

MINUTES

THE MEETING OF THE ROSS LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD AT THE READING ROOM, ROSS ON WEDNESDAY, 7 MARCH 2018 COMMENCING AT 3:00PM

1 PRESENT

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

2 IN ATTENDANCE

Cr Leisa Gordon, Miss Lucie Copas (Executive and Communications Officer), Mrs Anne Thorpe, Mr Herbert Johnson

3 APOLOGIES

Cr Andrew Calvert, Mr Tim Johnson

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 RESIGNATION OF COMMITTEE MEMBER

Committee acknowledged resignation of Mrs Christine Robinson from the Committee.

6 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON

Committee to appoint new Chairperson following resignation of Mrs Robinson.

Mrs Jill Bennett/ Mrs Helen Davies

Nominate Arthur Thorpe as Chairperson and Tony Thorogood as Deputy Chairperson for the remainder of the term.

Carried unanimously

7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Mrs Candyce Hurren / Mr Tony Thorogood

*That the minutes of the meeting of the Ross Local District Committee held on **Wednesday, 6 February 2018** be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings, with the following amendment:*

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.
Mrs Thorpe requested that the agenda become available on Council website.

8 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

8.1 Motions to Council

8.1.1 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:

Report to March Council meeting.

No further comment from Committee.

8.2 Heritage Street and Directional Signs

Committee to approve attached design.

Committee has requested further changes. Mrs Davies to meet with Council's Engineering Officer to discuss specifics.

Action:

Mrs Davies to provide Miss Copas with a suitable time to meet with Council's Engineering Officer at the Longford Depot.

8.3 Agenda Availability

There is no requirement to publish agenda on Council website and this does not occur for any Local District Committee meetings. Copies are available to the public from the Ross Post Office.

Committee dissatisfied with response and have again requested that the agenda is published online.

Motion: That Council publish the RLDC agenda online prior to the appropriate meeting.

Carried unanimously

8.4 Rabbits

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

Update:

Miss Copas sent request to DPIPWE on behalf of the RLDC.

Miss Copas to provide update once a response has been received from DPIPWE. Committee has requested specific bait locations.

9 NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Customer Requests - Process

Council would like to remind all committees of the process surrounding Customer Requests. Requests are to be submitted on a Customer Request form and not be noted in the minutes.

Once a Customer Request Form has been submitted, Council Officers will endeavour to respond within twenty (20) working days, in accordance with our Customer Service Charter.

If the issue is urgent it will be attended to at earliest convenience.

Committee noted information and process

9.2 Heritage Nomination – Ross Bridge

A formal nomination to the National Heritage Register for the Ross Bridge to be recognised as a National Heritage Listing has been formally submitted.

Thank you to Lorraine Green from Council and Dr Nic Haygarth for their time and hard work.

Committee pleased with nomination and have thanked Ms Green and Dr Haygarth.

9.3 Village Green

Work has commenced on Stormwater and Drainage.

Committee noted progress.

9.4 Magical Parks 2018

Miss Copas announced that Council will be partaking in National Parks Week for 2018 and provided some detail on the mobile app game available in Valentine Park and encouraged members to participate.

Committee noted participation.

9.5 Car Parking in Main Street

Committee have raised concern regarding cars parking for lengthy times in the Main Street. Cr Gordon advised committee that it was a police matter and that Council has no authority.

9.6 Contractor – Weed Spraying

Committee has raised concern regarding the weed spraying contractor. It was noted that he was seen spraying in very windy weather and that the accuracy and efficiency of the weed spray would be decreased due to not appropriate weather. It was also noted that sections of weeds that have been previously sprayed are still present when they should not be.

Action:

Miss Copas to pass complaint on to Works Manager.

10 NEXT MEETING/CLOSURE

The Chair closed the meeting at **3:35pm**.

Next meeting to be held **4 April 2018 at 3:00pm**.