

## 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, 22 FEBRUARY 2024 AT 12.40PM

### **1 ATTENDANCE**

Shirley Freeman, Helen Reynolds, Helen Richardson, Leesa Rundell, Vicki Burn

**In Attendance:** Mayor Mary Knowles OAM, Gail Eacher (Secretary)

### **APOLOGIES**

Jane Mitchell, Carol Wearing

### **2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

An informal meeting was held on 23 November 2023, no notes from the meeting were circulated.

#### **H Richardson/L Rundell**

That the minutes of the meeting of the Avoca, Royal George and Rossarden Local District Committee held on Thursday, 31 August 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

Carried unanimously

### **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 Tasmania Police**

The Committee have requested that the Council Liaison forward an email to TasPolice requesting that they increase patrols and presence in the area.

#### **4.2 Budget**

##### **2024/2025 Municipal Budget**

Matter for discussion.

Following already listed for inclusion in Budget deliberations:

- Additional outdoor exercise equipment at Boucher Park.
- Funding toward the Avoca Angels Project.
- Assistance for murals/artworks on bus shelters.

##### **2023/2024 Municipal Budget**

Update provided.

List submitted to Council:

- Additional large bins (replacements) Falmouth Street, outside old Post Office and outside of 23 Falmouth Street. Not considered required as there are a number of bins already provided.
- Additional seating in 2023/2024 – seats available on-site at the municipal depot, installation to occur when works program permits, concrete pads will need to be installed at suitable locations.

Preferred identified locations for the seats available:

- Outside town hall
- Vicinity of hotel – Falmouth Street
- Churchill Street – outside cottage
- St Paul's Place – outside of old school
- Arthur Street – outside of Ash Centre

- Additional outdoor exercise equipment at Boucher Park – not approved in 2023/24 budget, request to consider in 2024/2025 budget.

#### **4.3 Memorial Hall / Community Centre**

Toilet amenities – repair to ladies toilets completed.

Budget available for toilet amenities refurbishment, planning to commence and be confirmed, works to be carried out subject to staffing availability.

#### **4.4 Recognition of Local Legends**

The Committee discussed a project to recognise local legends of Avoca with plaques, being deceased persons who have had a positive impact on the local community, e.g. Avoca Angels. Consideration to be given to the establishment of a legends walk (similar to Longford) at Boucher Park. Research, etc. to be undertaken by the Committee members. The ARGR LDC to make application for Council funding and, together with other Committees, to fundraise and contribute to the project.

The August 2023 recommendation of the Committee was considered by Council at the 18 September 2023 meeting as follows:

*That Council approve the Avoca, Royal George and Rossarden Local District Committee project to recognise the significant contribution of local persons who have had a positive impact on the local community, e.g. Avoca Angels; and recommend to the Committee that they make application for Special Project Funding in 2024.*

The next round of Special Projects funding is in March 2024, application to be submitted.

#### **4.5 Recycling vs Garbage**

The August meeting requested that regular flyers/information be provided to householders about what is and isn't recyclable.

Noted that one of the actions from the last Recycling Committee meeting was for committee to review recycling pamphlets of other Councils and Education Dept curriculum resources to identify content for a simplified recycling/FOGO pamphlet, with the aim of having the pamphlet ready to be distributed with the 2024-2025 Council Rates Notices.

#### **4.6 MOU**

Council consulted with the LDC's during September/October in relation to the MOU.

Extract from 29 January 2024 Council meeting agenda – Information Item:

*All Local District Committee's were sent a letter in December/January providing an update on the status of the Local District Committee Review (along with provision of the Safeguarding Children and Young People (Interim) Policy), including a request/invitation to attend a meeting between Committee Chairpersons and Council Officers to take place at the earliest in February 2024 (which would allow the Committee's, save for Avoca, Rossarden and Royal George Committee who meet on a quarterly basis, to hold their first meeting for 2024 and reach consensus on feedback to raise by the Chairperson) and requesting confirmation of their availability for the nominated date. To date, three Committee's have responded to this invitation.*

Meeting scheduled for 29 February at 5.00pm.

### **5 ASSOCIATION REPORTS**

#### **5.1 AMIC**

Correspondence to be sent to Council's Executive Officer re maintenance.

#### **5.2 Rossarden Landcare Group**

Funding for weed eradication.

Defibrillator is outdated, needs to be replaced.

#### **5.3 Memorial Hall/Ash Centre**

Appears that no children currently attending childcare at the Ash Centre.

Committee request for cleaning and grass mowing (when staff are mowing verges) to be undertaken by Council, with only cleaning following functions to be the responsibility of the Committee.

## **6 NEW BUSINESS**

### **6.1 Pathway to Rail Line**

Committee enquired regarding the possibility for the area between the termination of Arthur Street and the rail reserve be tidied up.

### **6.2 Overnight Camping**

*H Reynolds / L Rundell*

*That Council identify/investigate an alternate suitable location for overnight camping in Avoca.*

*Carried unanimously*

### **6.3 Maintenance of the Old School Grounds**

The Committee noted that concerns had been raised in relation to the health of the poplar trees in the old school grounds and requested that Council write to the Department of Education advising of the concerns.

### **6.4 Meeting Day/Date Changes**

The Committee RESOLVED unanimously to change the quarterly meeting day/date to the last Tuesday of the month effective from Tuesday 28 May 2024.

## **7 CLOSURE & NEXT MEETING**

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 1.18pm.

The next meeting to be held at 12.30pm on **Tuesday, 28 May 2024**, at the Avoca Community Centre (Ash Centre), Arthur Street, Avoca.