



Avoca Museum and Information Centre

Old School Building, AVOCA, TASMANIA, 7213

Minutes

Annual General Meeting

4pm Tuesday 2 May 2017.

Avoca Museum and Information Centre

Welcome

1. Present

Frank O'Connor, (Chair) Prue O'Connor, Helen Reynolds, Mary Knowles, Justin Fahey,
Angie Gee Helen Richardson

Apologies

Alf Hicks Dalija Wells, Leanne Phillips Jacinta Allen, Fred Reynolds,

2. Confirmation of the minutes of the previous AGM held on 26 April 2017

Moved Helen Reynolds Seconded Mary Knowles

Carried

3. The Presidents Report

Frank O'Connor circulated a report prepared by him as acting President (Attached)

4. The Treasurers Report

The Treasurer, Angie Gee presented the audited treasurers report (Attached)

Moved Angie Gee Seconded Helen Reynolds

Carried

5. Appointment of Auditors

Current Auditor: Maree Bricknell Northern Midlands Council to remain auditor

Resolved

6. Correspondence

There was no correspondence for the AGM

7. Election of Office Bearers

Possition	Nominee	Nominator	Seconder	Result
President	Helen Reynolds	Mary Knowles	Angie Gee	Elected
Vice-President	Justin Fahey	Mary Knowles	Prue O'Connor	Elected
Secretary	Jacinta Allen Subject	Prue O'Connor	Helen Reynolds	Elected <i>Declined</i>
Assistant Secretary	Prue O'Connor	Helen Reynolds	Justin Fahey	Elected
Treasurer:	Angie Gee	Justin Fahey	Frank O'Connor	Elected
Public Officer	Angie Gee	Mary Knowles	Justin Fahey	Elected
Council Representative	Mary Knowles			Elected
Committee	Fred Reynolds			Elected
	Dalija Wells Subject			Elected <i>Accepted</i>
	Steve Taylor Subject			Elected <i>Accepted</i>
	Jacinta Allen Subject			Elected <i>Declined</i>
	Helen Richardson			Elected
	Shirley Freeman Subject			Elected <i>Accepted</i>
	Shirley Squires Subject			Elected <i>Accepted</i>
	Frank O'Connor			Elected
	Jane Mitchell Subject			Elected

8. General Business

No general business

9. Close of meeting – 4:30 pm

The meeting was followed by a committee meeting

Avoca Museum and Information Centre**Statement of Receipts and Payments for the period ended 31 December 2016**

Receipts:

Grants-	Tas Comm Fund-Defibrillator	2,870.00	
	Small Museum and Collection Program 2016	2,509.20	
	Work for the Dole Activity	1,181.82	
	Spring Festival	1,134.60	
	Donations	858.19	
	Goods & Services Tax	168.99	8,722.80

Less Payments:

Purchase-	Defibrillator	2,380.63	
	Interpretation Banner	2,634.55	
	Running Costs	1,581.80	
	Electricity Charges	798.62	
	Building Maintenance	165.46	
	Catering Costs	109.96	
	Bank Fees	13.80	
	Goods & Services Tax	335.64	8,020.46

Surplus/(Deficit)

		\$	702.34
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Statement of Financial Position as at 31 December 2016

Accumulated Funds carried forward from prior period	3,700.57
Surplus/(Deficit)	702.34
Closing Balance Accumulated Funds	\$ 4,402.91

Represented By:

Cash at Bank	4,402.91
Outstanding Cheques	-
Net Cash	\$ 4,402.91

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Chairman.....
Secretary**NORTHERN MIDLANDS COUNCIL**To: **Avoca Museum and Information Centre****AUDIT REPORT**

I have examined the financial records and supporting documents of the **Avoca Museum and Information Centre** for the period ending 31 December 2016.

The Committee is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial statement. I have conducted an independent audit of accounts in order to express an opinion on them to the members of the Committee.

The audit has been conducted to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the accounts are free of material misstatement, and includes examination on a test basis of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial statement.

As an audit procedure it was not practicable to extend my examination of income beyond the accounting for amounts received as shown by the books and records of the Committee. It is the responsibility of the Committee to ensure that proper control and supervision is maintained over the control of receipts and payments.

In my opinion, subject to the foregoing, the attached financial statement is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a fair view of the financial position of the Committee as at 31 December 2016, according to the information at my disposal, the explanations given to me and as shown by the accounting records.

Future Book Keeping Recommendations:

- A receipt book should be maintained to record all income received.



Maree Bricknell

Northern Midlands Council

Dated at Longford 6 March 2017

Avoca Museum and Information Centre Goods & Services Tax Summary			
Income	Payable		-168.99
Expenditure	Claimable		335.64
		\$	<u>166.65</u>
Refundable to Committee	Claimable		166.65
		\$	<u>166.65</u>

AMIC Presidents Report 2 May 2017

I thank Alf for his work and generosity as President of AMIC. Over the last few months Alf has not been well and spent most of his time in Launceston which is why I am delivering this report. We wish Alf well and a great recovery.

The sports Exhibition held this year was our first major local exhibition. The support and interest we received from the community overwhelming. It was a lot of work but the result surprised us all. Not only was the volume and quality of the exhibition a credit to the community but I think we were all surprised to see the considerable achievements of our local sports men and women. Much of the material was donated and all the photos and documents were scanned and catalogued for future reference and has provided a marvellous boost to our museum's permanent records.

I can't overemphasise the value of the community involvement. Local exhibitions are a great way of encouraging this and I hope we can hold regular local exhibitions in the future. The committee is considering exhibitions on Mining, Farming and Local families.

The second Spring Flower Festival was held again this year and in conjunction with the opening of the Sports exhibition and attracted a large crowd. Thank you to Dalija Wells for all her hard work in organising the festival and sponsorship.

This community is justly proud of its war record and our ANZAC Day parade is always a highlight on our yearly calendar. The commercial plaques are proving to be a great attraction and a great way of honouring our soldiers. I had expected this year's attendance to be down as the community became complacent and the weather threatening but I was proven wrong with over 60 people attending. This is a remarkable turnout for such a small community.

