

**AVOCA, ROYAL GEORGE AND ROSSARDEN LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD AT THE AVOCA COMMUNITY CENTRE**  
**AT 12.35PM ON THURSDAY, 27 SEPTEMBER 2018**

**1 ATTENDANCE**

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

**In Attendance:**

Cr Mary Knowles, Gail Eacher (Secretary)

**2 APOLOGIES**

Claudia Freeman, Shirley Squires

**3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**H Reynolds / D Wells**

That the minutes of the meeting of the Avoca, Royal George and Rossarden Local District Committee held on Thursday, 30 August 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) Volunteer Inductions**

The committee noted that a further volunteer induction session is to be held on Wednesday 10 October 2018 at Campbell Town town hall at 5.30pm. Noted that some members had attended the Longford session in September and reported that the presentation was informative and well presented.

**ii) Playground Equipment**

At the August meeting, the Committee agreed that both playground options would achieve the desired outcome, however, preferred the tractor and tank slide option.

The Committee were advised that Council officers had been advised that the preferred playground equipment was no longer commercially available. The Committee agreed that if the preferred option was not available, that Council progress with the alternate "Sturdybilt" option.

**iii) Waste & Recycling Collection**

Previously reported that the collection of waste and recycling had not be collected separately, but mixed. Noted that the driver had subsequently advised that red sticker from a previous audit were still on bins and therefore those bins were collected as general waste.

Members advised that the information received was not correct – matter to be investigated further.

**iv) Storage of potentially dangerous materials on properties**

At the August meeting, the committee enquired whether Council could take action in relation to

- the storage of loose building materials, hazardous material, etc. on properties and
- derelict buildings.

The committee were advised that upon receipt of a report or complaint, Council will investigate and if deemed appropriate action could be taken.

**v) General Matters**

The committee noted the following matters which require attention:

- Placement of bench seat at the frontage of the Post Office - Council to 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. Noted that it is general practice to leave in place for long period of time 2-3 years, assists with watering the saplings evaporation on the plastic feeds the plants. No further action to be taken.

- Ongoing replacement of guide posts at the river frontage on Rossarden Road required as drivers use the area as a 4X4 track – suggested that officers seek a more permanent solution, perhaps placement of large river boulders.  
Complete, matter referred to Works Department for consideration.  
Noted that the 4X4 activities are not observed, thus cannot be reported to Tas Police.
- Boucher Park –
  - septic system, repairs undertaken. System monitored by Parks employee. No further action.
  - Parks officers extend the maintenance of Boucher Park to edge trimming when mowing – request submitted.
- News article re regulations on Backyard Burning scheduled for publication in the October Northern Midlands Courier.

## **6 PENDING/ONGOING ITEMS**

Matters on hold:

- i) Rossarden – Walks and Attractions and Road Closures/Improvements
- ii) Rossarden – vehicle wrecks – DPIPWE to advise progress re possible removal of the vehicle wrecks.
- iii) Fingal Valley Festival, Steam Train project
- iv) Future budget items:
  - Additional adult exercise equipment at Boucher Park
  - Replacement of chairs/tables in St Pauls River precinct (flood prone area)

## **7 ASSOCIATION REPORTS**

### **i) AMIC**

Nil

### **ii) Rossarden Facebook and Newsletter**

- Interest shown in Rossarden FaceBook group.
- Monthly newsletter to be circulated 1/10.

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

- Excursion to Launceston Aquatic Centre planned 27/10
- Christmas Party 9/12.

## **8 NEW BUSINESS**

### **i) Greater Esk Tourism**

The Committee noted that GET programmes are being diverted to Chamber of Commerce and Fingal Neighbourhood House. Still funding some existing projects. Remaining funds, if any, to be diverted to Fingal Neighbourhood House.

### **ii) Local District Committee Christmas Function – South**

Christmas function for Local District Committee members to be held on Thursday, 6 December, at Zeps in Campbell Town.

### **iii) General Matters**

Noted

- drift of some weed spray had been observed whilst kerbside spraying operations being undertaken.
- residents can request the planting of street trees at the frontage of their properties, however, requests are considered subject to factors, including (but not limited to): funding availability, location of underground services, space, agreement of property owners to maintain, etc.
- that clearing of bush had been undertaken in the St Pauls River precinct on Storys Creek Road. Requested that the works be extended to the removal of the elm tree suckers and young pine tree.
- that vehicles continue to speed through Avoca at all times of the day. Requested that Sgt Gillies be invited to attend the next meeting of the Committee and that Tasmania Police be requested to consider the installation of fixed speed cameras at Avoca.

## **9 CLOSURE & NEXT MEETING**

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 1.30pm.

The next meeting to be held at 12.30pm on 29 November 2018 at the Ash Centre in Arthur Street, Avoca.