the minutes of the meeting of the Ross Local District Committee held on **Wednesday, 3 October 2017** be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.*

*Carried unanimously*

## **6 RESIGNATION**

Committee to note resignation of Mr Allan Cameron.

The Committee commended the long tenure of service and contribution Mr Cameron has made to the Ross Local District Committee.

## **7 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

### **7.1 Motions to Council**

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

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

Council has now received advice from the Tasmanian Heritage Council advising they would not support the installation of adhesive bats to the Ross Town Hall. Council will no longer be progressing project.

Budget will be available until 30/6/2018

Committee to explore other options to improve acoustics.

**7.1.2 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 was presented to Council at 16 October meeting.

### **DECISION**

Cr Knowles/ Cr Goss

That Council

- i) accept option 3 – Do not offer a FOGO collection at this time;
- ii) continue to monitor opportunities;
- iii) conduct a community survey (on-line and Country Courier); and
- iv) investigate resource sharing opportunities.

Council is currently developing a survey which will be available online and in the Northern Midlands Courier. It will identify additional costs.

### **7.2 Heritage Street and Directional Signs**

Measurements being prepared by Council in accordance with new design.

Amended design presented to Committee with proposed new 'capped' design. Council officers preparing measurements and further details.

### **7.3 Budget**

Committee to discuss letter from Maree Bricknell dated 29 September 2017.

Committee pleased with budget and will resubmit unsuccessful budget proposals again next

year.

#### **7.4 Bi-centenary 2021**

Committee to continue discussion and explore possibilities. Committee to organise a community information session to discuss and plan further. Committee will also include in Ross newsletter.

#### **7.5 Cannon**

Cannon to be delivered mid-November. Delayed due to wheel repair and sickness. John Lennox consulted about paint colour recommendations. Committee eagerly awaiting arrival.

#### **7.6 Give Way Signs**

Council has explored options on various occasions from past requests. There are number of these intersections in Ross and intersections of this type are common in low speed environments. It is important to be consistent with road signage, if Council were to change some of these intersections it would need to change them all. Currently the road rule of giving way to the right applies and the cost of changing signage at all locations would be significant, there is currently no budget allocation for this.

Committee expressed disappointment and has suggested that they refer to budget. Committee has requested an onsite discussion with the complainant and the Works Manager.

#### **Action**

*Meeting to be arranged with Works Manager.*

#### **7.7 Community Engagement**

Committee vacancy has been advertised in Your Region, Northern Midlands Courier and Facebook. Council will print flyer for committee to letterbox drop and also for display in noticeboard, if committee agrees.

Committee vacancy has been advertised. Council will prepare an information flyer for Committee to distribute. Committee commends Mrs Hurren on initiative for the Ross Newsletter.

#### **7.8 Garden Beds**

Committee will need to list for 2018/2019 budget requests

Committee has requested further investigation into acquiring of 1x garden bed.

#### **Action**

*Miss Copas to discuss with Works Manager.*

## **8 NEW BUSINESS**

### **8.1 Bus Shelter**

Council will no longer proceed with project this financial year. Money allocated will be put towards Ross Village Green project. Discussion concluded no need for bus shelter, therefore do not wish to progress further.

### **8.2 Animal Management By-law**

Council at its 16 October meeting resolved that Council does not pursue the making of an Animal Management By-Law and promotes best practice behaviour of keeping animals within residential areas in the municipality. Committee pleased with Council decision.

### **8.3 Footpath Trading**

Council at its 16 October meeting resolved that Council adopt a new Footpath Trading Policy. Committee pleased with Council decision.

### **8.4 Cities Power Partnership**

Council at its 16 October meeting endorsed their commitment to the Climate Council's Cities Power Partnership Pledge. The CPP seeks to celebrate and accelerate the emission reduction and clean energy successes of Australian towns and cities. Committee pleased with Council endorsement.

### **8.5 Replacement of Tooms Lake toilet**

Council at its 16 October meeting resolved that Council replace the toilet facility at Tooms Lake. Committee pleased with outcome. Committee has requested update on boom gates.

### **8.6 Trees**

Committee has requested further investigation into more suitable tree guards. Committee suggested they will install tree guards if Council will supply

#### **Action**

Miss Copas to discuss with Works Manager

### **8.7 Customer Requests**

Committee has requested investigation in trimming of tall trees blocking light to properties on Waterloo Street next to Recreation Ground.

**9 NEXT MEETING/CLOSURE**

The Chair closed the meeting at     pm.

Next meeting to be held **6 December 2017 at 3:00pm.**