

MINUTES

THE MEETING OF THE ROSS LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD AT THE READING ROOM, ROSS ON TUESDAY, 3 MARCH 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

Cr Andrew Calvert, 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 with the following amendments:

2 IN ATTENDANCE

Cr Janet Lambert, Miss Lucie Copas (NMC), Mr Keith Jolley (Guest)

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.

Carried unanimously

6 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6.1 Ross Anniversary 2021

Committee to provide update on progress.

Brief update was provided, the committee has lots of ideas and suggestions.

6.2 Macquarie River

Council Officers to progress.

Miss Copas advised that the process is currently being reviewed for action by Council Officers.

6.3 10 Days on the Island

For discussion.

Mrs Robinson advised that the Ross Town Hall has been selected as a venue for the 10 Days on the Island event. The event will take place in March 2021.

6.4 Campbell Town & District Mens Shed

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

Committee noted information. No further action required.

6.5 Trees

Council at its 17 February 2020 Ordinary meeting resolved the following:

DECISION

Cr Brooks/Cr Calvert

That Council note the motion and advise Officers if they wish to meet with the Committee.

Carried unanimously

General discussion was held regarding the trees along Tooms Lake Road. It was suggested that Councillors on their Annual Bus Tour visit the road and view the trees for themselves to determine if further action is required. Mr Thorpe advised that he will submit the request to

7 NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Shipping Container By - Law

Council at its 17 February 2020 Ordinary meeting resolved the following:

DECISION

Cr Goninon/Cr Polley

That:

a) Council does not proceed with the Placement of Shipping Containers By-Law.

b) The provisions of the current planning scheme be workshopped, and Council contact surrounding Councils and invite them to make a joint submission to amend the State Planning Provisions.

Carried unanimously

General discussion was held, Cr Calvert advised that Council did not progress the by - law due to conflicts with the planning scheme. Council is reviewing this and has discussed contacting other Councils for their opinion on the matter.

7.2 Councillor Bus Tour

It is common practice each year for Council to undertake a Municipal Bus Tour to inspect projects that have been identified for inclusion in the forthcoming budget and also to meet with Local District Committee representatives to discuss their issues of priority. It was resolved that the Bus Tour be held on Tuesday 21st April 2020.

Committee noted information.

7.3 Acknowledgment of Country

The Chairperson has proposed that prior to each meeting, an Acknowledgement of Country is read.

"We acknowledge and pay our respects to the Tasmanian Aboriginal Community as the traditional and original owners, and continuing custodians of this land on which we gather today and acknowledge Elders – past, present and emerging."

General discussion was held, the committee decided to vote on the matter. To establish whether the members wished to support or not support the inclusion of an Acknowledgement of Country. The member votes were recorded as follows:

Voting for – 5

Voting against – 4

Abstained – 1

7.4 Budget

Miss Copas advised that budget requests for the 2020/2021 financial year will need to be provided to Miss Copas at the April meeting for consideration by council.

Committee noted information.

7.5 Order of Australia

Miss Copas advised that Council is currently in the process of collating a list of residents within the Northern Midlands living and deceased who have received OAM honours.

Committee noted information.

7.6 Businesses in Ross

General discussion was held regarding businesses within Ross and what Council is going to do to assist. It was advised that business has been unusually very slow during the most recent summer months and now with the restrictions relating to the Coronavirus this will impact on businesses in Ross significantly.

It was suggested that the businesses contact the Northern Tasmanian Development Corporation (NTDC), the Northern Midlands Business Association (NMBA) and Business Tasmania.

7.7 Bridge Works

Works on the bridge area near the steps to improve drainage has commenced. Thank you to the Works Department.

7.8 Ross Village Green

The committee requested an update on the progress at the Village Green. Cr Calvert advised that work will recommence when funds and staff are available.

7.9 Norfolk Street Subdivision

General discussion was held regarding the recent media that has been circulating relating to the purchase of the block of land at Norfolk Street. Miss Copas advised that the land was purchased to improve stormwater flow throughout the area and that some information that has been published was incorrect. Cr Calvert advised that the issue is complicated and is being pursued by individuals.

7.10 Assisted Dying Bill

Mr Cameron advised that there was a good turnout for the community meeting that was held.

7.11 Airport

Cr Calvert advised that Council had voted to appeal the decision. The next court date has been set for a day in May.

7.12 Police presence in Ross

Miss Copas advised that there will be no police officer living in Ross.

8 NEXT MEETING/CLOSURE

The Chair closed the meeting at 12:17pm.

Next meeting to be held **7 April 2020 at 11:15am.**