

**AVOCA, ROYAL GEORGE AND ROSSARDEN LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE**  
MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING  
HELD AT 12.45PM ON THURSDAY, 30 AUGUST 2018  
AT THE AVOCA COMMUNITY CENTRE

**1 ATTENDANCE**

Shirley Freeman, Carmilla Clarke, Helen Reynolds, Jacinta Allen, Dalija Wells

**In Attendance:**

Cr Mary Knowles, Gail Eachar (Secretary)

**2 APOLOGIES**

Michael McGree, Claudia Freeman, Shirley Squires

**3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**D Wells / H Reynolds**

*That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Avoca, Royal George & Rossarden Local District Committee held on Thursday, 18 January 2018, be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.*

*Carried*

**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*, 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.

**5 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**i) Roads, Roadworks, Verges and River Precinct**

Removal of vegetation to the east of Avoca at property entrances required (detail provided), to be assessed by Council officers.

Noted that an assessment had been undertaken, sight distance on 100km/hr roads is 200m, trees are well outside of that distance.

Matter complete.

**ii) Policing/Road Safety**

The committee noted that a request to erect *Children Crossing* signs at the Esk Highway entrances to the village had been forwarded to the Department of State Growth (DSG).

Response received from DSG:

‘Children Crossing’ warning signs are limited for use where there is a specific or concentrated point where children are expected to cross (e.g. a school crossing). They would be inappropriate to cover the entire section of road through the town.

General ‘Pedestrian’ warning signs may be considered where there is a need to alert drivers of an unexpected likelihood of pedestrian crossing activity. Given there are ample queues that you are entering a town from either approach and pedestrian activity would be expected the Department is of the view that such signage would not likely alter driver behaviour over and above the pre-existing regulatory 50km/h signage.

Matter complete.

**iii) General Matters**

The committee noted the following matters which require attention:

- That the gradient at the frontage of the Post Office makes the placement of a bench seat parallel to the road difficult. Committee members requested that consideration be given to placing the bench parallel to the road on a footing, raised on one side – advice sought  
Noted that Council will re look at the seat placement when time permits.

- That the remaining plastic tree guards around the saplings planted by the Department of State Growth at the western entrance to Avoca need to be removed.
- Request that Parks officers extend the maintenance of Boucher Park to be extended to edge trimming when mowing.
- Ongoing replacement of guide posts at the river frontage on Rossarden Road required as drivers use the area as a 4X4 track has been noted – suggested that officers seek a more permanent solution, perhaps placement of large river boulders. Noted that the 4X4 activities are not observed, thus cannot be reported to Tas Police.
- Entrance signage – generally positive feedback received from the local community.

## **6 PENDING/ONGOING ITEMS**

Matters on hold:

- i) **Rossarden – Walks and Attractions and Road Closures/Improvements**  
Noted that Greater Esk Tourism (is hoping to gain Destination Action Plan (DAP) funding) and work with local community, Forestry and State Government to tidy improve roads and access to waterfalls in the Fingal Valley, including Maidestone, St Patrick's Head and South Sister.
- ii) **Ongoing Rossarden issues:**
  - Vehicle wrecks – follow up with DPIPWE re possible removal of the vehicle wrecks.
  - Broom – Green Army project removal of broom; 40 trees obtained through the *Landcare 15 Trees Project* have been or are in the process of being planted.
- iii) **Fingal Valley Festival, Steam Train project** – being progressed, however, issues relating to accreditation of drivers to carry passengers and required insurance liability encountered.

## **7 ASSOCIATION REPORTS**

### **i) AMIC**

- AMIC funded town hall dishwasher, which has now been installed.
- Funding received for solar panels and heat pump. Electricity supply needs upgrade prior to installation of heat pump, solar panels to be installed on amenities building.

### **ii) Rossarden & Friends Kids Xmas Group**

- Excursion to Launceston Aquatic Centre planned for 27 October – funded by Northern Midlands Council.
- Fund raiser raffle in progress.
- AGM to be held on 4 September.

## **8 NEW BUSINESS**

### **i) Street Trees Report**

Committee noted the 29 January 2018 Council meeting (min. ref.: 14/18) Council report and the following in relation thereto:

- The report only relates to planting in the main street;
- Plantings in Avoca were scheduled to commence in 2019/2020
- The angled stand of *Acer Fairview Flame* trees on the southern side of the western entrance to the town had been included as part of the entrance design, and were unrelated to this report.

### **ii) Volunteer Inductions**

Committee members noted that volunteer induction sessions are to be held as follows:

- Wednesday 12 September 2018 at Council Chambers Longford at 5.30pm
- Wednesday 10 October 2018 at Campbell Town town hall at 5.30pm.

4 Committee members indicated their intent to attend. Noted that some Committee members were reluctant to attend due to the sessions only being held in the evening.

### **iii) Dog Exercise Areas**

Committee noted the Council Meeting Minute No. 222/18 of 20 August 2018 titled Dog Signage, Declared Areas and Proposed Off Lead Areas circulated for information.

### **iv) 'Kerbside Collection' of Waste for Properties at Rossarden, Kalangadoo and Lake Leake**

The committee noted

- the introduction of a kerbside waste only collection service to Rossarden, Kalangadoo residents and at the Lake Leake shack area.
- queries in relation to individual services to be made direct to Council.

**v) Playground Equipment**

The committee reviewed possible options for the replacement of the playground equipment. The Committee agreed that both options would achieve the desired outcome, however, preferred the tractor and tank slide option.

Cr Knowles noted that she had been made aware of a possible funding stream which could be investigated.

**vi) Shipping Container By-Law**

The Committee were advised of the proposal for Council to introduce a Shipping Container By-Law; and noted that any submissions in relation thereto would need to be submitted in their personal capacity.

The By-Law was discussed and the Committee noted that the By-Law did not prohibit the use of Shipping Containers, but that they would be subject to licencing/permit requirements.

**vii) Avoca Website**

Committee members were reminded to monitor the website and make suggestions on additions, etc.

**viii) General Matters**

Committee queried/noted:

- Collection of waste and recycling did not appear to be separated but mixed – to be investigated.
- Boucher Park – septic system does not appear to be operating effectively, odour and issues with pooling and sodden ground.
- Storage of loose building materials, etc. on properties and derelict buildings – the potential for items stored on properties or loose materials to become missiles in high wind, enquiry made into any restrictions or action that can be taken .
- Rossarden fire training session to be held at 6pm on 5 September.
- Rossarden facebook page and newsletter commenced – first publication out in October.
- Requested a news article be published and info sheet be circulated re the burning/incinerating of waste in urban areas.

**9 CLOSURE & NEXT MEETING**

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 1.56pm.

The next meeting to be held at 12.30pm on 27 September 2018 at the Ash Centre in Arthur Street, Avoca.