I believe this year has been one of consolidation. AMIC is now starting to define its self and settle into its role in the community. We are now starting to accumulate a great deal of information and many quality exhibits. The Presentation and Conservation workshop held last year has been invaluable in providing the knowledge and incentive to properly catalogue and care for our exhibits.

We are indebted to Justin who has taken great pride in the Museum and ensured that it is open on a regular and consistent basis. The number of enquiries has steadily increased with many enquiries about family history and place names Justin has developed a great deal of local knowledge and has proved very capable of interacting with the growing number of visitors

We thank the Council for their support. In particular for helping to keep the grounds in good order and the installation of the Internet and Wi-Fi which is proving invaluable. I look forward to a day in the near future when we have our own website. The planned new roof which Council will be installing in the near future will be much appreciated as it will protect our exhibits from the weather, possums and birds.

Thank you to the Committee and Volunteers for the many hours you have all put in. It is a credit to you all.

Committee

Alf Hicks President

Frank O'Connor Vice President

Prue O'Connor Secretary

Angie Gee Treasurer and Public Officer

Justin Fahey

Sue Charlton

Dalija Wells

Helen Reynolds

Jac Allen

Steve Taylor

Shirley Squires

Fred Reynolds

Mary Knowles Council Representative

Frank O'Connor

Vice President



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An AMIC Committee Meeting held at the Avoca Museum On 4pm Tuesday 2nd May 2017. Minutes

1. Present
Frank O'Connor, (Chair) Prue O'Connor, Helen Reynolds, Mary Knowles, Justin Fahey, Angie Gee
Helen Richardson
2. Apologies
Alf Hicks Dalija Wells, Leanne Phillips Jacinta Allen, Fred Reynolds,
3. Approval of the Minutes of the Committee Meeting held 21 February 2017 (Circulated) ##
Motion accepting the minutes of the above meetings
Moved A Gee Seconded F. O'Connor
Business Arising – See items under action list to be dealt with later in the Agenda
4. Finance ##
a. Treasurers Report – the Treasurer tabled a written report
Motion accepting the Treasurers Report
Moved A Gee Seconded F O'Connor
5. Correspondence ##
a. Inward correspondence tabled
 - i. Melissa Smith
 - ii. Russ & Kate Parker – Let's talk about Avoca Brochure
 - iii. Tasmanian Women in Ag – Condolence to Dalija Wells
 - iv. Council – Seeking our views on our ongoing use of the Council shed and whether we would be prepared to forgo our right to use the shed. It resolved that shed was not suitable for our use and we were happy to give up our right to use it.
 - v. Shirley Lowe – Regarding leaving the football banner in the museum.
 - vi. Rubenach relation – Donation of Sunday School Book
 - vii. Jacinta Allen – Small Halls Festival. It was agreed that the \$3,000 cost was too high. We will support other halls.
 - viii. Des Jennings - to follow up on replacement trees. It was resolved to only replace the silver birches
 - ix. Volunteer registrations – Mary to follow up on current position
 - x. Development Application received for the Roof of the Museum
 - xi. Veronica Macno – re sirens
 - xii. Fiona Dewar – visitor guides
 - xiii. Museum Meeting Campbell Town – Minutes
 - xiv. Northern Midlands, List of accommodation places
 - xv. Fiona Dewar – seven free ways to promote events
 - xvi. Tas Women in Ag Reports

- b. Outward correspondence
 - i. Fiona Dewar – statistics
 - ii. Max Employment– Justin’s hours
 - iii. Application to extend Justin’s employment
 - iv. Applications for spring festival and shed
 - v. Mrs King – Trophy
 - vi. Cripps – Donation, Anzac Day
 - vii. Paul Ellis – letter of thanks for donationsMotion approving the correspondence

Moved A Gee Seconded J Fahey
Carried

6. Action List – (Attached)

- a. Volunteer registration form
Mary Knowles to follow up
- b. Playground equipment
John Deere and Council are investigating a suitable frame
- c. Loan form
Form tabled by Frank O’Connor to be trialled
- d. Printing prices sign
Printing prices to be displayed
A4 B&W photo 50cents
A4 Colour photo \$1.00
A4B&W Print 20cents
Resolved
- e. Facebook
Mary to update - Resolved
- f. Smoke Detectors
Installed but two more were included in grant application
- g. Brian Lowe banner to be returned after the exhibition
- h. Shop stock – Book Order
Books ordered - Resolved
- i. Family display
To be investigated after sports exhibition is removed

7. Festivals

8. Workshops – *Report*

None

9. Exhibitions – *Report*

Stitching and beyond Traveling Exhibition – to be supplied in August and September at no cost

Helen to help Justin sort out sports exhibition to be returned

Frank asked about funding for future exhibitions

It was reported that Volka Hahl was putting together a mining display which could be available for display

10. Garden – *Report*

At the local District Committee meeting new sports equipment was offered

11. General Business

- a. Small Halls - covered under correspondence (see 5, a vii)
- b. Council proposed an entrance sign be put on the abutment for the old bridge. Discussion took place as to the content of the sign. The committee questioned if a sign could go on both ends of the town.
- c. Grant Application – Still being considered
- d. Anzac photos of Jessie McKay and Joanne Barnes to be displayed in the Museum
- e. Ruth Miller has loaned us two books to scan for our records
- f. Memories of Avoca by Ernest George Engelbert Foster

Mary to speak to Pat Rubenach to get her approval before displaying or reproducing this.

Meeting Closed at 5:30pm

Financial Report 1st January to 30th April 2017

Balance as at 1st Jan **\$ 4402.91**

Expenses

Hydro	429.86
Grant expenses	160.87
Bank fees	8.60
Purchases	386.03
	\$ 985.36

Income

Donations	575.96
Grant State Growth	278.80
	\$ 854.65

Balance as at 30th April 2017 **\$ 4272.20**

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EVANDALE COMMUNITY CENTRE AND MEMORIAL HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of General Meeting Tuesday 4th July 2017

Chairperson: John Lewis

Meeting opened: 1.00pm

1. Present: Frank Halliwell, Adrian Jobson, Barry Lawson, Chris Hurford, Ian Goninon, Laurie Wotherspoon, Peter Riley, Lois Wotherspoon, Bronwyn Rigby, Gillian Atherton (Minutes).

