

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CRESSY LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD AT THE CRESSY DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL (DONNA RITCHIE ROOM) ON WEDNESDAY 18 APRIL 2012, COMMENCING AT 7.00PM.

1 PRESENT

Cr R Goss– Acting Chairperson, Mr L Harwood – Secretary, Mrs F Cox, Mrs H Williams, Cr M Knowles, Mr N Maxwell, Mrs M Taylor (from 7.35pm), Mrs A Green,

2 APOLOGIES

Mrs H Howard, Mrs A Jenkins, Mr S Saltmarsh, Mr P Goss,

3 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

Mr Maxwell / Mrs Williams

That the minutes of the Cressy Local District Committee meeting held on Wednesday 22 February 2012 be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

Carried

4 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

i) Recommendations from Committee

Listed hereunder are Council decisions which arose from recommendations put forward by the Cressy Local District Committee:-

Item i) Cressy Main Street Improvements

That it be recommended to Council that funds be sought to facilitate a permanent external display on the history of Cressy and the surrounding rural area.

Officer's Comments

A proposal to construct an external display of the history of Cressy and the surrounding area is a commendable tourism initiative. However, prior to any funding being sought, it is suggested that consultation be held with the community so that a concept plan can be prepared and location for the installation can be identified.

RECOMMENDATION

That a proposal to provide a display of the history of Cressy and the surrounding area be supported and that, at this stage, consultation be held with the local community which will assist in the development of a concept plan and that direction be sought on a preferred location.

COUNCIL DECISION

Cr Goss/Cr Lambert

That a proposal to collate information on the history of Cressy and the surrounding area be supported and that, at this stage, consultation be held with the local community which will assist in the development of a concept plan and that direction be sought on a preferred location.

Amendment

Deputy Mayor Downie/Cr Brooks

That council investigate a proposal to collate information on the history of Cressy and the surrounding area be supported and that, at this stage, consultation be held with the local community which will assist in the development of a concept plan and that direction be sought on a preferred location.

Carried unanimously

The Amendment became motion and was

Put and

Carried unanimously

Item ii) Animal Control Patrols

That it be recommended to Council that a sign with the words “Animal Control Unit” be affixed to a Council vehicle – this action will remind residents that Council is being pro-active in the management of animals.

Officer’s Comments

A proposal for “Animal Control Unit” signage to be affixed to the dedicated Council vehicle would be a clear indication to residents that Council is being pro-active in patrolling areas to ensure responsible animal ownership is upheld by owners.

RECOMMENDATION

That a proposal for “Animal Control Unit” signage to be affixed to the dedicated Council vehicle be approved.

COUNCIL DECISION

Deputy Mayor Downie/Cr Brooks

That a proposal for “Animal Control Unit” signage to be affixed to the dedicated Council vehicle be approved.

Amendment

Cr Goninon/Cr Calvert

That a proposal for “Animal Control Unit” signage to be affixed to the dedicated Council vehicle and surrounding issues be referred to the Executive Management Team.

Carried unanimously

The Amendment became motion and was

Put and

Carried unanimously

Item iii) Security Light – Laneway between King and Main Streets

That it be recommended to Council that a proposal to install a security light in the laneway between King and Main Streets, Cressy be further investigated.

Officer’s Comments

Council’s works & Infrastructure Manager, Mr Chellis, recently investigated this matter and is of the opinion that the installation of a security light is not a practical solution. Some time ago the situation of closing off the laneway was discussed by Council and following strong community support, it was agreed to retain the access.

RECOMMENDATION

That it be recommended to Council that, in view of the assessment undertaken by Council’s Works and Infrastructure Manager, no action be taken to install a security light in the public laneway between King and Main Streets, Cressy.

COUNCIL DECISION

Cr Goss/Cr Knowles

That the matter be discussed.

Carried unanimously

Cr Goss/Deputy Mayor Downie

That it be recommended to Council that Council’s Works and Infrastructure Manager investigate options for the installation of security lighting in the public laneway between King and Main Streets, Cressy.

Carried unanimously

Item iv Cressy Pool Changerooms

That it be recommended to Council that immediate action be taken to remedy the problem being caused by the application used on the concrete floors in the change rooms at the Cressy pool.

Officer's Comments

Work has recently been undertaken to address the surface drainage concerns within the change rooms and that the installation of vinyl floor coverings be considered as part of the 2012/2013 budget deliberations.

