

## MINUTES

### **THE MEETING OF THE ROSS LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD AT THE READING ROOM, ROSS ON TUESDAY, 6 NOVEMBER 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 Ricky Hebbard, Mrs Jill Bennett

#### **2 IN ATTENDANCE**

Cr Janet Lambert, Mr Leigh McCullagh (NMC), Miss Lucie Copas (NMC), Mr Keith Jolly, Mr Marcus Rodrigues, Mr Steve Johnson

#### **3 APOLOGIES**

Mr Tim Johnson, Mrs Gai Bazen

#### **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 Ricky Hebbard***

***That the minutes of the meeting of the Ross Local District Committee held on Tuesday, 2 October 2018 be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.***

*Carried unanimously*

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

##### **6.1 2019 Volunteer & Australia Day Nominations**

Each year the Northern Midlands Council recognises volunteers, outstanding citizens and

events that have contributed to our municipality at its annual Australia Day Event on 26 January.

Nomination forms and further details are available on our website or can be posted if requested.

Nomination forms are due back to Council Friday 7 December, to date no nominations have been received.

Committee to consider further nominations.

## **6.2 Pool Lifeguards**

Council has now filled all roles for Pool Lifeguards for the 2018/ 19 Season.

The Ross Pool will be open from Saturday 8th December 2018.

Committee pleased with outcome.

## **6.3 Southern Committees Christmas Function**

The Annual Christmas Function for Southern Committees will be held on Thursday 6 December at 6:30pm at Zeps, Campbell Town.

RSVP's to Miss Copas at earliest convenience.

## **6.4 Wellington Street Mowing Schedule**

Miss Copas provided feedback to Works Department. Feedback noted.

Discussion was held regarding the mowing schedule, Mr McCullagh provided comment and advised that Council Staff will consider mowing at different times of the year.

## **6.5 Dangerous Trees**

Council at it's 15 October Council Meeting resolved the following:

### **DECISION**

#### **Cr Knowles/Cr Lambert**

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

Carried unanimously

Committee to note information.

Discussion was held regarding Council's responsibility. Mr McCullagh advised that an independent arborist has been engaged to provide a report on the trees and advised that no further action on Council's behalf is required.

## 6.6 Defibrillators

Council at its 15 October Council Meeting resolved the following:

### DECISION

#### **Cr Lambert/Cr Gordon**

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

Carried unanimously

Committee to note information.

Committee pleased with Council decision. Further fundraising to take place.

## **7 NEW BUSINESS**

### **7.1 Community Organisation Expo**

Council is currently inviting expressions of interest from local community groups and organisations based within the Northern Midlands to attend and take part in a Community Organisation Expo on Monday 12 November. The expo will take place at the Longford Sports centre in Burghley Street and will commence from 10am and conclude at 1pm.

Her Excellency Professor the Honourable Kate Warner AC, Governor of Tasmania will be in attendance during the expo.

Discussion was held regarding the upcoming expo.

### **7.2 Local Government Election 2018**

Results will soon be known from the 2018 Local Government Election. Councillor representative to be advised.

General discussion was held regarding the results and incoming Council committee representative – to be advised once decided by Council.

### **7.3 Thank you**

Thank you to the Works Department for their quick action and prompt service.

### **7.4 Heritage Signs**

Miss Copas to follow up with Council's Engineering Officer.

### **7.5 Bridge Maintenance**

General discussion was held regarding Council's authority over the maintenance and repair of the Ross Bridge and the stairwell. Mr McCullagh advised that he has been in discussions with Department of State Growth previously.

## **7.6 Police Matters**

General discussion was held regarding a recent vehicle crash that occurred on the corner of Badajos Street and Bond Street. Mr McCullagh advised that Council is limited with what it can do because of traffic rules and regulations.

## **7.7 Light on War Memorial**

It was raised that the light on the War Memorial requires realigning. Mr McCullagh advised that this was meant to have been fixed. Mr McCullagh to follow up.

## **7.8 Declared Dog Areas**

It was raised that on various occasions, visitors and tourists to Ross have allowed their dogs on the old Ross School oval. Miss Copas confirmed that dogs are not allowed on the school oval and will forward comment onto Council's Animal Control Officer for action.

## **8 NEXT MEETING/CLOSURE**

The Chair closed the meeting at 12:06pm.

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