2. Apologies: Sue Bedford, Judy Heazlewood.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting: read and confirmed. Chris Hurford/ Adrian Jobson.

3.1 Business Arising:

- Solar Panel Grant: Progressing, deposit paid and just waiting for a start date.
- Brochure re-design: Lois finishing sample before getting opinions.
- NBN Progress: Still in progress. In the hands of Ben Morrison NMC.
- Art Show: To be finally decided next meeting, more information required.
- Facebook page: Little slower at present, advertising in NHW and The Courier.
- Bus Tours for Camper weekend: Some short tours about 2 1/2 hours could be available approximately \$5 per head. Waiting for more information from Sue Bedford & Graeme Foster.
- Fumigation: Mainly for kitchen, to treat at a convenient time.

4. Correspondence:

4.1 Inwards:

- Fiona Dewar: Information re 'bike friendly' towns, with the possibility of hiring, repair kits etc.
- Tasmania Devil Unzoo: Offering free entry to staff for one month. (at Riverside).
- Anne Engdahl: Art Show.

4.2 Outwards:

- Neighbourhood Watch: Facebook page for newsletter.
- Country Courier: Facebook page for paper.

Moved that the correspondence be accepted: Adrian Jobson/Barry Lawson. Carried.

5. Financial report:

June 2017

Income	June 2017	% Change	Jun 2016
General	\$773.84	-.02%	\$788.40
Memorial Hall	\$		\$144.00

Bank Balance	June 2017	Last Month
Commonwealth Bank-Cheque Account	\$2597.60	\$3742.90
Bankwest- Business Telenet Saver	\$5065.82	\$5061.09

General Income for June was \$773.84 which is .02% down on last year.

The Aurora Electricity accounts totalling \$1313.97 were paid from our general account, preserving our investment funds held at Bankwest.

	<u>June 2017</u>	<u>June 2016</u>
• Aurora Bill- Community Centre	\$792.38	\$788.10
• Aurora Bill- Memorial Hall	\$521.59	\$599.82

Moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted: Chris Hurford/Frank Halliwell. Carried

6. History report:

- Volunteers have been re-furbishing RSL cupboard at the hall, with minor repairs.

7. Gift Shop and Library:

- Library: Received a deluge of books removed from Scottsdale High School. After considerable effort, some were kept but the bulk proved out of date and unsuitable for our needs. Thank you to Chris for help in disposal to charity.
- Gift Shop: Less stock being purchased is reflected in the financial situation.

8. Centre Management Report:

	Tourists	Other Users	Total	
June 2017	182	269	451	
June 2016	230	??	??	

Yoga is still twice a week averaging 30 participants /week. There will be a 2 week break mid July.

Probus is using our large meeting room twice a month. Averaging 44 participants /month.

The Quilting group, averaging 5 participants, uses our large meeting room each Friday afternoon.

DPIPWE – Irrigation section used the large meeting room Monday morning 26th June & again on Monday 3rd July.

We welcome one new volunteer:-

- Chris Allison

New e-mail address

In preparation for the NBN connection we now have a new e-mail address

- info@evandaletasmania.com

Our website will soon be updated to reflect this change, also we will start advising our contacts.

Our old address evandale@hotmail.net.au will remain in use until we are fully operating through the NBN.

9. Community Hall report:

- Bronwyn reported that a Fitness Group are trialing classes on a four-week program.
- Cat Show booked for August
Moved that all reports be accepted: Adrian Jobson/Lois Wotherspoon. Carried.

10. Any Other Business:

- Web Site: Maintained by Jacob Ball, JKB Web Solutions. The new address will be www.evandaletasmania.com.
The current website needs upgrading to be viewable on smart phones and tablets.
Cost 5 hours at \$132 per hour, \$660.
The cost of a new site \$3000 - \$6000.
Proposal: that approval be given to spend up to \$1000 to upgrade and maintain current web site.
Moved Chris Hurford, Seconded Bronwyn Rigby. Carried.
To investigate if this web site will be able to monitor numbers of users.
- Festival of Roses at Woolmers 19th November 2017. Art and Antique shows plus usual attractions.
- Peter Riley alerted members that lately he had experienced unwanted door-knockers, and urged people to be aware.

The meeting closed at 2.00pm. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 4th July.

AGM

1-13 EPPING FOREST HALL COMMITTEE

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MEETING MINUTES 8-7-17

OPEN 3PM CLOSED 3-30PM

MEMBERS PRESENT

DOT WATSON

DARRYL JOHNSON

MAXINE BARCLAY

JANICE CROCKER

ANDREW BARCLAY

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MEETING OPENED 3PM. TREASURERS REPORT

Paid Power Bill \$130-65 BANK BALANCE \$6,235-32

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - THANKYOU COMMITTEE FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK IN PAST YEAR - ANDREW FOR KEEPING YARD MAINTAINED AND ALL OTHER ODD JOBS HE DOES, JANICE THANKYOU FOR ALL THE MONEY YOU HAVE RAISED IN RAFFLES \$946-70 IN TOTAL A MAGNIFICENT EFFORT ALSO THE LADIES FOR KEEPING HALL CLEAN.

WE HAVE HAD NO CORRESPONDENCE FROM COUNCIL CHRIS WICKS CALLED IN TO MARKET AND HAD A LOOK ABOUT HE TOLD US HE WAS VERY IMPRESSED WITH OUR KITCHEN AND HALL ETC IN THE LAST YEAR THE HALL HAS BEEN HIRED OUT TO STATE GROWTH, TAS WATER AND SHOW SOCIETY. BOOKS WERE AUDITED AND PASSED OUR VERY GENEROUS DONATION OF \$1,000 FROM RICK PREVOST HAS HELPED US TO BUY NUMEROUS ITEMS FOR HALL WE HAVE INSTALLED A NEW WOOD HEATER IN KITCHEN. DOT PUT FORWARD THAT WE REPAINT PAINTED TRIMS IN HALL. IN WARMER WEATHER TO WHICH WE ALL AGREED

AGM NO NEW NOMINATIONS HENCE ALL MEMBERS STAYING IN CURRENT POSITIONS PLEASE FIND ATTACHED UPDATE OF NAMES & POSITIONS

MEETING CLOSED 3-30 PM.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

PRESIDENT - DOT WATSON
VICE PRESIDENT - DARYL JOHNSON
SECRETARY - ANDREW BARCLAY
TREASURER - MAXINE BARCLAY
MEMBER - JANICE CROCKER

Minutes of the meeting of the Ross Community Sports Club Inc.
held on Tuesday July 11th 2017 Clubrooms 7.05 p.m.