COUNCIL DECISION

Deputy Mayor Downie/Cr Goss

That

- a) the issue regarding drainage at the change rooms at the Cressy Pool be noted; and*
- b) the installation of vinyl floor coverings be considered as part of the 2012/2013 budget deliberations.*

Carried unanimously

Comments by Committee—

Collection of Information—History of Cressy

A general discussion about the proposal took place and it was suggested that:-

- i) A link should be made available on Council's web site that would enable interested persons to submit information that could be viewed and used in a display at some time in the future
- ii) An information gathering day be organised in the township of Cressy—venue to be confirmed
- iii) A suitable display and map to be provided at say on front wall of the Cressy Hall showing location of the attraction and at the site a plaque be erected
- iv) Publicity about the initiative to be facilitated by Council with information in the display to reflect matters relating to the Cressy township, rural issues, transport, education, recreation and the timber industry

Animal Control

It was suggested that details about the penalties for dog offences under the provisions of the Dog Control Act be advertised

Provision of a Barbecue—Brumbys Creek Reserve

Cr Goss advised that he had discussed with a representative from Aurora a proposal to improve the Brumbys Creek Reserve including the establishment of a lease over the site. A concept plan of the area to be developed by Aurora.

Cycle Track--- Longford to Cressy

A proposal to establish a cycle way between Longford and Cressy was discussed

Mr Maxwell/Mrs Taylor

That a letter be sent to DIER seeking their support to fund and construct a cycle way between Longford and Cressy..

Carried

5 GENERAL BUSINESS

General Works Issues

A report was provided at the meeting in regard to the following Customer Request Forms Issued:-

| Issue | Comments from Council Officers |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| Overhanging trees outside 27 Main St | Matter rectified |
| Clean up of house remains at 24 Charles St | Matter being followed up by Council |
| Sunken Fire Hydrant outside 98 Main St | Matter referred to Ben Lomond Water |

6 OTHER BUSINESS

i) Provision of Footpaths in Cressy

The need for the footpath network in the township of Cressy to be extended was discussed and specifically at the following locations:-

Saundridge Rd--- From Charles St to Murfett St
King St & Archer St

Mrs Cox/Mrs Green

That it be recommended to Council that a review be undertaken for the provision of new footpaths in the township of Cressy

Carried

ii) Maintenance Issues--- Customer Request Forms To Be Issued

Overgrown hedge at 119 Main St

Vegetation on nature strip outside 123 Main St

Sandstone capping on wall near Bowls Club in Macquarie St (War Memorial allotment) to be reinstated by using the stone which is laying in close proximity.

Drainage from allotments in Jetson Court flowing onto properties located at 7, 9, 11, 13 Main St

iii) Email—Mrs Helen Howard

The following matters were raised by Mrs Howard via email dated 15 April 2012 and a response from Councils Works & Infrastructure Manager, Mr Chellis is listed hereunder:-

1. The two Prunus Blierana that were destroyed at the northern entrance to Cressy have been removed except for the roots. Could the root remains be dug up and the ground prepared for two new trees to be replanted in the same place.

Comment

The 2 trees are listed for replacement.

2. The stakes and ties on the new trees planted recently in the Main St. need to be strengthened and retied.

Comment

Stakes being vandalised and they are listed to be straightened asap.

3. The fence along the Macquarie St. side of the Recreation Ground needs repairing in three places.

Comment

I understood the Cressy Recreation Ground Management Committee previously maintained the fence, however I need to check on that.

4. The drain and grate is still blocked at the lower end of Spencer's Lane.

Comment

I have been advised the Spencers Lane drain is not blocked. The stormwater system at the junction was constructed many years ago and that particular pit is a siphon pit designed to be full of water at all times. The stormwater drain is listed for replacement next financial year.

iii) Dog Registration Fees

Cr Goss referred to an enquiry he received about the high cost of registering a large number of farm working dogs together with the need to obtain a kennel licence. The situation relates to a farm employee who needs the dogs as they are an integral part of his position. It was suggested that a pack dog fee should be considered. Mr Harwood referred to the need for the dogs to be registered in accordance with the provisions of the Dog Control Act but agreed to investigate the matter.

iv) Cressy Development Plan

Reference was made to Section 21 -- Page 17 (Recommendations) of the draft plan that read:-

“Council should resist the temptation to rezone any further land at Cressy for residential use until such time as there has been a significant take up in the land already zoned for residential purposes.”

Comment—It was the view of the Committee that there is not a ready supply of vacant residential land in Cressy zoned—the situation is that the vacant land zoned for residential purposes is not available for sale to the general public.

This feedback is to be provided to Council’s Manager of Planning & Economic Development

7. CLOSURE

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 8.30pm.

8 NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 27 June 2012 at the Cressy District High School (Donna Ritchie Room) at 7.00pm