

MINUTES

THE MEETING OF THE ROSS LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD AT THE READING ROOM, ROSS ON WEDNESDAY, 4 SEPTEMBER 2018 COMMENCING AT 11:15AM

1 PRESENT

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

2 IN ATTENDANCE

Cr Leisa Gordon, Cr Andrew Calvert, Miss Lucie Copas (Executive and Communications Officer)

3 APOLOGIES

Mr Herbert Johnson, Mr Tim Johnson, Mrs Gai Bazen, Mr Ricky Hebbard

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 Jill Bennett

*That the minutes of the meeting of the Ross Local District Committee held on **Tuesday, 7 August 2018** be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.*

Carried unanimously

6 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6.1 Tacky Bridge Sculpture

Mr Thorpe to report on progress.

No further correspondence has been received from UTAS.

6.2 Anglican Church

Public meeting was held Sunday 26 August in Campbell Town to discuss the proposed sale of church assets by the Anglican Church. It was well attended with approximately 300 people who travelled from all over Tasmania to attend.

General discussion was held regarding the regulations for the sale of cemeteries.

6.3 Female Factory Sign

Miss Copas to liaise with Council's Engineering Officer for further advise and action.

Action:

Miss Copas to follow up.

7 NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Australia Day 2019

Council's Australia Day event for 2019 will be held in Evandale. Further details to come.

Committee noted information.

7.2 2019 Volunteer & Australia Day Nominations

Each year the Northern Midlands Council recognises volunteers, outstanding citizens and events that have contributed to our municipality at its annual Australia Day Event on 26 January.

Nomination forms and further details are available on our website.

Committee noted information.

7.3 Dog Signage, Declared Areas and Proposed Off Lead Areas

Council at its August 20 meeting resolved to declare the following after community consultation and feedback was reviewed:

Restricted areas – on lead

Exercise areas – off lead

Ross:

- *Ross Community Sports Ground*

**No dogs on any playing area of a sportsground on which sport is being played in accordance with section 28(d) of the Dog Control Act 2000.*

General discussion was held regarding the declared dog areas and the fencing requirements.

7.4 Notice of Proposed By-Law: Placement of Shipping Containers

The objective of the proposed by-law is to mitigate the visual impact of shipping containers on view from public land.

Submissions from the public are invited on the proposed By-Law until close of business on 17 September 2018.

Submissions must be made in writing addressed to the General Manager; mailed to PO Box 156, Longford 7301, delivered to the Council offices at 13 Smith Street, Longford, or a pdf letter emailed to planning@nmc.tas.gov.au.

Enquires on the content and effect of the proposed by-law may be made to Council's Senior Planner by phoning Council on 03 63 977 303.

The Regulatory Impact Statement and the proposed By- Law are available to view online.

Discussion was held regarding the proposed by-law.

7.5 Vacancy

There is presently a vacancy for Trustee of the Elizabeth Macquarie Irrigation Trust (EMIT).

A replacement is currently being sought.

Query was raised whether the Ross Local District Committee chairperson should attend the meetings in an observer capacity. It was resolved that Mr Thorpe would attend on the committee's behalf.

7.6 Councillor Representative

Cr Gordon has requested that any issues or concerns members of this committee wish to raise, are brought to her prior to the meeting with sufficient time, so she has the opportunity to follow them up with the relevant departments as required.

Committee noted information.

7.7 Pool Lifeguards

Miss Copas encouraged committee members to encourage anyone that may be interested in becoming a pool lifeguard to contact Council.

There are currently vacancies for pool lifeguards throughout the municipality.

Discussion was held the use of the Ross pool and the yearly costs.

7.8 Order of Australia Association

Miss Copas encouraged committee members to consider nominating for an Order of Australia Award.

Further details regarding the Order of Australia Association are available online.

7.10 Defibrillators

Committee put forward some examples of public defibrillators found in some European towns for possible inclusions in Ross.

Miss Copas has confirmed it is not a requirement for Council to provide.

7.11 Town Hall Fees

It was reported that this issue has been resolved and that all parties are happy with the result.

7.12 Gorse/ Weed Management

Discussion was held regarding Council's authority to make land owners act against gorse and other noxious weeds on their properties.

Mr Allan Cameron/ Mr Anthony Thorogood

That the Ross Local District Committee approach the General Manager regarding weeds, in particular gorse, at the Southern end of Ross.

Carried unanimously

7.13 Budget items/ Wishlist

Discussion was held regarding the 'Wishlist' that the previous committee put together for the 2018/19 budget.

7.14 Footpaths

Discussion was held regarding several footpaths around Ross. Miss Copas confirmed that they need to be reported through Customer Requests.

7.15 Wellington Street Mowing Schedule

Question was raised regarding Council's mowing schedule for Wellington Street.

Action:

Miss Copas to confirm.

7.16 Volunteer Insurance

General discussion was held regarding the limitations of Council's insurance coverage and the age restrictions that have been applied. Mr Thorpe is making further inquiries.

8 NEXT MEETING/CLOSURE

The Chair closed the meeting at 12:19pm.

Next meeting to be held **Tuesday 2 October 2018** at 11:15am.