PRESENT-: Karen Donlon, Sue Kay, Sally Langridge, Rose Goss, Ricky Hebbard and Dennis Rule

APOLOGIES-: Owen Kay, Molly Jones, Candyce Hurren, Chris Robinson and Eddie Goss.

Ricky Hebbard took the Chair as Owen has had his knee operation and wished Owen along with the rest of the Committee a speedy recovery.

MINUTES -: 'Moved by Sue Kay and seconded by Rose Goss that the minutes be accepted.' **CARRIED**

BUSINESS ARISING -: Picnic in Ross was disappointing this year as vehicle numbers were down due to poor weather conditions.
 Karen will contact Georgina Wallace about Aust. Wool account which is still outstanding.

FINANCIAL REPORTS -: 'Moved by Sally Langridge and seconded by Dennis Rule that the Treasurer's Report be accepted and that accounts be passed for payment.'
CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE -:

IN-:

1. NMC – Food Registration License.
2. Midlands Film Society – Thankyou.
3. NMC – Bi-monthly risk assessment.

OUT-: 1. NMFS – Donation.

'Moved by Sue Kay and seconded by Rose Goss that the correspondence be accepted.' **CARRIED**

GENERAL BUSINESS -:

Dennis Rule suggested when weather is better, that we have a day and invite the community to come and show them our Club and what we do, to get more people involved as we have more new comers to the district.

'Moved by Sue Kay and seconded by Dennis Rule that we again donate to the Campbelltown Hospital Auxillary \$200 when they have their soup, sandwich and slice luncheon at the Clubrooms on July 26th.' Carried.

A trivia night for the Film Society will be held at the Clubrooms on Saturday 29th July.

Sue reported on bookings she has taken for later in year and next, no catering needed from us.

Meeting closed at 7.40p.m.

Next meeting will be Tuesday September 12th at 7.00 p.m. at Clubrooms.

Minutes taken for the Campbell Town District Forum

Campbell Town Hall, 1st August, 2017 at 9.30am

Present:

The Chair - Mrs J Clarke, Mrs Judith Lyne, Mr Owen Diefenbach, Mr Rob Rakich (left at 10.10), Mrs Jill Davis, Mr Bevis Perkins ESM. (left at 10.20), Mr John Ashman, Mr Michael Roach

In Attendance: Mr Leigh McCullagh Council Works Manager

Apologies: Mrs Debbie Thomas, Cr Leisa Gordon and Mrs Amanda Bond

No pecuniary interests

Confirmation of Minutes: J Ashman/J Davis

Business arising from the minutes:

Steps for the CT Pool in position ready to be fixed to pool.

Noted that the name "Blackburn Park" sometimes reverts to its old title of Wardlaw Park or reference is made to south and north Blackburn Park. Can the correct name be emphasized.

Noted that a meeting between Mr Rakich and Cr Gordon to be organized by Mr Rakich to look at problems along the walking track at Conara.

Mrs Amanda Bond to be contacted re the Campbell Town District Forums' eagerness to contribute to the organisation of Australia Day celebrations 2018.

New Business

Leigh McCullagh to investigate car congestion around entrance to CT District School.

LMcC will look at trying to prevent 'hoons' driving through the Elizabeth River below the old swimming pool and reckless damage around the 'Willows' area.

New swing in Valentine Park.

Renovations on the lavatory block in Valentine Park to begin in five to six weeks.

Two new traffic islands in Commonwealth Lane.

It was recommended that Council write to State Growth and ask that better signage be installed at the beginning of the double lanes from the Esk Hwy junction. Problems observed when 'slow' lane ends.

Discussion took place about plans for re-development of the War Memorial Oval.

Motion: The existing Bridge Street gate entrance to the CT Pool be retained.

Moved Michael Roach

Seconded Jill Davis

Carried unanimously.

Motion: The existing kiosk at the CT Pool be retained.

Moved Michael Roach

Seconded Jill Davis

Carried unanimously.

Meeting closed at 10.40am

Next meeting to be held at the Meeting room, Town Hall on Tuesday 5th
September, 2017 at 9.30am

PERTH LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Committee held at the offices of Brian Mitchell MP on Tuesday, 1 August 2017 at 5.30pm.

1 ATTENDANCE

Present

Ms Jan Davis, Mr Tony Purse, Mr John Stagg, Mr Phillip Dell, Mr Don Smith, Ms Teagan Wise

In Attendance:

Cr Janet Lambert, Cr Mary Knowles, Mrs Gail Eacher (Secretary)

Apologies

Mr Graeme Eberhardt, Mrs Christine Beswick, Mr Des Jennings (General Manager)

2 WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS

The Chair welcomed the 2 new members, Don Smith and Teagan Wise, to the Perth Local District Committee.

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Committee RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting of the Perth Local District Committee held on Tuesday, 6 June 2017, be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

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.*

Noted that Mr Tony Purse is consulting and/or has an involvement in the following projects currently being undertaken by Council:

- *Perth Community Centre Master Plan*
- *Perth Recreation Ground Master Plan.*

5 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

i) Perth Structure Plan and 10 Year Plan

Perth Structure Plan

Noted that Council is awaiting the finalisation of the Perth Link Road (Bypass) to progress.

The Committee noted that Perth Business Owners and Operators have been invited to attend an information session at the Community Centre on Tuesday, 15 August 2017 from 6.30pm to 8.00pm.

