

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CRESSY LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 24 OCTOBER 2012 HELD AT THE DONNA RITCHIE ROOM, CRESSY DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL, AT 7.06PM

1 IN ATTENDANCE

Cr R Goss (Acting Chair), Mrs G Eacher (Secretary), Mr P Goss, Mrs M Taylor, Mrs A Green, Mrs F Cox, Mrs H Howard, Mrs A Jenkins, Mrs H Williams, Mr N Maxwell

2 APOLOGIES

Mr S Saltmarsh, Mr L Harwood

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Mrs M Taylor/Mr N Maxwell

That the minutes of the Cressy Local District Committee meeting held on Wednesday, 29 August 2012 be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

Carried

4 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

i) History of Cressy – Saturday 27 October 2012

Cr Goss advised that information re the History Day had been provided to the Examiner, Country Courier and Mercury. It was noted that the group had access to the school drama room (old library) and school's photocopiers (B&W & Colour). Recordings and photo's would be made/taken via iPhone. Documents/photo's would be scanned; items photographed and all records would be placed on a portable hard drive. Information would later be placed on the Cressy website.

Discussions were held re the process for the collection of information, and the following was decided:

- An information sheet to be completed by those presenting exhibits
- Each exhibit would be allocated a number
- Exhibits would remain in the possession of the exhibitor until such time as photographing/ scanning was complete and then returned immediately to the exhibitor

Volunteers were sought to assist and agreed to meet at 9.45am on Saturday, 27 October.

Council's Tourism Officer and Economic & Community Development Manager to be informed of the proceedings.

Cr Goss to discuss with Council the attendance of a Computer Tech to assist the volunteers.

ii) Provision of Barbeque at Brumby's Creek

No further information provided, matter to be discussed at the next meeting of the Committee.

iii) Reinstatement of Boat Ramp and removal of Weir

It was noted that the following recommendation of the Committee was considered at the Council meeting of 15 October 2012:

27/06/2012	Cressy Local District Committee	That the boat ramp at the end of Macquarie Street, Cressy be reinstated and the parking area upgraded – other work to include the removal of the concrete dam which was installed by Council when the boat ramp was removed.	Boat ramp matter referred to MAST; and dam removal referred to Ben Lomond Water.
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at which time the following was the decision of Council:

That a formal application be submitted to MAST in respect of the boat ramp at Cressy.

It was noted that MAST did not accept informal submissions and formal application documents could be downloaded from their website. Indications were that should a formal application be received by MAST that the application would be favourably considered. Mr Harwood would facilitate the completion of the application form.

iv) Drainage from Jetson Court

Mrs Eacher advised that Mr Chellis believed that this matter was not the responsibility of Council and provided the following information in regard to the flow of stormwater:

That in regard to the flow of stormwater, a higher land owner was not generally liable to a lower land owner because water naturally flows from the higher land to the lower land; however, if the water is caused to flow in a more concentrated form than it naturally would, that would be the responsibility of the higher land owner.

The Committee did not accept this advice. Cr Goss to discuss the matter further with Mr Chellis.

v) Cycleway between Cressy and Longford

Following discussions, it was agreed that Council consider a proposal for a sealed bikeway between Longford and Cressy, adjacent to DIER's road, and that, following Council's investigations, a submission for funding for the project be prepared.

vi) Proposed Skate Park at Cressy

It was noted that a site for the proposal needed to be established and that further discussions between Council's Youth Officer and Cr Goss would take place.

vii) Repainting of Power Poles at Cressy

The Committee was advised that the poles had been painted as part of the Troutification of Cressy project in 2003/2004.

The committee agreed that Council advertise in the Examiner and Country Courier and seek comment on:

The intention of the Committee to refresh and modify the "murals" by painting over the red/blue background and blending the background colour with the natural "green" colour of the poles.

It was noted that permission would need to be obtained from Aurora in order for the

project to proceed.

viii) Pool Fence

No further information was provided in relation to the pool fence. Matter to be discussed at the next meeting of the Committee.

ix) Provision of Waste Disposal Bin

It was noted that Council had not yet installed a waste disposal bin adjacent to the newly constructed bus shelter on Church Street and the committee requested that this matter be addressed as a matter of urgency as litter in the area was of concern.

5 GENERAL BUSINESS

i) Street Trees and Plantings

The following issues were noted

- the stakes and ties on the broken street tree outside the “double storey” shop needed to be reinstated.
- the tree, which was cut down approximately a month ago (in the vicinity of 100 Main Street, near the Methodist Church) needed to be removed, the area tidied and replanted.
- the roses at the entrance to Cressy had been replanted.

ii) Spraying for Weeds

The committee advised that Council needed to attend to the Cape Weed at the Cenotaph and spray all public areas during July/August. In addition, the Committee requested they be informed when spraying in Cressy was to or had taken place.

iii) Services Pit

It was noted that a service pit on the corner of Saundridge Road and Charles Street had sunk on one side by approximately 75mm, presenting a tripping point for pedestrians, it was unclear as to which agency was responsible for the service pit. The Committee requested Council attend to the matter and/or refer the issue to the appropriate agency.

iv) Drainage –Spencers Lane

It was noted that the drainage issue on the corner of Spencers Lane and Main Street had been attended to, however, a further problem remained in Spencers Lane (between Main and Gatenby streets) which required attention.

v) Garden at War Memorial

The Committee noted a request by the Bowls Club that Council attend to the garden at the entrance to the Bowls Club from the Cressy War Memorial Swimming Pool, i.e. removing the old/woody plants and replanting with suitable plants. The Committee requested that Council officers discuss this matter further with the Bowls Club and, if necessary, with the Swimming Pool Committee.

vi) Planning Matter – P12-258 – Telecommunications facility, 7 Spencers Lane

The Committee discussed the matter of the Planning Application in relation to the

installation of telecommunications facility at 7 Spencers Lane. It was noted that submissions in relation to the application closed on 12 October, however, the Committee wished to register their objection to the proposal with the Planning Department.

Mrs H Howard/Mr N Maxwell

That

- Council take into consideration any impediment to the future expansion of Cressy in considering the application;*
- Council note the opposition of the Cressy Local District Committee to the proposal; and*
- Alternate sites for this facility be considered, e.g. the Cressy Recreation Ground, adjacent to the water tower.*

Carried

vii) Other

The following matters were discussed:

- why Council and the Heritage Highway focussed little tourism advertising on Cressy.
- Council's approval of the "shipping container" house at Bishopsbourne and the cladding thereof. The Committee were advised that the building was as yet incomplete.

6 CLOSURE

Meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

Next meeting to be held on **Wednesday, 19 December 2012.**