

## MINUTES

### THE MEETING OF THE ROSS LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD AT THE READING ROOM, ROSS ON TUESDAY, 5 NOVEMBER 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, Mrs Helen Davies

#### 2 IN ATTENDANCE

Mayor Mary Knowles OAM, Miss Lucie Copas (NMC)

#### 3 APOLOGIES

NIL

#### 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 Christine Robinson/ Mr Marcus Rodrigues***

*That the minutes of the meeting of the Ross Local District Committee held on **Tuesday, 1 October 2019** be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings, with the following amendments:*

*7.1 Macquarie River*

*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.*

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

### **6.1 Heritage Signs**

No further update has been received.

Miss Copas advised that Council had been making regular enquiries. A response had not yet been received regarding ownership of land.

### **6.2 Ross Anniversary 2021**

Committee to further discuss.

The committee advised that a special committee is to be formed.

### **6.3 Macquarie River**

Council at its 21 October Ordinary meeting resolved the following:

#### **DECISION**

**Cr Polley/Calvert**

**That Council support the proposal and progress the request.**

**Carried unanimously**

Committee to note information.

General discussion was held. The committee strongly requested that community consultation proceeds. Mayor Knowles advised that the process of dual naming must include community consultation.

### **6.4 Parking South Church Street**

Committee to further discuss.

Mr Thorpe advised that he will be discussing this issue with the Works Manager at their next on site meeting (to take place Wednesday 6 November).

## **7 NEW BUSINESS**

### **7.1 Street Library**

Miss Copas to provide information, Forum to discuss and provide suggested locations.

General discussion was held. The committee resolved that further discussion to take place at

the December meeting.

## **7.2 December Meeting**

Miss Copas will be away for the December meeting, Committee required to do own minutes. Committee noted information.

## **7.3 Fire Hazards**

Committee to discuss.

General discussion was held. The committee expressed their concern regarding fire hazards close to the township, Mr Thorpe advised that would discuss further with the Works Manager.

## **7.4 Parking at the Hearth**

Committee to discuss.

General discussion was held. Mr Cameron advised that he will contact Rene Hidding to discuss further options.

## **7.5 Australia Day 2020**

Miss Copas advised that Councils Australia Day event for 2020 will take place in Ross, Miss Copas to contact the Ross Community Sports Club for collaboration and assistance.

The event will take place at the Old Ross School Oval.

## **7.6 Festival of Small Halls 2020**

Miss Copas advised that the Council would once again be hosting the Festival of Small Halls Summer Tour, to take place at the Longford Town Hall on Wednesday 8th of January 2020. Tickets available online and at Council office. Miss Copas to forward further information with minutes.

## **7.7 Northern Midlands Community Expo**

General discussion was held regarding the inaugural upcoming Northern Midlands Community Expo. Discussion was held regarding the minimum requirement for public liability insurance.

## **7.8 Tee Installation (UTAS Project)**

General discussion was held regarding the art installation at the entrance to Ross, Mr Cameron advised that the project was fascinating and was promoting visitors to Ross.

## **7.9 Animal Hotels**

General discussion was held regarding the installation of animal hotels in Ross.

## **7.10 Southern Committees Christmas Function**

General discussion was held regarding the Southern Committees Christmas Function to take place on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at Zeps in Campbell Town, from 6pm.

## **7.11 Bicentenary Project**

Mrs Davies advised that she had taken on a bicentenary project and would be collecting and collating information relating to the history of Ross.

## **7.12 Ross Bridge Access**

General discussion was held regarding the proposed reinstallation of stairs/ steps to the Ross Bridge. Mr Thorpe advised that Heritage Tasmania had reiterated they still strongly opposed installation of stairs/ steps.

Discussion was held regarding possible grant funding available for the progress of this project.

## **7.13 Businesses Representation in Ross**

General discussion was held regarding the decrease in sales over the last 12 months within business in the town. Discussion was held regarding promotion available to businesses.

Ms Cobban advised that she will be reinstating the Ross Ghost Tours to bring more visitors to the town.

Mayor Knowles advised that Ms Cobban contact the Heritage Highway and Gordon Williams at the NMBA.

## **7.14 Contact Details for members**

Discussion was held regarding an update contact/ details list for current committee members. Miss Copas to send out with minutes.

## **7.15 Walks**

General discussion was held regarding possible walks and maps/ signage available to visitors. Mrs Davies advised that the signs waiting for installation will include all of those details.

It was also suggested that an information board is installed on the Village Green to provide further info.

### **7.16 Key for Town Hall**

Mrs Davies advised that she had collected a key for the Town Hall, for the Fil Society.

Thank you to Council for organising.

### **7.17 Tidy Towns Awards**

Mr Thorpe advised that Ross had been successful in the 2019 Keep Australia Beautiful Awards and had been awarded 8x awards.

### **7.18 Shipping Container By-Law**

General discussion was held regarding the progress of the by-law, Mayor Knowles advised that Council may have difficulty as the by-law may contravene the Planning Policy.

### **7.19 Rabbits**

General discussion was held regarding the presence of rabbits in Ross. Miss Copas advised that the released of the calicivirus had been missed due to the fruit fly invasion.

### **7.20 Arts Festival**

General discussion was held regarding the recent inaugural Ross Arts Festival. The committee commended the organisers on a very successful event.

## **8 NEXT MEETING/CLOSURE**

The Chair closed the meeting at **12:29 pm**.

Next meeting to be held **3 December 2019 at 11:15am**.