The purpose of the information session is to seek the views of the Perth business community on proposed plans to address key landscaping issues that will impact on the town's future vibrancy and ability to attract more locals and visitors to stop and spend in the town. The key issues include the town centre/main road streetscape improvements, town entrance statements, the new roundabout

treatments and screening along the length of the new highway.

10 Year Plan

Noted that the Committee had raised concerns previously relating to the difficulty of preparing a 10-year plan as future land use would be impacted by the location of the Perth Bypass. Matter to be discussed further once additional information is made available; however, future planning should include provision for cycleways/ bikeways, footpaths and the creation of corridors and linkages to the various areas of the town.

ii) Budget 2017/2018

Noted that the Chair had received advice from Council re the Committee's budget priority list for 2017/2018, as follows:

- Replacement of LED street lighting across the municipal area.
- Construct kerb and channel and reshape verge in Seccombe Street West (between Mulgrave and Minerva) – allocation \$80,000.
- Construct 476m concrete footpath in Drummond Crescent – allocation \$94,000.
- Continuation of the West Perth stormwater open space improvement program – allocation \$150,000.
- Provide contribution towards refurbishment of a small meeting room at Perth Community Centre – allocation \$15,000.
Security entry fence risk assessment undertaken and gate latch lowered – no issues with propping the gate open when childcare service not operating.
- Street Tree allocation \$70,000 provided for across municipal area depending on current Main Street Tree Planting Reports and priorities identified. Subdivision Tree Planting Policy to be reviewed.
- Bus shelter/s in Clarence Street – allocation \$15,000.
Main Street bus shelter to be further investigated as part of Main Street improvement discussions.
- William Street Reserve – opportunities for grant funding for the footbridge extension to George Street to be sought.
Vegetation management to be monitored/continued with slope mower where appropriate, willow removal being negotiated with DPIPWE, dog bag dispenser installation approved.
- Other major consultancy projects progressing during budget period, with committee, including: Perth Bypass design, highway signage, Main Street streetscape improvements, as well as Peth Structure Plan and Land Use Strategy.

iii) William Street Reserve

See note ii) above in relation to the budget request items.

Footbridge

Noted

- a budget allocation for the Culvert Proposal was not included in the 2017/18 budget.
- once the footbridge installed it is imperative to ensure the connectivity of William and George streets.

Gazebo

Installation of the setting within the gazebo had as yet not occurred. The structure was erected on the site of the old gazebo. It was noted that the plans had shown a different siting for the gazebo.

General

Noted that no budget funding was available to be brought forward.

With regard to the recommendation considered at 26 June Council meeting:

That the Perth Local District Committee encourage Council to prioritise (before summer) the clearing of the willows at the frontage of the new gazebo structure at William Street Reserve and the removal of debris from the swimming hole.

The committee noted that Council does not have authority over the river and river bank and that Council had contacted DPIPW in this regard. A response is awaited.

iv) West Perth Flood Mitigation Working Group (WPFMWG)

The Committee noted that the membership of the WPFMWG committee, as listed in the January 2018 Council minute included: Representatives from State Growth, a Hydrologist, NRM Representative, Landscape Architect and Council officers.

The Committee requested that an invite be issued for a briefing on the project.

v) Website

Preliminary designs for the town websites were tabled at the June meeting.

The committee noted that

- council officers are in the process of populating the new websites and were hopeful to have this process completed by the end of August;
- the town websites were linked to the new Council website;
- the town websites would be launched subsequent to Council's website.

The committee

- voiced their disappointed at the progress of the project and strongly expressed the opinion that the information should be uploaded before the next meeting of the committee.
- Requested details re the contact person, process and timeframes that would be adhered to by Council regarding requests from the committee to have information uploaded to the website.

vi) Beautification of Perth / Town Entrance Statements

See note ii) above in relation to the budget request items.

At the June meeting conceptual designs for the Longford, Perth to Breadalbane Cycleway, Roundabout Treatments and Streetscape Treatments were tabled for information.

Previously noted/requested:

- that the Committee felt that the beautification of Perth should not be held up by the completion of the Perth Link Roads and that the planting of street trees and upgrades should be progressed. 2
- Pot plants in the main street (similar to Longford), can create a working group and talk to businesses (re maintenance), Council could supply pots and flowers.
- The committee reiterated the request for flower plantings on annual basis and the general beautification of the main street and town entrances.
- To be reviewed as part of the Perth Structure Plan (PSP) - a component of the PSP relates to the beautification of Perth.
- Requested installation of a bus shelter for travellers on the eastern side of the main road (budget request).

Update:

- 3 January 2017 Street Trees report/minute circulated for information. Street tree reports being prepared by consultant for towns within Northern Midlands Council.

J Stagg/T Purse

That Council note the disappoint of the Committee that the planting of annuals in the Main Street of Perth had not occurred and that the plantings be undertaken as a matter of urgency.

Carried

vii) Meeting Venue/Community Centre

See note ii) above in relation to the budget request items.

Noted that the 2017/2018 budget includes the following allocation:

- Provide contribution towards refurbishment of a small meeting room at Perth Community Centre – allocation \$15,000.

- Security entry fence risk assessment undertaken and gate latch lowered – no issues with propping the gate open when childcare service not operating.

viii) Perth Link Road

Noted:

- Tasmanian Government, plans and layouts for the link road were on display in the foyer at the Council Chambers.
- 17 July 2017 Council Minute 225/17 re the consideration of correspondence received from the Hon. M.T. (Rene) Hidding MP, Minister for Infrastructure, was tabled for information.
- The Committee were disappointed that the June Council report/minute relating to the Illawarra Road access to Perth had not been provided for information.
- the Development Application for the Perth Link Road had been lodged and was on exhibition to 28 July 2017, link to development application circulated to members on 18 July.
- the Development Application is unlikely to be considered at the 21 August Council meeting.

ix) Wifi

The Committee were advised that Council had halted its program to install free Wifi in Northern Midlands towns as the State Government had commenced a program to roll-out free Wifi. Initially Perth was not identified for connection; however, Council officers are pursuing connection through the State Government program.

x) Perth Footpath Plan

The Perth footpath plan was circulated for information at the meeting.

