

MINUTES

THE MEETING OF THE ROSS LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD AT THE READING ROOM, ROSS ON TUESDAY, 5 JANUARY 2019 COMMENCING AT 11:15AM

1 PRESENT

Mr Arthur Thorpe (Chairperson), Mr Allan Cameron, Mrs Candyce Hurren, Mr Herbert Johnson, Mrs Helen Davies

2 IN ATTENDANCE

Mayor Mary Knowles OAM, Cr Janet Lambert, Miss Lucie Copas (NMC), Mr Keith Jolly, Mr Marcus Rodrigues, Mr Peter McQuade, Mrs Helen McQuade, Mrs Tru Dowling

3 APOLOGIES

Mrs Gai Bazen, Mrs Jill Bennett, Mr Ricky Hebbard, 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 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Mrs Candyce Hurren/ Mr Allan Cameron

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

Carried unanimously

6 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6.1 Festival of Small Halls 2019

Northern Midlands Council hosted the Festival of Small Halls in Longford at the Longford Town

Hall on Wednesday 9 January 2018.

The event was well attended, and feedback was overwhelmingly positive.

Miss Copas gave a brief report on the event and advised that it was well attended.

6.2 Election of Vice Chair

Committee to nominate Vice Chair for remaining term.

Committee resolved to defer until March meeting due to current vacancies.

6.3 Heritage Signs

Council's Engineering Officer has advised he is still waiting for a response from Crown Lands.

Miss Copas advised that Council was still awaiting a response and will provide and update once received.

6.4 Car Accident

The following motion was put at the December meeting of the Ross Local District Committee:

Mr Ricky Hebbard/ Mr Allan Cameron

That Council conduct a traffic count.

Council Officers have resolved that a traffic count is not required in the area due to the low number of vehicles and is also cost prohibitive due to the high cost of conducting a traffic count.

Discussion was held regarding installation of giveaway signs. It was resolved that the committee would invite works Manager Leigh McCullagh to meet with them on Tuesday 19th of February at 3pm to discuss their concerns.

Action:

Miss Copas to send invitation to Mr McCullagh.

7 NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Vacancy

There is presently a vacancy on the committee. Committee to consider nominations.

Discussion was held regarding the time and day of the meeting and it was suggested that the new day and time was inconvenient for potential members. Mr Thorpe advised that the meeting time and day was changed to accommodate Miss Copas.

7.2 Budget Requests

Committee to begin budget consideration discussions.

Discussion was held and it was resolved that the committee would meet prior to the March meeting to discuss their budget preferences.

7.3 Resignation

Mr Thorpe advised that Gai Bazen has resigned from the committee. There are currently 2x vacancies now.

7.4 Water Outlets for roadside watering

Discussion was held regarding the location of water outlets in the Ross main street to allow for watering.

Action:

Miss Copas to confirm with Works Manager.

7.5 Poor water pressure – Bridge Street

Discussion was held regarding poor water pressure in Bridge Street.

Action:

Miss Copas to follow up with Works Manager.

7.6 Mowing Schedule

Discussion was held regarding the current mowing schedule and the need for further maintenance.

Action:

Miss Copas to follow up with Works Manager.

7.7 Angle Parking

Discussion was held regarding angle parking. Miss Copas advised that this is a Police matter. Further discussion was held regarding installing parking signs.

7.8 Dangerous Trees – Tooms Lake Road

Concern was raised regarding minimal action taken by Council to remove or maintain dangerous trees along Tooms Lake Road.

Miss Copas advised that Council engaged a professional prior to Christmas to examine and

advise on the trees and several limbs were then removed.

Action:

Miss Copas to notify Works Manager.

7.9 White Lines on Northern Outlet

Concern was raised regarding the white lines that have appeared in Church Street. The main concern was that there is minimal space for bike riders and cars to coincide without high risk of an accident.

7.10 Shipping Container By-law

Discussion was held regarding the proposed Shipping Container By-law.

Miss Copas to investigate and provide an update.

7.11 Bridge Steps

Mr Thorpe gave a brief update regarding the progress and advised that he was still awaiting a response from Department of State growth.

7.12 Stormwater Review

Discussion was held regarding the proposed stormwater review that Council was conducting.

Action:

Miss Copas to follow up with Works Manager.

7.13 Road Spraying

Discussion was held regarding the current schedule of weed spraying along roads. In particular, Tooms Lake Road and Honeysuckle Road.

Mr Allan Cameron/ Mrs Candyce Hurren

The Ross Local District Committee request that Council ensure the spraying of back roads in the Ross district is completed by the end of the financial year, including gorse and wattles.

Carried Unanimously

7.14 Cumbungi

Discussion was held regarding the occurrence of cumbungi weeds on roadsides.

Action:

Miss Copas to further investigate.

7.15 Traffic Calming

Discussion was held regarding the request to install a 'dead cop' to slow down traffic and minimise the occurrence of an accident.

Action:

Miss Copas to follow up with Works Manager.

7.16 Bus Parking

Discussion was held regarding the lack of available bus rest stops for bus drivers to pull over and rest.

7.17 Bin at Tacky Bridge

Discussion was held regarding the previous request to have a bin installed at the Tacky Bridge. It was previously denied, the committee have requested it is revisited.

Action:

Miss Copas to follow up with Works Manager.

7.18 Trees

Discussion was held regarding Council's authority to restrict the planting of trees with Ross to ensure that new trees planted are in line with the feel of the Village.

7.19 Ross Anniversary 2021

Discussion was held regarding the upcoming anniversary of Ross. It was advised that the Ross Progress Association was in discussion to host an event.

Action:

Mr Thorpe to invite representatives from the Ross Progress Association to a future meeting to give a presentation.

7.20 Footpath – Ross Village Green

Discussion was held regarding the poor state of the footpath in front of the new Ross Village Green. It was queried whether this would be repaired once the Village Green is complete.

Action:

Miss Copas to follow up repair with Works Manager.

7.21 Road Upgrades/ Reconstruction

Discussion was held regarding allocation of \$10,000 towards repair and reconstruction of Roads within Ross.

Action:

Miss Copas to follow up repair with Works Manager.

7.23 Visiting Dogs

Concern was raised regarding tourists who travel with their dogs and the usage of the old school oval. It was requested that two signs are installed indicating that dogs are not permitted on the old school oval.

Action:

Miss Copas to confirm with Works Manager.

7.24 Caravan Park

General discussion was held regarding the maintenance of the caravan park.

7.25 Sweeping of Bridge Steps

It was requested that Council commence sweeping debris off the bridge to minimise the risk of an accident. Mr Thorpe advised that Council does not own the bridge and therefore cannot commence maintenance.

Mr Thorpe advised that he will contact the Department of State Growth to request further attention is paid to the bridge.

7.26 Signs in Ross and surrounding

It was requested that Council staff pay extra attention to the signs in and around Ross to ensure they are kept clean. It was also noted that many signs had been bent or were facing in the wrong direction.

7.27 Thistles near Riverwalk

It was requested that Council staff better maintain the thistles near the Riverwalk. Mr Thorpe advised that this was not Council land and Council could not be permitted to carry out any maintenance.

7.28 Rabbits

Discussion was held regarding the release of calicivirus. Miss Copas advised that due to the fruit fly incident, DPIPWE staff were unable to release the calicivirus to be effective.

8 NEXT MEETING/CLOSURE

The Chair closed the meeting at 12:35pm.

Next meeting to be held **5 March 2019 at 11:15am.**