

MINUTES

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

1 PRESENT

Mr Arthur Thorpe (Chairperson), Mr Allan Cameron, Mrs Candyce Hurren, Mr Herbert Johnson, Mrs Helen Davies, Mr Marcus Rodrigues, Mrs Christine Robinson, Mr Ricky Hebbard, Mr Tim Johnson

2 IN ATTENDANCE

Miss Lucie Copas (NMC), Mr Keith Jolly, Mr Steve Robinson, Mr James Dennis, Mr Graham McShane, Mrs Ann Thorpe

3 APOLOGIES

Mayor Mary Knowles OAM, Cr Andrew Calvert, Cr Janet Lambert, Mrs Jill Bennett

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, 5 February 2019 be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings with the following amendments:

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. These concerns were made by a guest and do not reflect the views of the Ross Local District Committee. Members of the Ross Local District Committee are in full support of the white lines on both the Northern and Southern outlets.

Carried unanimously

6 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6.1 Appointment of Vice Chair

Committee to resolve election of Vice Chair.

Mrs Candyce Hurren/ Mr Allan Cameron

That Mrs Christine Robinson be appointed Vice Chairperson for the remaining term of 2018/2020.

Carried unanimously

6.2 Heritage Signs

No further update has been provided to Council.

Still awaiting response form Crown Lands.

6.3 Water Outlets for roadside watering

Miss Copas passed request onto Works Department, no further update has been provided.

General discussion was held regarding ownership of infrastructure. No further action required.

6.4 Poor water pressure – Bridge Street

Miss Copas passed information onto Works Department for investigation and action, no further update has been provided.

Mr Thorpe to pass feedback on to TasWater for action.

6.5 Mowing Schedule

Miss Copas passed request onto Works Department for consideration.

No further update has been received.

6.6 Dangerous Trees – Tooms Lake Road

Miss Copas passed comments onto Works Manager. No further update has been provided.

General discussion was held regarding ongoing attention required.

6.7 Shipping Container By-law

This process is still ongoing, the by-law needs to go back to Council at a workshop as there are issues with the by-law. Currently the by-law cannot override or supersede the current policy and it needs to be re-workshopped to reflect this.

The committee has requested they are kept up to date of the process.

6.8 Stormwater Review

Miss Copas passed comments onto Works Manager. No further update has been provided.

General discussion was held. No further action required.

6.9 Road Spraying

The following motion was put by the RLDC at the 5 February 2019 meeting:

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

Council resolved the following:

DECISION

Cr Calvert/Cr Lambert

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

Committee noted information.

6.10 Cumbungi

Miss Copas passed comments onto Works Manager for investigation.

Mr Thorpe advised that at the most recent EMIT meeting, the issue of cumbungi was raised.

It was also advised that there had been spraying along the river in recent weeks.

6.11 Traffic Calming

Miss Copas passed request onto Works Manager for consideration.

Discussion was held regarding the cost of conducting a traffic count.

6.12 Bin at Tacky Bridge

Miss Copas passed request onto Works Manager for consideration.

No further action required.

6.13 Ross Anniversary 2021

Mr Thorpe to provide update.

An update was provide to the committee. The event is being progressed. Further update to come once next meeting has been held.

6.14 Footpath – Ross Village Green

Mr Thorpe to provide update on progress.

Mr Thorpe provided an update on the progress of the Development Application. Asphalt will be replaced at earliest convenience.

6.15 Road Upgrades/ Reconstruction

Miss Copas passed comments onto Works Manager for investigation.

Committee to consider this through their 2019/20 budget request process.

6.16 Visiting Dogs

Miss Copas passed request onto Works Manager for consideration. No further update has been provided.

Mr Thorpe advised that he had spoken to the Animal Control Officer who is currently investigating relocation of the sign.

7 NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Budget Requests

Committee to list their budget priorities for Council to consider, with a heavy focus on the Master Plans that have been pre-prepared.

It is noted priority will be given in the 2019/2020 budget for the Village Green development.

The committee is to meet on Tuesday 19 March for further discussion.

7.2 Grants and Event Funding

The Northern Midlands Council offers a variety of in-kind support and grant funding to events and not-for-profit community groups. Applications are now open for Round 1.

Application forms are available on Council's website and must be received by Friday 29th of March 2019.

Mr Thorpe to progress application for tree guards through Council's Grants and Event Funding process.

7.3 Welcome to New Members

Council at its 18 February meeting appointed the following people to the Ross Local District Committee:

- Christine Robinson
- Marcus Rodrigues

The committee welcomed new member Mr Rodrigues and returning member, Mrs Robinson.

7.4 Angle Parking

Mr Thorpe advised that the issue has now been resolved.

7.5 Customer Request Updates

The following customer requests were raised at the February meeting:

- Blinds, window and wall – Town Hall
- Drainage – Bond Street
- Sweeping of stairs at Bridge
- Thistles behind Church

Mr Thorpe provided updates.

7.6 Giveway Signs

Mr Allan Cameron/ Mr Ricky Hebbard

The Ross Local District Committee expresses its concerns regarding the lack of traffic control measures on four dangerous intersections in Ross, namely:

- *Bond St and Bridge St*
- *Bond St and Badajos St*

- *Waterloo St and Badajos St and;*
- *Park St and Bridge St.*

The Ross Local District Committee respectfully requests that the Northern Midlands Council install either Give Way Signs or mini roundabouts at these four intersections.

Carried Unanimously

7.7 Fire Risk

Concern was raised regarding the potential fire risk of a tree plantation in close proximity of Ross. General discussion was held.

7.8 Watering of Garden Beds in Church Street

Discussion was held regarding payment for usage of water from property owner. Mrs Robinson advised that she would send a letter to the Council asking for a formal donation.

No further action required.

7.9 Water Sprinkler

Discussion was held regarding ownership of water infrastructure in Church Street. It was resolved the committee would progress.

No further action required.

7.10 Customer Request

The following customer requests were raised:

- Repair to stones at Picnic area at to of Bridge St
- Request to remove plants along Old Ross School Oval as they are breeding black and red beetles and;
- Speed humps along Esplanade.

Committee to raise formal customer requests through Council's website for action.

7.11 Caravan Park

General discussion was held regarding the regular maintenance of the Caravan Park. Mr Dennis advised that they had received a letter from Council advising them to ensure the trees are watered.

7.12 Recreation Ground Hire

General discussion was held regarding the hire process of the Ross Recreation Ground. It was

resolved that the committee would contact the management committee for confirmation.

8 NEXT MEETING/CLOSURE

The Chair closed the meeting at 12:41pm.

Next meeting to be held **2 April 2019 at 11:15am.**