6 MATTERS PENDING

i) Roadworks, Intersection Upgrades and associated projects

The Committee agreed to list the following items as pending, to be considered in conjunction with information in relation to the Midland Highway Safety Upgrades for Perth:

- Connectivity of Streets – North Perth/Devon Hills
- Significance of Gibbet Hill and John McKay whom (in 1837) is believed to be the last person in the British Empire to be gibbeted after being hanged in Hobart.
- Midland Highway/Drummond Street Intersection – part of Midland Highway upgrade.

7 NEW BUSINESS

i) 2017 Emirates Melbourne Cup Tour

The committee noted that the 2017 Emirates Melbourne Cup Tour is to visit the Northern Midlands on Wednesday 27 September 2017. The following is scheduled for the Cup visit:

- Eskleigh, Perth, from, 10.30am – 11.30am
- Cressy District High School, from 11.50am – 12.45pm
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- Community Fun Afternoon at the Longford Racecourse, from 2.30pm – 4.30pm
- Helping Hand charity fundraising function at the Queens Arms Hotel, Longford, from 5.30pm – 7.30pm.

ii) White Ribbon

Flyer re event details circulated for information.

iii) Backyard Burning Off

Guidelines circulated for information.

iv) Safety of Midland Highway – Perth to north of Breadalbane

The Committee raised concerns about the road surface and the safety of the highway; especially with regard to the sections where the road crosses over from the old to the new sections and vice versa,

where traffic has been redirected from two lanes to a single lane and the inadequacy of the signage.

D Smith/T Wise

That Council request Department of State Growth to undertake a safety audit on the sections of road which have been opened.

Carried

v) Special Meeting

The Committee resolved to hold a special meeting at the offices of Brian Mitchell MP on Tuesday, 5 September 2017 at 5.30pm, discussion to include:

- the clearing of debris from the swimming hole;
- the planting of flowers in the Main Street; and
- Website.

The committee noted Mrs Eacher would not be available to attend.

8 NEXT MEETING/CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 6.40pm.

Special meeting to be held at 5.30pm on **5 September 2017** at the offices of Brian Mitchell MP.

The next **ordinary meeting** to be held at 5.30pm on Tuesday, **3 October 2017, venue to be confirmed.**

MINUTES

Gov 4(2)(viii)

MEETING OF THE EVANDALE ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD AT THE EVANDALE COMMUNITY CENTRE, EVANDALE ON TUESDAY, 1 AUGUST 2017 COMMENCING AT 7:00PM.

1 PRESENT

Mr John Lewis (Chairperson), Mr Robert von Bibra, Mr Barry Lawson, Mrs Kathryn Heathcote, Mrs Henrietta Houghton, Mrs Carol Brown, Mrs Annie Harvey,

In attendance:

Cr Mary Knowles, Cr J Lambert, Mrs Gail Eacher (Secretary)

2 APOLOGIES

Mr Adrian Jobson, Mr Stephen Baldock, Mr Craig Plaisted

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

C Brown/H Houghton

That the minutes of the meeting of the Evandale Advisory Committee held on Tuesday, 4 July 2017, be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

Carried

4 DECLARATION OF ANY PECUNIARY INTEREST BY A MEMBER OF A SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL

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5 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTESi) Falls Park Overnight Camping

Complaints received under investigation.

Suggested:

- signage needs to be improved to redirect campers to old model railway area.
- that Council develop an RV Friendly plan/communication strategy;
- a letter be forwarded to 'Wickie Campers' to explain the situation;
- planting of screening trees on boundary;
- Suggestion/complaint box to be located at Information Centre for concerns to be expressed re this matter.

April meeting - the committee noted that in order for Evandale to be considered RV Friendly an alternate site needed to be identified for use when Falls Park was not available. The following motion was passed at the 4 April meeting and the following was the decision at the 15 May Council meeting:

*That Council **note and investigate** the following recommendation/s of the **Evandale Advisory Committee**:*

That Council consider the identification of Honeysuckle Banks as the designated overflow and weekend overnight camping location for RV/self-contained vans.

This matter is on hold pending finalisation of the Northern Midlands Free Overnight Rest Areas, matter to be workshopped by Council.

The committee noted that a report was likely to be tabled at 21 August Council meeting.

ii) Parking on Logan Road and surrounding streets

Concerns raised regarding the parking along Logan Road and surrounding streets on market days and festivals.

Consultation undertaken in regard to the proposal to install signs prohibiting parking on Sundays – (right hand side - eastern side) of Coachmans Road, Berresford Place, Saddlers Court and Hartnoll Place.

Noted that concern was expressed that the consultation was inadequate and background had not been provided.

Based on feedback, signage had not been supported in Saddlers Court and Coachman's Lane. Council officers proposed that signage be installed on 1 side (right hand) of entry on Berresford and Hartnoll Place only.

K Heathcote/C Brown

That Council officers pursue the installation of signage as proposed, to prohibit parking on Sundays on one side of the road (right hand side on entry) on Berresford Place and Hartnoll Place only; and that parking in Saddlers Court and Coachman's Lane be monitored.

*Carried
6 members voted for the motion
1 member voted against the motion*

iii) Entrance Statement

Costed designs for smaller signs for the Logan Road and Nile entrances to Evandale (including exit signage), together with the main entrance statement, to be submitted to Council for consideration in the 2018/19 budget (received).

Previously met with Council's Senior Planner and Heritage Adviser:

The following was noted in relation to the original design proposed:

- location and size of sign may be an issue;
- layout of sign, to scale and in-situ has been provided;
- sign is engineer designed and will be appropriately braced to withstand wind;
- cost of maintenance.

Committee requested a written response from Council relating to any issues with the sign (carriage), e.g. size, location, etc.

Alternate design proposal was sought by Council officers and circulated for consideration (penny farthing).

The Committee requested that:

- the correct date be researched in relation to the date of settlement
- should the alternate sign be progressed, that an additional penny farthing panel be installed in the walkway barrier at the corner of Leighlands Road. (not to in-fill a gap, but as an addition to the number already included).

