

MINUTES

THE MEETING OF THE ROSS LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD AT THE READING ROOM, ROSS ON TUESDAY, 4 DECEMBER 2018 COMMENCING AT 11:15AM

1 PRESENT

Mr Arthur Thorpe (Chairperson), Mr Allan Cameron, Mrs Candyce Hurren, Mr Herbert Johnson, Mr Ricky Hebbard, Mrs Jill Bennett, Mr Tim Johnson

2 IN ATTENDANCE

Cr Janet Lambert (NMC), Cr Jan Davis (NMC), Miss Lucie Copas (NMC), Mr Keith Jolly, Mr Steve Johnson

3 APOLOGIES

Mrs Gai Bazen, Mrs Helen Davies

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, 6 November 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

Nomination forms are due back to Council Friday 7 December 2018 and will be awarded at the Australia Day Event in Evandale on Saturday 26 January 2019.

For further information please contact Miss Copas.

Committee noted information.

6.2 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.

Committee noted information.

6.3 Defibrillators

Mrs Hurren to provide update.

Mrs Hurren provided an update to the committee and advised that the cabinet has been purchased. The cabinet has now been installed and fitted.

The committee thanked Mrs Hurren for her efforts.

6.4 Heritage Signs

Miss Copas to provide verbal update at meeting.

Miss Copas provided a brief update and advised that currently Council was having minor issues with land ownership for the proposed locations of the signs and would advise once ready to progress.

7 NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Festival of Small Halls 2019

Northern Midlands Council is once again hosting the Festival of Small Halls in Longford at the Longford Town Hall on Wednesday 9 January 2018.

The Festival of Small Halls is a unique touring concept showcasing Australia's best folk and contemporary music. Produced by Woodfordia Inc in partnership with many other wonderful Australian festivals, regional partners and great lovers and supporters of folk and contemporary acoustic music.

Tickets are available directly through Council office and also available online. Link to be circulated with agenda.

Committee noted information.

7.2 Council Christmas Closure

Council Office will be closed from Monday 24th of December for the Christmas break and will reopen on Tuesday 2nd of January 2019.

Committee noted information.

7.3 Election of Vice Chair

Discussion to be held regarding election of Vice Chairperson.

General discussion was held regarding the election of a Vice Chairperson. It was resolved to defer this matter until the February meeting.

7.4 Elizabeth McQuarrie Irrigation Trust (EMIT)

Presentation by Councillor Jan Davis.

Cr Davis presented to the committee and gave a brief overview of the roles and responsibilities of EMIT.

7.5 Garden Beds in Main Street

Discussion was held regarding the watering of the garden beds in the main street over the summer months. It was resolved that a watering roster to be organised and implemented by the Committee.

7.6 Weeds

Discussion was held regarding Council's position on weed management. Miss Copas advised that Council is very limited and cannot provide extensive weed management. Miss Copas also advised that Council has agreed to look at weed identification training for Works Department Staff.

It was resolved that the committee would contact local politicians and the Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment (DPIPWE) directly.

7.7 Dangerous Trees – Tooms Lake Road

Discussion was held regarding overhanging limbs on Tooms Lake Road.

7.8 Lone Pine

Discussion was held regarding the sombre appearance of the newly planted Lone Pine in the Ross Village Green. Mr Robinson advised the committee that it is only temporary and will be altered once the tree has further developed.

7.9 Merry Christmas

Mr Thorpe wished the committee a Merry Christmas and safe holiday season.

7.10 Old Ross Clinic

General discussion was held regarding the future of the old Ross Clinic. Miss Copas advised that no tender applications were received when it was advertised for lease.

7.11 New road to quarry

General discussion was held regarding installation of a new road heading toward the quarry. It was suggested that this item be included in next year's budget.

7.12 Old Cemetery

General discussion was held regarding

7.13 Budget Requests

Mr Thorpe reminded the committee that budget requests will soon be required to be provided to Council for consideration within the 2019/20 budget.

Committee noted information.

7.14 Letter to DSG

General discussion was held regarding a recent meeting held with Works Manager Leigh McCullagh and a representative from the Department of State Growth (DSG). It was resolved the committee would draft a letter to be sent to DSG on Council's letterhead.

7.15 Car Accident

General discussion was held regarding a recent car accident that took place. The committee has previously requested signs be installed on each corner to minimise vehicle accidents.

Mr Ricky Hebbard/ Mr Allan Cameron

That Council conduct a traffic count.

8 NEXT MEETING/CLOSURE

The Chair closed the meeting at 12:35pm.

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