

MINUTES

THE MEETING OF THE ROSS LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD AT THE READING ROOM, ROSS ON TUESDAY, 2 JULY 2019 COMMENCING AT 11:15AM

1 PRESENT

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

2 IN ATTENDANCE

Cr Andrew Calvert, Miss Lucie Copas (NMC), Mr Keith Jolly, Mr Steve Robinson, Mr Graham McShane, Mr Kim Peart (to 11:15am), Dr Jennifer Bolton (to 11:15am)

Mr Peart and Dr Bolton were in attendance at the meeting but left after being advised that the matter they wished to discuss was not an appropriate topic for the meeting.

3 APOLOGIES

Mayor Mary Knowles OAM (NMC), Cr Janet Lambert (NMC), Cr Jan davis (NMC), Mrs Candyce Hurren

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 Christine Robinson/ Mr Ricky Hebbard

*That the minutes of the meeting of the Ross Local District Committee held on **Tuesday, 4 June 2019** be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings with following amendment: 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 2021 bicentenary celebrations.*

6 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6.1 Heritage Signs

Council Officers are still awaiting reply from Crown Lands. A follow up email has been sent.

Committed noted information,

Action:

Miss Copas to follow up.

6.2 Shipping Container By-law

No further update can be provided at this time.

General discussion was held, matter is ongoing.

6.3 Ross Anniversary 2021

Committee to discuss.

Mrs Robinson gave a brief update and advised that a group has been formed to handle the organisation of the above event.

6.4 Giveway Signs

Council officers are progressing traffic count survey. Committee members will be notified once finalised.

Mr McCullagh advised that engineers have identified 9x giveway signs that are required to be installed.

6.5 Access to Town Hall

Council at its 24 June meeting resolved the following:

DECISION

Cr Lambert/Cr Davis

That Council consider the request.

Carried unanimously

Mr McCullagh advised that a key for access has been ordered.

6.6 Public Toilet Signage

Signs have been collected, ready for installation.

Mr McCullagh advised that the signs are waiting to be installed.

7 NEW BUSINESS

7.1 2019/2020 Council Budget

Council adopted the 2019/2020 budget at it's Council Meeting on Monday 24 June. The full media release is available on Council's website.

Mr McCullagh advised that they are waiting for the electrician before further progress can be made at the Village Green.

7.2 Hire Agreements

A request has been made to alter the Town Hall Hire Agreement to include a sentence to stop people parking on the grass at the Town Hall.

Action:

Miss Copas to follow up.

7.3 Newspaper Delivery

Mr Thorpe advised that there is no longer a newspaper delivery service available in Ross. General discussion was held.

7.4 Weed Spraying

General discussion was held regarding Council's weed spraying program. Mr McCullagh advised that areas in and around Ross were sprayed 3-4 weeks ago. Mr McCullagh advised that Council does not have authority on private property.

7.5 Stormwater Survey

General discussion was held regarding Council's stormwater program. Mr McCullagh advised that Hydrodynamica is currently drafting flood modelling for the municipality with a further report to come to Council.

7.6 Phonebox

A request was made to install a light in the phonebox, Miss Copas advised that Council was not in control of the phone box project and that the Wool Centre would need to be contacted.

7.7 Employer of Choice Awards 2019

Miss Copas advised that Northern Midlands Council was recently inducted into the Employer of Choice Honour Roll for 2019. Committee commended Council on their achievement.

7.8 Customer Request Updates

Mr Thorpe advised progress on several Customer Requests that have been submitted. Mr Thorpe circulated an email prior to the meeting.

7.9 Vacancy on committee

General discussion was held regarding the advertisement process. Miss Copas confirmed the vacancy will be advertised on Council's Facebook page and also in the Northern Midlands Courier.

7.10 Police presence in Ross

General discussion was held regarding future police presence at Ross.

8 NEXT MEETING/CLOSURE

The Chair closed the meeting at pm.

Next meeting to be held **6 August 2019 at 11:15am.**