The Committee noted that the signage proposals should be subject to the following process:

- Designs to be considered at the September Committee meeting.
- Designs to be discussed at a future Council Workshop.
- Signage will be subject to the development application process.

iv) Morven Park

Information sought

- expected date of installation of lighting. Completion expected January 2018. Committee requested that the placement of the lights should not impede road users as is the issue with the existing lighting.
- Next project in the program after installation of the lights.

v) General matters

Further investigation

- Time Traveller – bricks at site loose, could be a WH&S issue.
Committee noted officers had inspected the site and were unable to locate.
Committee advised that a number of pavers are loose and wobble when standing thereon.
- Shale around trees - messy needs tidying, or replacing with gravel and installation of tree guards. Area swept, advanced trees do not require tree guards.
Committee advised that the level of shale is too high, either needs to be removed or barrier needs to be placed to prevent overflow.
- Trees – query as to whether Arborist had been to assess Council's trees
Committee reported that the Horse Chestnut tree near the toilet block at Pioneer Park needs to be assessed.
- Nature strips at TRANSlink/Airport to Evandale (**area not within road reserve, private property**)
overgrown - blackberries and possible fire hazard, not a good look for visitors entering the State (letter in the Australian).

Completed:

- Trees – query as to whether Council has a tree policy.
Noted - Council is currently doing tree reports for main streets of all towns, January 2017 council minute circulated for information – includes guidelines for tree planting.
- NBN -asphalt dug up and not yet replaced in Barclay Street.
Committee noted that an asphalt patch is in place.
- Public toilets
amenities painted. External ok, internal painting not satisfactory, door frames damaged.
Committee noted that new toilet partitions will be installed.
- Heavy vehicle usage of Leighlands Road (incl B Doubles) – (Western Junction from/to Midland Highway)
Committee noted, that there is a list of b-double routes on the DSG website at http://www.transport.tas.gov.au/vehicles/heavy_vehicles/access/pages/bdouble_route_network
It should be noted that Leighlands Road does not appear on the list.
The Tasmanian Load Carry vehicles webpage also indicates that there are weight concerns with the bridge across the South Esk River on Leighlands Road.
It therefore appears that b-doubles should not be utilising Leighlands Road and if they are observed using the road they can be reported to DSG.
- Care A Car
Longford Care A Car, how is Longford's funded?
Funded by donations. Noted that the Longford vehicle can be booked by Evandale residents, details in Country Courier.
- Falls Park
progress report on Falls Park entrances and other works requested. Walk way entrance is being monitored.
- Signage - Saddler's Court Reserve.
- Disabled parking roadmarking signage at the commencement of Russell Street needs refreshing.
- Pioneer Park sign next to Lake Leather needs to be renewed. Signage cleaned.
- Roadmarking cnr Collins Street and Nile Road had not yet been reinstated.
- Lighting of ANZAC mural
Noted that light is currently on Hall circuit, as bill is paid by Community Centre, the light has been switched off. Request that Council fund the added cost to the Community Centre for the lighting of the mural.
Hall committee to pursue - ascertain actual cost of usage, also pursuing alternate solutions (i.e. possibly install solar powered sensor/timer switch).
- Perth Mill Road Tree lopping - large branches cut, no care taken, trees smashed. Council

contacted TasNetworks.

6 COMMUNITY GROUP REPORTS

i) Rotary Club

No report.

ii) Community Centre/ Memorial Hall

- Community Centre open 7 days.
- New secretary commencing January.
- Hall bookings low – 1 regular booking per month and boot camp on Fridays.
- Quotes being sought to undertake alterations at the Community Centre (replacement of glass roof with colourbond, installation of ceiling and drainage (likely to request reallocation of funds).

R von Bibra/B Lawson

That the reports from community group representatives be received.

Carried

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iv) 2017/2018 Budget Allocations

Noted that the Chair had received advice from Council re the Committee's budget priority list for 2017/2018, as follows:

- 1 Public Toilets at Pioneer Park – toilets have recently been painted. New toilet partitions to be constructed, however extension of this facility not yet scheduled.
- 2 Nile Road sealing – Council will continue to seek grant funding for this project and consider building it into the long term road improvement program. Cox Street at Nile kerb and channel included in long term road improvement program scheduled 2020.
- 3 Honeysuckle Banks – Council will provide infrastructure and surfaces easily maintained in flood prone areas as suggested by committee. RV status for area being investigated further.
- 4 High Street slope removal – Project to be investigated and designed with major stormwater and road improvements required.
- 5 Parking on Logan Road and surrounding areas – residents in streets have been surveyed and appropriate signage being considered by Engineering Officer.
- 6 Rubbish Bin near cricket nets to be installed on a trial basis, but if damaged again will be removed. Rubbish bins near BBQ at Pioneer Park collected six days per week, Council will keep monitoring but at this stage no further bin required. Users should be encouraged to remove

their own rubbish where possible, and not encourage household rubbish to be taken to the public reserve bins.

- 7 Garden bed near Pioneer Park BBQ shelter replanting – noted that there is no watering system available but will review planting of hardy plants during the year.
- 8 Pioneer Park Cemetery information plaque for tourists – referred to Tourism Officer for investigation and consideration for inclusion in Signage Promotion allocation. Assistance from the committee and/or local history society would be appreciated for design.
- 9 Second BBQ in Pioneer Park and more tables and chairs to be investigated along with tree planting – list park to be Master planned.
- 10 As above, or if not Master planned develop a tree planting strategy.
- 11 Saddlers Reserve Walkway – walkway to be tidied and monitored under maintenance budget/ program.
- 12 Leighlands Road walkway – no further panels to be placed on the hand railing due to wind loading.
- 13 Russel Street car parking marking – no action planned.
- 14 Permanent events board to welcome visitors to Evandale and advertise coming events – low cost options supplied for Cressy and Devon Hills – to be discussed further with committee for suitable location / size.

Additional items:

- Replacement of LED street lighting across the municipal area.
- Exposed concrete footpaths in
 - High Street from Cambock Lane to Barclay – allocation \$41,000
 - High Street from Collins to end of kerb – allocation \$40,000
 - Barclay Street from Macquarie to Leopold – allocation \$20,000.
- Town Hall internal painting and improvements - \$20,000.
- Morven Park topdressing – allocation \$20,000.
- Entrance Statement design funded.
- Special Project grant funding allocated to – Evandale History Society for Tasman Tree Recognition plaque \$1,000; Morven Park Management Committee for storage (subject to site Masterplan) \$5,000; and Evandale Football Club contribution towards freezer \$500.

