

MINUTES

THE MEETING OF THE ROSS LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD AT THE READING ROOM, ROSS ON TUESDAY, 3 SEPTEMBER 2019 COMMENCING AT 11:15AM

1 PRESENT

Mr Arthur Thorpe (Chairperson), Mr Allan Cameron, Mr Herbert Johnson, Mrs Christine Robinson, Mrs Jill Bennett, Mrs Larna Pittiglio

2 IN ATTENDANCE

Miss Lucie Copas (NMC), Mr Steve Robinson, Mrs Ann Thorpe, Ms Candy Hurren

3 APOLOGIES

Mayor Mary Knowles OAM, Cr Andrew Calvert, Cr Janet Lambert, Cr Jan Davis, Mr Ricky Hebbard, Mrs Helen Davies, Mr Marcus Rodrigues

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, 6 August 2019 be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings with the following amendments:

7.2 Excess Signage

Committee to discuss.

Discussion was held regarding the signage at the entrance to Ross. The committee resolved that the blue signs need to remain. The committee also resolved that the brown entrance sign obscures the entrance statement to Ross.

Further discussion was held regarding the possible relocation of the brown signs obscuring the entrance sign.

7.5 Weeds & Vegetation

General discussion was held regarding Council's weed spraying program.

Carried unanimously

6 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6.1 Heritage Signs

Council Officers are still awaiting an update. Miss Copas to follow up.

Action:

Miss Copas to seek further information.

6.2 Shipping Container By-law

Matter is ongoing. Further discussion to be held at Council Workshop.

Miss Copas to provide updates when available.

6.3 Ross Anniversary 2021

Matter is ongoing. Committee has been formed.

No further update available.

6.4 Police Presence in Ross

An invite was sent to Minister Shelton to attend the September meeting.

Inspector Flude and Sergeant Gillies provided an overview of general policing matters within the Ross area.

They confirmed that a Tasmania Police Officer would be moving into the Campbell Town station within the coming month.

General discussion was held regarding the new Divisional Headquarters to be based in Longford.

6.5 2020 Volunteer & Australia Day Nominations

Forum to consider nominations. Miss Copas to provide nomination forms.

Committee noted information.

6.6 Bridge Street Steps

Mr Thorpe to provide update on progress.

Mr Thorpe to follow up with Department of State Growth, Heritage Tasmania and Councils Works Manager.

7 NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Dog Management Policy Review

The revised Dog Management Policy is available for inspection at Council office and on our website (link below).

Council is inviting comment from interested persons or organisations until 23rd September 2019.

Comments must be in writing, addressed to the General Manager at PO Box 156 Longford, or by email to council@nmc.tas.gov.au.

Committee noted information.

7.2 Review of Tasmania's Local Government Legislation Framework

Community consultation may be held. Committee to discuss possible attendance.

A session has been organised in Oatlands at the Midlands Memorial Community Centre, 68 High Street on Monday 2nd of September from 5:30pm.

Mr Thorpe advised that himself and Mrs Robinson attended the meeting.

7.3 Parking South end of Church Street

Committee to discuss additional parking proposals.

General discussion was held regarding parking availability in Ross. It was proposed that angled parking be considered in some areas.

7.4 Name Badges

It was suggested that when Committee members attend events where they are representing the Committee that they wear name badges. Mrs Robinson to organise.

7.5 Mowing

General discussion was held regarding Council's mowing schedule. It was noted that Wellington

Street, Fitzroy Street and Portugal Street were in desperate need of a mow. Miss Copas to talk to Works Manager.

7.6 Sale of St Johns Church

General dicussion was held regarding the proposed sale of the St John Church by the Anglican Diocese of Tasmania.

8 NEXT MEETING/CLOSURE

The Chair closed the meeting at pm.

Next meeting to be held **1 October 2019** at **12:40pm**.