

## MINUTES

### THE ROSS LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE ROSS COMMUNITY SPORTS CLUB, ROSS, TUESDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2020 COMMENCING AT 11.15AM.

#### 1 PRESENT

Arthur Thorpe, Christine Robinson, Helen Davies, Candy Hurren, Marcus Rodrigues, Alan Cameron, Jill Bennet, Herbert Johnson

#### 2 IN ATTENDANCE

Anna Bonython (Watershed Solutions)

#### 3 APOLOGIES

Mayor Mary Knowles OAM, Councillor Andrew Calvert, Councillor Janet Lambert, Ricky Hebbard, Ann Thorpe

#### 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

*Christine Robinson / Candy Hurren*

*That the minutes of the meeting of the Ross Local District Committee held on **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2020** be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.*

*Carried Unanimously*

#### 6 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

##### 6.1 10 Days on the Island

Event is currently on track to go ahead as scheduled. An article has been prepared by 10 Days On The Island organisers for publication in the "Island Magazine."

## **6.2 Midland Highway Safety Upgrade – Final Stage**

Awaiting update and response from Catherine Searle (Jacobs). Will distribute when received.

## **6.3 Memorandum of Understanding**

No new information from NMC regarding this item.

## **6.4 Police visit**

An invitation will be issued for the Police to attend the February 2021 meeting subject to ongoing COVID operational demands.

## **6.5 Possible combined meeting between Campbell Town District Forum (CTDF) and Ross Local District Committee**

Chair has held dialogue with Jill Clarke (CTDF Chair), and it was suggested that a combined stand-alone meeting be held in the New Year followed by coffee and cake. Chair to discuss further with the Campbell Town District Forum.

## **6.6 Ross Pool**

Anna Bonython from Watershed Solutions updated the RLDC on the progress of the Northern Midlands Council Swimming Pool Strategy review, currently being conducted.

Following Anna's update, discussions took place regarding the Ross Pool, the following being the main points raised and discussed.

- Council has undertaken to keep the pool open for the current summer season
- Tolerance and respect is needed between all parties to arrive at a solution in respect to the Ross Pool
- Watershed will be presenting a discussion paper to Council on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December which will apparently be discussed at the 14<sup>th</sup> December Council meeting
- Chair suggested that Council consider allowing public consultation on the discussion paper before it is finally adopted
- The challenge of keeping the Ross Pool open and viable when it is only 12 kilometres from duplicated facilities
- The downstream effect of increased patronage at Campbell Town Pool if the Ross Pool is closed – Campbell Town Pool is already nearing peak capacity
- The misinterpretation of Councils Site Master Plan for the pool precinct has caused, and is continuing to cause unintended angst within the Ross Community
- The vulnerability of many small communities such as Ross in respect to limited and diminishing resources being able to continue to fund the services currently provided
- Apparently an Engineer will be inspecting the Ross Pool in the New Year to examine the soundness of the structure in an effort to determine its viable structural life. Chair undertook to clarify with Council if this engineering inspection will be taking place

- Candy Hurran gave an update on the fund raising activities she is conducting in relation to the pool

## **6.7 Electric Vehicle Charging Point in Ross**

Chair has held further discussions with the Tasmanian Branch of the Australian Electric Vehicle Association (AEVA), who have confirmed that they will attend the March 2021 meeting of the RLDC to discuss the possibility of setting up of charging points in Ross.

Committee noted the information.

## **7 NEW BUSINESS**

### **7.1 Campbell Town Hospital Board Meeting 18th November 2020**

Dr Gray's retirement function will be held on 4<sup>th</sup> December at 3pm in the Campbell Town War Memorial Oval Pavilion.

Committee noted the information.

### **7.2 Noise Pollution**

Noise Control Regulations are enacted by legislation tabled and passed in the Tasmanian House of Assembly - namely the Environmental Management and Pollution Control (Noise) Regulations 2016.

Committee noted the information.

### **7.3 Bus Zone Sign**

The bus zone sign outside the public toilet painted on the road is very faint and needs to be repainted.

The bus zone sign in question is in fact the sign that is erected on the pole. Discussion then ensued as to whether there should also be a bus zone marked out on the road surface as well. It was decided to invite Council's Works Manager to a meeting of the RLDC in the New Year, to discuss this matter and the possibility of erecting signage, or performing road marking, in relation to parallel parking outside the School Oval.

### **7.4 White Traffic Dividing Lines North and South Entrances**

The White Traffic Dividing Lines on the North (Chiswick Road) and South (Roseneath Road) Entrances to Ross need repainting.

This was raised with Council's Works Department in June 2020 and again in November 2020.

This has now become a matter of Public Safety, particularly in relation to the Southern entrance where the white line is badly worn on the bend approaching the Ross Bridge, see photo below.



The RLDC is extremely concerned regarding the public risk associated with leaving the remarking of the dividing lanes until September 2021, and passed the following motion for Council's consideration:-

***Moved Christine Robinson / Candy Hurren***

***As an urgent matter of Public Safety, the Ross Local District Committee requests the Northern Midlands Council repaint the white traffic dividing lines on the Northern (Chiswick Rd), and Southern (Roseneath Road), entrances to Ross. The bend on Roseneath Road approaching the Ross Bridge is of particular concern where the white dividing line is heavily worn and is barely visible.***

***Carried unanimously***

## **7.5 Fire Abatement**

Council's Fire Abatement Officer has inspected Ross.

Council's Fire Abatement Policy has been distributed to members of the RLDC and is available to the public on Council's website.

The public are permitted to raise properties of concern to Council's Fire Abatement Officer.

Committee noted the information.

## 7.6 Round Table Discussion – Main Points Only

Candy Hurran

Candy Hurran gave an update on the fund raising activities she is conducting in relation to the pool.

Christine Robinson

Veterans Cricket will be commencing January 2021.

Thanked Council for mowing and cleaning up the Village Green, suggested Council be formally thanked and Chair undertook to email Council.

Grass needs cutting on the railway level crossings in Ross. Chair has already raised this with the appropriate Council Officer, who forwarded our concerns to Sate Rail. Chair to follow up again with Council Officer.

Herbie Johnson

Concerns raised about low hanging branches on the Elm Trees in Church and Bridge Streets. Apparently these are again causing problems to equipment such as air conditioners etc mounted on the top of caravans and camper vans etc. Chair undertook to raise a customer request in relation to this matter.

Angle parking outside the school oval is causing parallel parking problems for visitors towing caravans. Chair will invite Council's Works Manager to a meeting of the RLDC in the New Year, to discuss this matter and the possibility of erecting signage, or performing road marking to prohibit angle parking.

Enquired as to the status of Council's plan to implement storm water drainage throughout the Council's area. Previous advice from Council indicated that Perth would be first to have stormwater drainage upgrades, followed by Ross. It was noted that Council's 2020/2021 Capital Works Budget included the amount of \$40,000 for Campbell Town / Ross flood modelling stage 2 – does this mean that Council is still conducting investigations and that a starting date for stormwater upgrades is yet to be determined? Chair undertook to clarify this matter with Council.

Still awaiting installation of Heritage Street Signs. Chair has already followed up after the October and November RLDC meetings, and was told the frames are finished but Council was awaiting the remanufacture of some blades which were incorrect. Chair will seek another update.

## 8 **NEXT MEETING/CLOSURE**

The Chair closed the meeting at 12.45 pm.

Next meeting – **Tuesday 2nd February 2021 commencing 11.15am, venue to be advised.**