8 CLOSURE & NEXT MEETING

Chairperson closed meeting at 8.00pm.

The next meeting to be held Tuesday, **5 September 2017**, commencing at **7.00pm**.

MINUTES

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MEETING OF THE ROSS LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD AT THE READING ROOM, ROSS ON WEDNESDAY, 2 AUGUST 2017 COMMENCING AT 3:00PM

1 PRESENT

Mrs Christine Robinson (Chairperson), Mrs Debra Cadogan-Cowper, Mrs Helen Davies, Mr Arthur Thorpe, Mr Tony Thorogood, Mr Keith Draper, Mr Tim Johnson, Mr Allan Cameron,

2 IN ATTENDANCE

Mr Leigh McCullagh (Works Manager), Councillor Andrew Calvert, Constable Paul Littlejohn (Tasmania Police), Mr Herbert Johnson (Guest)

3 APOLOGIES

Mrs Amanda Bond (Regulatory & Community Services Manager), Mrs Jill Bennett, Mrs Candyce Hurren

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Nil declared

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Mr Keith Draper/Mr Arthur Thorpe

That the minutes of the meeting of the Ross Local District Committee held on Wednesday, 5 July 2017 be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

6 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6.1 Ross Village Green

Council awaiting advice regarding Building Better Regions Funding application. Plans for development are progressing.

6.2 Sergeant Lewis McGee Commemoration

Update to be provided by Mrs Robinson and feedback regarding draft style to be provided.

Corrected copy of the draft pamphlet sent back to the graphic artists.

The Ross Local District Committee requests that the Northern Midlands Council ask the graphic artists to provide a digital copy of the finished pamphlet to the Ross Local District Committee for future possible use.

6.3 Motions to Council

6.3.1 Motion (17/02/2015): *The Ross Local District Committee request the Northern Midlands Council to have all cats registered is being investigated by Council officers.*

Update:

Council officers are reviewing the Cat Management Plan released by the State Government and will progress actions from that as required. This motion will now be removed from the Agenda and the committee will be advised of further development arising out of the Cat Management Plan.

6.3.2 Motion (02/12/2015): *That Council pay for an acoustics engineer to assess the Ross Town Hall.*

Update:

Order placed for acoustics.

Mr Keith Draper advised that the Northern Midlands Council have indicated that they will meet the full costs of the Town Hall acoustics upgrade.

6.3.3 Motion (01/03/2017): *The Ross Local District Committee request the Northern Midlands Council to consider fortnightly collection of green waste bins in 2017/2018 budget.*

Update:

Report to be presented to Council.

6.4 Heritage Street and Directional Signs

Feedback provided to Council's Engineering Officer. It is noted the original design as submitted by the committee (with the rounded edge) has been approved by Council's Heritage

Advisor. As such, slight amendments based on committee feedback have been made, but ensuring the sign remains in keeping with approval provided by Heritage Advisor. Quote has been sought.

6.5 Tasmania Police

Constable Littlejohn invited to attend the next meeting of the Ross Local District Committee.

Ross Local District Committee Members expressed their concerns to Constable Littlejohn regarding the vehicle "hooning" that is occurring in Ross.

Constable Littlejohn advised that unless a "hooning" incident is witnessed by a member of Tasmania Police, no further action can be taken in regards to such incidents, unless a member of the public is prepared to lay an official complaint.

In general conversation the following were noted;

Large area to be covered by single Police Officer

Ross is one of the better behaved communities in Tasmania

In some instances of livestock theft, Police are experiencing difficulties identifying stolen livestock due to a lack of animal ear marking

Phone 131444 for non-life threatening events, 000 for life threatening emergencies

Single Officer response is not permitted at certain times, or for certain types of incidents, therefore delays may occur until a second Officer arrives.

Issues occurring at Tombs Lake with up to 30 cars passing the boom gate on one particular occasion, and remaining on the site overnight. Difficult to take appropriate action due to the lack of clarification as to who actually owns the land in question.

Meeting to be held Thursday 10th August 2017, between Tasmania Police and relevant parties, in an effort to clarify land ownership and resolve certain issues.

The Ross Local District Committee asks that the Northern Midlands Council advise them of the outcome of this meeting.

6.6 Bus Shelter

Budget allocation for one bus shelter in Ross. Council Works Manager and Building & Maintenance Supervisor investigating installation in Church Street.

The Ross Local District Committee met with the Council Works Manager on site after the meeting concluded, and agreed on a suitable position for the bus shelter.

7 NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Weeds

The State Government has provided more money for the appointment of Weeds Officers. Nothing more definite is known at this stage.

Unsightly Box Thorn growing on nature strip near the intersection of the Northern Entrance (Chiswick Road) and the Midland Highway.

The Ross Local District Committee requests, that if possible, a Council Backhoe be used to remove it.

7.2 Rabbits

Concerns expressed about the recent release of the Calicivirus in Ross.

It would appear that the virus has had little effect on the Rabbit population west of the railway line.

Could the Council please confirm that the Calicivirus recently released was of the latest strain available, and also advise when a more effective baiting program could be carried out again in Ross, with particular emphasis being placed on locations west of the railway line.

7.3 Fire hazard

Concerns expressed regarding a possible fire hazard existing on a block of land west of the Macquarie River, situated from the Ross Bridge to opposite High Street.

This land needs maintaining to control vegetation growth as it poses an unacceptable fire risk to Ross, particularly given that the land is situated to the west of the town and continually exposed to the prevailing North-Westerly wind.

It is not entirely clear who actually owns the land, however the Ross Local District Committee requests that the Northern Midlands Council look into the matter on behalf of Ross residents and advise back in due course.

8 NEXT MEETING/CLOSURE

The Chair closed the meeting at 4.15 pm.

Next meeting to be held **6 September 2017 at 3:00pm.**