

MINUTES

THE MEETING OF THE ROSS LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD AT THE READING ROOM, ROSS ON WEDNESDAY, 7 AUGUST 2018 COMMENCING AT 11:15AM

1 PRESENT

Mr Arthur Thorpe (Chairperson) Mrs Helen Davies, Mrs Jill Bennett, Mr Tony Thorogood, Mr Herbert Johnson, Mr Allan Cameron, Mrs Gai Bazen, Mr Ricky Hebbard, Mr Tim Johnson

2 IN ATTENDANCE

Mayor David Downie, Cr Leisa Gordon, Miss Lucie Copas (Executive and Communications Officer), Mr Marcus Rodrigues, Mr Keith Jolley

3 APOLOGIES

Cr Andrew Calvert, Mrs Candyce Hurren

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

Mr Allan Cameron/ Mrs Helen Davies

*That the minutes of the meeting of the Ross Local District Committee held on **Wednesday, 4 July 2018** be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.*

Carried unanimously

6 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6.1 Tacky Bridge Sculpture

Mr Thorpe to report on progress.

Committee met with UTAS representative at the proposed location, prior to the meeting to discuss the upcoming sculpture series. The committee has identified that parking would become an issue and that UTAS would need to appropriately mitigate to prevent any serious issues.

Action:

Committee to liaise with UTAS to ensure the correct process is adhered to.

6.2 Anglican Church

Committee to note that Council is pursuing this motion.

Several questions were directed at Mayor David Downie who in return urged the committee to show their support for Councils actions with regard to the proposed sale of churches and cemeteries.

Mr Downie advised that a proposed meeting was in the process of being organised, the proposed date is 26 August in Perth.

6.3 Female Factory Sign

Concern was raised regarding the location of the Female Factory sign on Tooms Lake road. It was raised that its location is inconvenient and creates safety issues when large vehicles, particularly tourists towing caravans find it difficult to turn around.

Action:

Miss Copas to advise Council's Engineering Officer and seek advice.

6.5 Trees - Tooms Lake Road

Miss Copas has confirmed with Council's Engineering Officer that the road in question is indeed maintained by Council. Miss Copas has also reported concerns regarding overhanging trees to Council's Compliance Officer for review.

Miss Copas advised that Council was aware of the issue.

6.6 Ross Town Hall Hire

Miss Copas to provide verbal update.

Discussion was held regarding the hire fees and different rates available.

Action:

Mrs Bennett to make contact and report back to the committee.

6.7 Stormwater Management

Consultants are progressing Stormwater Management plan.

Deferred to a future meeting.

6.8 Stonework at Town Hall

Miss Copas to provide verbal update.

Miss Copas advised that the building required monitoring for 12 months and once complete will be reassessed in order to progress.

7 NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Northern Midlands Land Use Strategy

During June and July four public workshops were held in Campbell Town and Perth to get community input to the Northern Midlands Land Use Strategy.

In addition, a public survey was undertaken which resulted in 73 responses. The draft strategy will now be finalised and put to Council seeking endorsement for public exhibition.

Mr Thorpe advised that the session was poorly attended. Submissions will be welcomed, once exhibited.

7.2 Volunteer Registration Forms

As of 30 June 2018, all volunteers of Council and members of Special Committees of Council are required to complete a new Volunteer Registration Forms for the 2018 – 2020 term. Miss Copas to provide new forms.

Miss Copas tabled new forms.

7.3 Volunteer Inductions

The following dates have been organised for 2018 Volunteer Induction Sessions.

- Wednesday 12 September – Longford Town Hall from 5:30pm
- Wednesday 10 October – Campbell Town Hall from 5:30pm

All Volunteers conducting work for Council must be registered as a Volunteer with Council and have completed an induction. This is a requirement to ensure that all Council's volunteers are protected by Council's insurance. All volunteers registered with Council must attend an induction. Bookings are essential.

Committee noted new times.

7.4 Ross Caravan Park

Concern was raised regarding the installation and use of two large tents.

Miss Copas to confirm.

7.5 Traffic

Concern was raised regarding regular occurrences of vehicles ignoring the appropriate road rules on the hotel corner and it was suggested that a 'sleeping policeman' be installed.

Miss Copas to provide suggestion to Mr McCullagh for consideration.

7.6 Quarry Walkway

The committee has suggested that the Wool Centre be asked for involvement in future projects.

Miss Copas to refer to Mr McCullagh for comment.

7.7 Village Green Development

The committee has requested if Council could consider placing a sign on the Village Green worksite to advise visitors of the upcoming project. It was noted that the worksite does not look appealing to visitors and may put some visitors off. Miss Copas to pass on to Mr McCullagh for comment.

Mr Downie suggested something could also go on Council's Facebook page.

7.8 Events

Questions were raised regarding the process surrounding Council's Event Management Guide. Miss Copas confirmed the requirements for events held on Council land.

7.9 Thank you to the RLDC

Cr Gordon thanked the committee for changing their time as she is now able to attend.

7.10 Launceston Airport

Several questions were directed at Mayor David Downie who advised that the committee will be advised in due course.

7.11 Floodlight at War Memorial

It was raised that the floodlight located at the War Memorial is very bright and could

potentially increase the risk of car accidents as it has a blinding effect on drivers.

Miss Copas to follow up.

7.12 Thank you

Mrs Bennett advised that the daffodils are now blooming and thanked the working bee members for their assistance.

7.13 Cemetery Sign Maintenance

The committee has requested Council consider installing signs for the cemeteries in Ross. It was suggested that any budget left over from the Street signs is allocated to them.

It was also suggested that the Men's Shed could be involved.

Action:

Mrs Davies to approach the Men's Shed.

7.14 Newspaper Shop

The committee was advised that the Newspaper Shop has sold and new owners will commence shortly.

7.15 Congratulations

The committee congratulated Mayor David Downie on his recent LGAT award and recognition.

7.16 Weeds

The committee has requested further attention is given to Ross in an attempt to eradicate noxious weeds. Mr Cameron requested the weeds officer is notified. Miss Copas confirmed that Council no longer has a weeds officer.

Miss Copas to notify Mr McCullagh.

7.17 Declared Dog Area

Discussion was held regarding the proposed declared dog area.

The committee is opposed to the proposed site.

8 NEXT MEETING/CLOSURE

The Chair closed the meeting at 12:34pm.

Next meeting to be held 4 September 2018 at 11:15am.