

MINUTES

THE MEETING OF THE ROSS LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD AT THE READING ROOM, ROSS ON TUESDAY, 1 OCTOBER 2019 COMMENCING AT 11:15AM

1 PRESENT

Mr Arthur Thorpe (Chairperson), Mr Allan Cameron, Mr Herbert Johnson, Mrs Christine Robinson, Mrs Jill Bennett, Mrs Larna Pittiglio, Mr Marcus Rodrigues, Mr Ricky Hebbard, Ms Dale Cobban

2 IN ATTENDANCE

Cr Janet Lambert, Cr Michael Polley AM, Miss Lucie Copas (NMC), Mrs Ann Thorpe (Guest), Mr Graeme McShane (Guest), Ms Tru Dowling (Guest), Mr Julian Von Bibra (Guest), Mr Andy Sculthorpe (Guest)

3 APOLOGIES

Mrs Helen Davies

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 Christine Robinson

That the minutes of the meeting of the Ross Local District Committee held on Tuesday, 3 September 2019 be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

6 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6.1 Heritage Signs

Matter is ongoing. No update received.

Miss Copas advised that she had made regular enquiries.

6.2 Shipping Container By-law

Matter is ongoing. Officers are currently preparing a report for Council.

General discussion was held regarding the current Shipping Container Policy and regulations. Cr Lambert advised that the By-Law would not be retrospective.

6.3 Ross Anniversary 2021

Matter ongoing.

General discussion was held. A future meeting will be held to further discuss ideas for celebration.

6.4 Parking at South End of Ross

General discussion was held regarding lack of parking available in Ross. It was resolved to discuss further with Council's Works Manager.

7 NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Macquarie River

Julian Von Bibra to present to committee regarding possible river name.

Mr Von Bibra and Mr Sculthorpe presented to the group and advised that they wished to begin the process of dual naming the Macquarie River to Tinamirakuna to acknowledge Aboriginal heritage and culture. Mr Sculthorpe gave a brief overview of the naming process and advised that through investigation had been made to ensure the name chosen was accurate.

General discussion was held and the following motion was put:

Mrs Christine Robinson/ Mr Ricky Hebbard

The Ross Local District Committee requests that the Northern Midlands Council progress the dual naming of the Macquarie River to Tinamirakuna which includes community consultation and investigation.

Carried

7.2 Parking at Tacky Bridge

General discussion was held regarding the current parking situation at the Tacky Bridge art installation. Mr Von Bibra advised that if anything were to happen, he would take full liability responsibility.

7.3 Giveway Signs

General discussion was held regarding the newly installed giveway signs. Discussion was also held regarding the line marking. It was resolved to discuss further with Council's Works Manager.

7.4 Bridge Steps

General discussion was held regarding progress of installing steps at the bridge. Mr Thorpe advised that he had met with Council's Works Manager and representatives from Heritage Tasmania and Department of State Growth. He advised that Heritage Tasmania would not allow any works to be carried out on or near the bridge. Mr Thorpe also advised that Council's Works Manager had suggested installation of a drain to reduce water and mud overflow.

It was resolved to discuss further with Council's Works Manager.

7.5 Trees along Badajos Street

General discussion was held regarding trees along Badajos Street that were recently cut back by TasNetworks. Miss Copas advised that TasNetworks as a service provider have a duty of care to ensure that trees do not grow near powerlines.

7.6 Fire Hazards

General discussion was held regarding the upcoming fire season. Several concerns were raised, Miss Copas advised that Council's Compliance Officer will look into them.

7.7 Electric Vehicle Charge Point

General discussion was held regarding electric vehicle charging points. Cr Lambert advised that one had recently been approved at Campbell Town. Miss Copas also advised that there is one available at the Ross Caravan Park.

7.8 Road Spraying

General discussion was held regarding Council's weed spraying program. It was resolved to discuss further with Council's Works Manager.

7.9 Town Hall Maintenance

Concerns were raised regarding maintenance needed on the Town Hall, in particular a repaint and new carpet is required, the gutters need to be cleaned out and the flag pole as allocated in the budget need attention.

Action:

Miss Copas to pass onto Works Manager for action.

7.10 Tidy Town Competition

General discussion was held regarding the recent Tidy Towns Competition that Ross was entered into. Mr Thorpe advised that he was not aware that it was happening until a week or so before. It was suggested that in the future, there is earlier notification so everyone can prepare.

7.11 Helicopter

General discussion was held regarding hours of operation of a helicopter currently conducting a deer survey in the area.

7.12 Ross Arts Festival

General discussion was held regarding the upcoming inaugural Ross Arts Festival which begins Friday 28th October.

8 NEXT MEETING/CLOSURE

The Chair closed the meeting at 12:45pm.

Next meeting to be held **5 November 2019 at 11:15am.**