

MINUTES

THE MEETING OF THE ROSS LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD AT THE READING ROOM, ROSS ON TUESDAY, 4 FEBRUARY 2020 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), Mr Keith Jolley (Guest)

3 APOLOGIES

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 Allan Cameron

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

6 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6.1 Heritage Signs

The original Development Application has been withdrawn and will be readvertised due to the amendment.

Committee noted information.

6.2 Ross Anniversary 2021

Committee to provide update on events.

Meeting to take place 16 February 2020.

6.3 Macquarie River

Council Officers to progress with community consultation. Further information to be sought from Mr Von Bibra.

Miss Copas advised that the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre will be contacted.

6.4 Parking South Church Street

Mr Thorpe to provide update.

No further action required.

6.5 Parking at the Hearth

Mr Thorpe and Mr Cameron to provide update.

Mr Thorpe advised that he has been advised by the Department of State Growth that the Department is currently looking at preliminary plans for upgrades to the highway, which will include the entrance to Ross.

6.6 Australia Day 2020

Congratulations to Candy Hurren and members of the Ross Community Sports Club who were awarded Volunteer Recognition awards.

Well done to all award winners, and the Ross Community Sports Club and Council Officers for organising.

Miss Copas advised that the 2021 event will be held in Avoca.

6.7 Festival of Small Halls 2020

The 2020 event was well attended, thank you to everyone who came along.

A request to host the event in Ross has been received, Miss Copas to provide brief rundown on event and organiser responsibility.

General discussion as held, Miss Copas provided a brief overview of responsibilities.

Committee to further discuss and consider.

6.8 Campbell Town & District Mens Shed

Council Officers will review the request for facility upgrades and will seek further guidance from Council.

Committee noted support from Council.

7 NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Northern Midlands Community Expo

Expressions of interest for stall holders are presently being called for. The Northern Midlands Community Expo will take place on Saturday 21 March 2020 at the Longford Memorial Hall.

For further information please contact Council's Tourism & Events Officer, Fiona Dewar on fiona.dewar@nmc.tas.gov.au or 03 6397 7303 (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday only).

Alternatively, further information or to download an event prospectus please visit our website on nmc.tas.gov.au/expo

Committee noted information.

7.2 Caravans Parking Overnight

Concern was raised over caravans parking overnight in residential areas, and on some occasions letting their grey water out onto the nature strip/ footpath.

7.3 Police presence in Ross

Mr Cameron advised that he had been told that a policeman would be stationed at Ross. Mr Hebbard advised that was not correct.

Miss Copas advised that a policeman now resides in Campbell Town.

7.4 Trees

Concern was raised over overhanging trees. Miss Copas advised that she would follow up with the Works Manager.

Mr Allan Cameron/ Mr Herbert Johnson

The Ross Local District Committee invites Councillors to meet with concerned members of the committee for a site tour and to further discuss issues.

Carried unanimously

7.5 Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill

Mr Cameron advised that a community meeting had been organised by Mike Gaffney to discuss the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill.

The meeting has been organised for 7pm on 20 February 2020, at the Ross Town Hall.

7.6 Signs at Quarry

Concern was raised regarding the new signs at the Quarry. Mrs Bennett advised that Deb from the Wool Centre has met with Council staff who had agreed on installing one sign only. There are currently 3-4 signs. The committee has requested the other signs are removed.

7.7 Weeds

Concern was raised regarding weeds in the Ross area.

7.8 Parking outside Classwood

General discussion was held regarding parking in front of Classwood. It was raised that the public do not park there as they think that it is a non-parking area.

7.9 Portugal Street

General discussion was held regarding Portugal Street. The committee asked if the rest of the street will be opened up, to allow for better traffic flow.

7.10 Rabbits

Concern was raised regarding the abundance of rabbits, Miss Copas advised that due to the fruit fly invasion that occurred in 2019 funds were reallocated to deal with that and the release of the calicivirus was temporarily disbanded.

Miss Copas advised that it is normally released around April.

8 NEXT MEETING/CLOSURE

The Chair closed the meeting at 12:18pm.

Next meeting to be held **3 March 2020 at 11:15am.**