

MINUTES

THE MEETING OF THE ROSS LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD AT THE READING ROOM, ROSS ON TUESDAY, 4 JUNE 2019 COMMENCING AT 11:16AM

1 PRESENT

Mr Arthur Thorpe (Chairperson), Mr Allan Cameron, Mr Herbert Johnson, Mr Marcus Rodrigues, Mrs Christine Robinson, Mr Ricky Hebbard, Mrs Jill Bennett

2 IN ATTENDANCE

Cr Andrew Calvert, Cr Janet Lambert, Miss Lucie Copas (NMC), Mr Keith Jolly, Mr Steve Robinson, Mrs Ann Thorpe

3 APOLOGIES

Mayor Mary Knowles OAM, Mrs Candyce Hurren, Mr Tim Johnson, 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

Mr Allan Cameron/ Mrs Christine Robinson

That the minutes of the meeting of the Ross Local District Committee held on Tuesday, 7 May 2019 be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

Carried unanimously

6 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6.1 Heritage Signs

This matter is ongoing. Council Officers will provide an update when an update is available.

Officers are still awaiting confirmation from Crown Lands with regard to land ownership.
Committee noted information. Miss Copas to update when information available.

6.2 Shipping Container By-law

Shipping Container By-law has been listed for consideration. Council Officers will provide an update once discussed by Council.

Committee noted information.

6.3 Ross Anniversary 2021

Further discussion to be held.

Mrs Robinson advised that the Ross Arts Festival Society will be progressing the event further once preparations for their October event are finalised. Mrs Robinson advised that she is the contact for any queries or suggestions.

6.4 Giveway Signs

Council Officers are progressing.

A report will be prepared for a future Council meeting. Committee noted information.

6.5 Agenda and Minutes Availability

Council Officers have revisited this request and have determined that no further action is required.

Copies of the Agenda and Minutes are circulated via each member of the committee as required and copies of both are also sent to the Ross Post Office, this is not a requirement.

Committee noted information.

6.6 Village Green Footpath

The footpath is now complete.

Committee pleased with completed works.

6.7 Dogs

Matter has been resolved. No further action required.

General discussion was held. Cr Lambert encouraged residents to proceed with formal complaints if any issues arise.

6.8 Bridge Steps

Committee to progress meeting with Works Manager.

General discussion was held regarding access to bridge steps. Mr Thorpe advised that it may not be as simple as originally thought. Mr Thorpe to send meeting invitation to Works Manager.

6.9 Access to Town Hall

Mrs Christine Robinson/ Mrs Helen Davies

RLDC requests NMC to permanently issue a key to the Secretary of the Midlands Film Society to enable access to the Town Hall when required.

Motion carried unanimously

The above motion has been listed for Council's consideration at the 24 June Council Meeting. Committee noted information.

6.10 Rabbits

Committee to provide feedback on information circulated from DPIPWE.

General discussion was held regarding circulated information. Committee gave a positive response to the information.

7 NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Local District Committee input into Planning Matters

Committee to note memo to Committee regarding committee input on planning matters. Committee noted information.

7.2 Community Meeting - Heart FM

Heart FM in conjunction with Northern Midlands Council is hosting a community meeting.

WHEN: Thursday 20th of June from 6pm

WHERE: Supper Room, Longford Town Hall

For Heart FM to operate sustainably as a community radio station serving the Northern Midlands willing volunteers with expertise in the following areas are needed -

Station Manager, Announcers, Programmers, Promotions, Technicians, IT, Sales Personnel, Office Administration, Grant Writing, Membership Development, Volunteer Co-Ordinator

For enquiries email Committee Member Michael Cleary at michael.cleary@fusion.org.au or ring 0412 904 472.

Committee noted information.

7.3 House Numbers

General discussion was held regarding Council's authority to enforce better house numbering.

7.4 Power Pole near Female Factory

General discussion was held regarding a new power pole that has recently been installed near the Female Factory. Miss Copas advised that TasNetworks should be contacted with feedback.

7.5 Weeds

Cr Calvert advised that 4-5 Council Works Department staff have recently completed or are in the process of completing Weed Identification Training in order to be able to better identify weeds within the municipality. Cr Calvert advised that this is a positive step for Council towards weed reduction.

7.6 Public Toilet Signage

General discussion was held regarding international tourists incorrectly using the public toilet facilities in Ross. Signs have been ordered by Council's Works Department and will be installed in the coming weeks.

7.7 Have your say on the economic future of the Northern Midlands

Link to meeting information and survey to be circulated with minutes.

7.8 Town Hall Maintenance

Mr Thorpe advised that the lights are now all working. General discussion was held regarding the clock at entrance of the Town Hall and repainting or removal of the flagpole on the roof. Mr Thorpe to progress requests.

7.9 Village Green Update

General discussion was held regarding the Village Green project. The committee requested that priority is given to install basic pathways and seating as the next stage of the project.

7.10 2021 Anniversary

General discussion was held regarding upcoming 2021 anniversary celebrations.

Mr Allan Cameron/ Mr Marcus Rodrigues

The Ross Local District Committee request that Council formally write to the State Government

and adjoining Councils to seek support and collaboration on the upcoming 20221 bicentenary celebrations.

Carried unanimously

8 NEXT MEETING/CLOSURE

The Chair closed the meeting at 12:21pm.

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