

## MINUTES

### **THE MEETING OF THE ROSS LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD AT THE READING ROOM, ROSS ON WEDNESDAY, 2 OCTOBER 2018 COMMENCING AT 11:15AM**

#### **1 PRESENT**

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

#### **2 IN ATTENDANCE**

Cr Leisa Gordon, Cr Mary Knowles, Cr Janet Lambert, Miss Lucie Copas (NMC), Mr Keith Jolly, Mr Marcus Rodrigues

#### **3 APOLOGIES**

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, 4 September 2018 be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.***

*Carried unanimously*

#### **6 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

##### **6.1 Female Factory Sign**

Miss Copas discussed with Council's Engineering Officer the request for a sign and it was

resolved that a new sign be installed utilising the already existing sign post.

Committee pleased with result.

## **6.2 2019 Volunteer & Australia Day Nominations**

Committee to continue discussion regarding 2019 nominations. Nomination forms are available on Council's website or can be posted as requested.

Nominations close on Friday 7 December 2018.

## **6.3 Vacancy – EMIT**

Mr Thorpe to provide an update on his attendance.

Mr Thorpe gave a brief report and advised that he does not fit the requirements to become a member of EMIT but can attend the meetings in a guest capacity. The next meeting is to be held in November and Mr Thorpe will attend on behalf of the Committee.

## **6.4 Pool Lifeguards**

Council is still recruiting for Pool Lifeguards for the 2018/19 Summer season. To commence from late October/ early November.

General discussion was held regarding the qualification requirements. Miss Copas confirmed that these requirements are a national standard and Council has not control over the requirements.

Discussion was held regarding the pool attendance figures over the 2017/18 Summer season.

## **6.5 Wellington Street Mowing Schedule**

Mr McCullagh has advised that there is no strict mowing schedule for Wellington Street, however, he has advised that his staff keep an eye on it and will advise when it does require mowing, normally around November.

The committee has requested that Wellington Street be kept in consideration.

### **Action:**

*Miss Copas to pass feedback on to Works Manager.*

## **6.6 Volunteer Insurance**

Mr Thorpe to provide update.

No further action required.

## **7 NEW BUSINESS**

### **7.1 Southern Committees Christmas Function**

The following date has been organised for the Southern Committees Christmas Function to be held in Campbell Town.

- Thursday 6 December from 6:30pm

Catering recommendations welcome.

General discussion was held. Formal invites to come.

### **7.2 Acknowledgement**

***Mrs Candyce Hurren/ Mr Tim Johnson***

*The Ross Local District Committee wishes to acknowledge the thirty-two years of service to Local Government by Mayor Downie, and express its appreciation of the consideration and assistance provided to the Ross District during Mayor Downie's tenure at the Northern Midlands Council.*

*Carried Unanimously*

### **7.3 Footpath Trading**

Discussion to held regarding Council's Footpath Trading/ On Street Dining requirements.

Miss Copas to provide current policy with Agenda.

General discussion was held regarding the requirements of Council's Footpath Trading Policy. Miss Copas confirmed that an audit had already taken place and non-compliant businesses had been contacted.

### **7.4 All accessible access**

General discussion was held regarding the lack of all accessible suitable business within Ross. The committee resolved to contact the businesses and hold discussion with business owners regarding possible alternatives.

### **7.5 Dangerous Trees**

General discussion was held regarding the lack of action Council has taken with dangerous trees on public roads.

***Mr Ricky Hebbard/ Mrs Candyce Hurren***

*The Ross Local District Committee request as custodians, the Northern Midlands Council take measures to remove overhanging tree limbs to ensure public safety on Tooms Lake Road (C305).*

*Carried Unanimously*

## 7.6 Weeds

Mr Cameron gave a brief report on the need for action with regard to noxious weeds within the Northern Midlands. Cr Knowles advised that Council was working together with NRM North to combat the state-wide weeds issue and that a motion had been presented to the Local Government Association of Tasmania to demand for state-wide action.

## 7.7 Uniting Church Tree Maintenance

Mrs Davies advised that new trees have been planted in the grounds of the Uniting Church. She gave a brief report on the process and advised that a group from Poatina had been given the responsibility of planting them as per Heritage Council conditions that were placed on the property many years ago when the original trees were removed.

## 7.8 Defibrillators

Mrs Hurren tabled a letter which she had prepared in support of relocation.

*Mrs Helen Davies/ Mrs Gai Bazen*

*That Council consider relocating the defibrillator located inside the Ross Town hall to the proposed most suitable exterior location.*

*Carried Unanimously*

## 7.9 Ross Village Green

General discussion was held regarding the sign that has been installed at the Ross Village Green. A copy of the final plan was requested.

## 7.10 Campbell Town Football Club Function

Campbell Town Football Club will be holding a reunion on Saturday 13 October from 4:30pm. The event will cost \$10 entry and food will be provided. Memorabilia will also be available in a fundraiser auction to purchase. Memorabilia donations are encouraged. Please contact the Campbell Town Football Club for further information.

## 7.11 TasWater Issue

Discussion was held regarding a recent issue regarding TasWater. Miss Copas confirmed that Council was not involved and all further complaints or comments are to be focused directly to TasWater.

## 8 NEXT MEETING/CLOSURE

The Chair closed the meeting at 12:30pm.

Next meeting to be held **6 November 2018 at 11:15am.**