

## MINUTES

**THE MEETING OF THE ROSS LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD AT THE READING ROOM, ROSS ON WEDNESDAY, 7 FEBRUARY 2018 COMMENCING AT 2:58PM**

### 1 PRESENT

Mrs Christine Robinson (Chairperson), Mrs Helen Davies, Mr Arthur Thorpe, Mrs Candyce Hurren, Mrs Jill Bennett, Mr Tony Thorogood, Mr Tim Johnson

### 2 IN ATTENDANCE

Miss Lucie Copas (Executive and Communications Officer), Ms Frances Beasley (JMG), Mrs Anne Thorpe, Mr Steve Robinson, Mr Herbert Johnson, Mr Kim Peart, Dr Jennifer Bolton, Mr Graham McShane, Mr Keith Jolly, Mrs Jennifer Jolly, Mr Allan Cameron

### 3 APOLOGIES

Cr Andrew Calvert

### 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 Candyce Hurren / Mrs Jill Bennett***

*That the minutes of the meeting of the Ross Local District Committee held on **Wednesday, 6 December 2017** be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.*

*Carried unanimously*

## **6 PRESENTATION**

JMG who have been engaged to prepare a municipal wide land use strategy for the Northern Midlands gave a presentation to the committee.

## **7 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

### **7.1 Motions to Council**

**7.1.1 Motion (02/12/2015):** *That Council pay for an acoustics engineer to assess the Ross Town Hall.*

***Update:***

Committee pleased with decision. Mixed feedback regarding quality of sound. Further suggestion for a small roll of carpet to reduce echo.

**7.1.2 Motion (01/03/2017):** *The Ross Local District Committee request the Northern Midlands Council to consider fortnightly collection of green waste bins in 2017/2018 budget.*

***Update:***

Committee pleased with results and progress.

### **7.2 Heritage Street and Directional Signs**

Miss Copas to provide update from Council Engineering Officer once designs have been finalised.

## **8 NEW BUSINESS**

### **8.1 Meeting dates for 2018**

7 February, 7 March, 4 April, 2 May, 6 June, 4 July, 8 August, 5 September, 3 October, 7 November, 5 December commencing at 3:00pm in the Reading Room, Ross.

Committee acknowledged dates.

### **8.2 Tree Planting Program**

Committee has requested other streets be involved in the program. Particular mention to Badajos Street and High Street.

***Action:***

*Miss Copas to provide feedback to Works Manager.*

### **8.3 Australia Day 2018**

Congratulations to all 2018 Australia Day Award winners and Volunteer Recognition recipients.

*Event of the Year – CMCA Solos Network Rally 2017*

*Citizen of the year – Gregory Knight*

*Young Citizen of the year – Curtis McGee*

*Volunteer Recognition – Fae Cox*

*Volunteer Recognition – Peter Evans*

Committee passed on good feedback and noted that it was an enjoyable day and well organised by Council Officers.

### **8.4 Ross Village Green**

Committee noted that planning approval has been obtained and have formally requested copy of the plans for public viewing. Committee expressed their concern regarding the amount of money that has been wasted on the concept plan and all associated costs involved.

Concern has also been raised regarding a high risk of drowning in the proposed open water channel and water feature being considered.

### **8.5 Vacancy**

Committee noted that there are currently 3x vacancies on the committee. Advert has been placed in the Northern Midlands Courier, on the Northern Midlands Council website and also on the Northern Midlands Council Facebook page.

Miss Copas to provide nomination forms with the minutes.

### **8.6 Wall Maintenance**

Committee raised concern regarding disrepair of wall located near Female Factory.

### **8.7 Car Parking**

Committee has raised concerned about meetings held in the Town Hall and the lack of public parking available. Suggestion was raised to request it formally via the community evenings JMG will be running.

### **8.8 Tree Report**

Mr McShane expressed his concern regarding the state of the Elm trees located outside his property in Badajos Street. Mr McShane requested that Council water them on occasion and also mow on a more regular basis to stop the trees throwing out suckers.

## 8.9 Agenda Availability

Mrs Thorpe expressed her disappointment in lack of availability of the RLDC agenda. The agenda is circulated to all members and is also posted to the Ross Post office for public viewing.

## 8.10 Ross Entrance Statements – customer request

Mr Robinson has requested Council consider mowing an extra 10 metres around the verges. The committee supported this request.

## 8.11 Rabbits

Committee has requested Council contact DPIPWE to enquire about the next release of calicivirus.

### **Action:**

*Miss Copas to contact DPIPWE.*

## **8 NEXT MEETING/CLOSURE**

The Chair closed the meeting at 4:20pm.

Next meeting to be held **7 March 2018 at 3:00pm.**