

AVOCA, ROYAL GEORGE & ROSSARDEN LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE HELD AT THE AVOCA COMMUNITY CENTRE (ASH CENTRE), ARTHUR STREET, AVOCA ON THURSDAY, 25 MAY 2023 AT 12.25PM

1 ATTENDANCE

Shirley Freeman, Helen Reynolds, Helen Richardson, Jane Mitchell, Leesa Rundell

In Attendance: Mayor Mary Knowles OAM

APOLOGIES

Vicki Burn, Carol Wearing

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

H Reynolds/J Mitchell

That the minutes of the meeting of the Avoca, Royal George and Rossarden Local District Committee held on Thursday, 2 February 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

Carried

3 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*, 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.

4 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

4.1 Budget

NOTED - 2023/2024 Municipal Budget list submitted to Council, following items to be considered in Council's 2023/2024 budget deliberations:

- Additional large bins (replacements) Falmouth Street, outside old Post Office and outside of 23 Falmouth Street.
- Additional seating in 2023/2024 (as identified in the decision relating to the 2022/2023 seating plan).
- Additional outdoor exercise equipment at Boucher Park.

Seating plan endorsed (subject the location suitable to allow installation) at 2 February 2023 meeting as follows:

In order of preference, the places have been identified in order to achieve a town perimeter walking track with rest stops:

1. Falmouth Street, outside of old Post Office
2. Falmouth Street, northern side between Arthur Street and "Billy Bag"
3. Falmouth Street, southern side between Gray and Churchill Streets
4. Churchill Street, western side between Falmouth Street and St Paul's Place
5. St Paul's Place, southern side between Churchill and Gray Streets
6. Arthur Street, western side between Falmouth Street and St Paul's Place

4.2 Memorandum of Understanding Review & 2021-2023 Membership Term

MOU

For information, report tabled at 15 May 2023 Council meeting was circulated.

Decision of Council: That, in the interim and in the lead up to the review, Council endorses the changes to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

NOTED, NO ISSUES RAISED.

2021-2023 Membership Term

Following recommendations from the Longford Local District Committee & an email from the Chair of the Ross Local District Committee, the matter of an extended term was considered by Council at the 15 May Council

Meeting – minute circulated.

Council has agreed to extend the membership term of Local District Committees to December 2023, subject to the Review of the Local District Committee structure.

The advertising for and appointment of members will therefore be progressed toward the end of 2023, with the BGM to be held following membership appointments for the new term.

NOTED, NO ISSUES RAISED.

The Council meeting minutes are available on-line on Council's website.

5 PENDING/ONGOING ITEMS/MATTERS ON HOLD

5.1 TasWater Water Tower Mural

Mayor Knowles advised that she had met with TasWater and emphasised the need for the mural to be local content oriented provided advice on the mural. TasWater agreed to this request. Artist to commence week of 29 May to 2 June.

6 ASSOCIATION REPORTS

6.1 AMIC

Going well.

6.2 Rossarden Landcare Group

BBQ held to encourage membership and celebrate award of "the Best Water in the World" was well attended. TasWater to install a water fountain with dog water bowl and interpretation panel near the BBQ.

6.3 Memorial Hall/Other

Septic in neighbouring block. Female toilet block to be repaired.

Community concerned, do not wish to lose the hall so keen to maintain viability, which is difficult if not many community events. If consolidating costs - have to pay to cut grass and power, no profit.

Difficulties with holding of markets due to insurance requirements as each stall holder is required to hold insurance. Insurance can be purchased through Council, however, if selling bric-a-brac the costs of insurance and stall cost results in out of pocket.

Cannot afford to keep Ash Centre, would be better to sell and funds transferred to the hall.

Budget: can seats or stools be install at the front of the hall – perhaps include in 2024/25 budget list.

7 NEW BUSINESS

7.1 The Future of Local Government Review – Stage 2 – Interim Report

Matter for discussion – email forwarded to members on 10 May circulated.

Comment:

- Avoca considered after the fact in LG reviews – in 1993 review initially attached to Break O'Day Council and then NMC.
- Better off left as is with council's supporting one another (resource sharing).
- Request for notices and copies to be provided to Post Office when community consultations are happening.

7.2 Other matters/Customer requests

- Lack of policing – station at Fingal (Police from Fingal do attend Rossarden). Hooning at the river and issues at Royal George and Rossarden. Arson attempt in main street. Request Police attend future meeting.

8 CLOSURE & NEXT MEETING

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 1.14pm.

The next meeting to be held on 31 August 2023, at the Avoca Community Centre (Ash Centre), Arthur Street, Avoca at 12.30pm.