

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CRESSY LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD AT THE CRESSY MEMORIAL HALL ON WEDNESDAY, 28 AUGUST 2013 COMMENCING AT 7.05PM

1 PRESENT

Mrs F Cox (Chair), Mrs A Green, Mrs M Capels, Mrs A Jenkins, Mrs H Williams, Mr A Turnham, Mr P Goss, Cr R Goss, Cr J Lambert, Mr A Wilson (General Manager), Mrs G Eacher (Secretary)

2 APOLOGIES

Mrs H Howard, Mrs M Taylor, Mr L Harwood

3 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

Mrs H Williams/Mrs A Green

That the minutes of the Cressy Local District Committee meeting held on Wednesday, 26 June 2013 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

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.*

No interest was declared.

5 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

5.1 Boat Ramp (incl. Removal of Concrete Weir)

At the 26 June meeting, it was noted that Council's Works & Infrastructure, Mr Chellis to prepare a plan for a boat ramp at Cressy.

The meeting noted

- that a meeting had been held with Mr D. Bassett on 8 August at which time concerns had been raised in relation to the reopening of the boat ramp;
- the concrete blocks provide ponding for the pump;

- suggestion that the blocks be maintained, hazard signage installed and appropriately marked to indicate channel;
- possible issues with Council's duty of care and that a risk assessment would be required to be undertaken;
- matter needs to be referred to MAST;
- correspondence had been received from Mr P Darke in support of the reopening of the boat ramp.

Action:

Council's Works & Infrastructure Manager to assess with Mr Cookson and take action accordingly.

5.2 Proposed Skate Park at Cressy

Cr Goss to hold discussions with Council's Youth Development Officer, Mr Mackenzie, following consultations with Mr N Mckinnon, matter to be further discussed at the October meeting. Noted that the project had been included in Council's priority project list issued to politicians contesting the September 7 Federal elections.

5.3 Re-Painting of Power Poles

At the 26 June meeting it was resolved to invite the Works & Infrastructure Manager to establish a temporary work station at a selected site so that work place safety issues can be demonstrated to the interested volunteer.

Noted that Council's Works & Infrastructure Manager, Mr Wayne Chellis had requested that the matter be placed on hold pending resolution of WHS concerns, determined that Mr D Cookson meet with and provide WHS induction to volunteers prior to any works commencing.

Noted that

- a letter had been sent to Mrs Burton re her interest in the project; and
- project expected to commence in October 2013.

5.4 New Barbecue at Cressy

Noted that construction was expected to commence when conditions permitted, Committee requested that whilst works were being undertaken a power point be installed within the amenities block in order to facilitate the use of a high pressure cleaner.

5.5 Gazebo at Cressy

The Committee discussed the refurbishment of the Gazebo as it had fallen into disrepair, was subject to distasteful graffiti and in general was dark and uninviting. Requested that the gazebo be refurbished in conjunction with or subsequent to the works on the barbecue, members indicated that the upgraded gazebo would be conducive to tourists stopping and taking respite. Suggested that in order to allow more light into the gazebo "porthole" type openings be placed in the walls of the enclosure, also possible that these openings could be decorated as "photo booths".

5.6 Cressy History Project

Discussion undertaken in regard to the Project Development Plan for Cressy (attached):

1) Town Hall – mural

Painting of a mural on front wall of hall showing location of farms and various types of workers,

2) Town Hall – digital display

TV display on a loop – historical pictures of Cressy, include images from 2012 Cressy History Day on town website and display of historic agricultural machinery.

3) Town Entrances (& Town Hall)

A scene of rural people working or an actual piece of old machinery with working men (silhouettes) using it.

4) Park

Display Board highlighting a walking track around the town to prominent community assets identified by plaques or silhouettes at each location.

5) Historical Recognition

Use of silhouettes and plaques to identify various prominent sites in the township.

6) War Memorial

Development of a Green Walk (display of silhouettes depicting the return of the Green brothers after World War II) and provision of a display board and map showing the names of soldiers who perished in the two wars. The display will be linked to plaques erected outside the residence or farms where they lived.

Following the July meeting, the resolution of the committee was endorsed by Council at the 22 July Council meeting and the advancement of the Cressy History Project was referred to Council's Economic & Community Development Manager, Ms Green, so that investigations on preliminary costs could be obtained with an appropriate grant being sought in consultation with Cr Goss. Preliminary investigations into Tas Community Fund grant program being considered, with applications closing on 2 October (for grants under \$10,000).

The Committee requested that the plans in relation to 1) and 2) above to be progressed this financial year, the Committee advised details of their preferred artist for the Town Hall mural project and requested Council to approach Leanne Hodgetts to provide an estimate of cost for the mural on the frontage of the Town Hall; the Committee was advised that prior to an artist being appointed the matter would be required to be considered at a future Council meeting. It was suggested that the Hall Committee may be willing to provide some funds towards the mural project.

Further, the Committee suggested that the RSL be informed and requested to assist with item 6) above.

5.7 Condition of Telstra Pits in Cressy

At the 26 June meeting concern was raised about the condition/stability of Telstra pits in Cressy, at which time the Committee recommended, *“that Telstra be requested to undertake risk assessments of their pits located in the township of Cressy. It was noted that at several sites, the pits may only require earth to be re-instated from around the lid itself – responsibility to be determined”* was considered by Council at the 22 July 2013 Council meeting, at this time it was the decision of Council to request a report in relation to the matter.

It was noted that a report into this matter has as yet not been tabled and was likely to be tabled in October. The Committee suggested that Council may wish to approach Mr Cookson to undertake an assessment of 2 of the pits in Cressy.

5.8 Repairs to Entrance Gate at Cressy Recreation Ground

The Committee noted that repairs had been effected by the Recreation Ground Committee.

Matter finalised.

5.9 Large Flower Pots

The Committee noted that the Works & Infrastructure Manager had agreed to the proposal to relocate the large flower pots to Cressy, subject to the following:

- planters not to restrict use of the footpath;
- planters to be maintained locally;
- a location plan be provided to the Works & Infrastructure Manager (i.e. the property number outside of which the planters are to be located);
- details of persons responsible for maintaining the planters; and
- details of plantings.

The Committee agreed that plans would be drawn up and residents consulted.

6 NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Footpaths

King Street – the Committee is of the opinion that the nature of the road, i.e. the 90° bends in the road and the limited verge, the road requires the installation of a footpath.

Stock Route (northern end to Main Street) – requires a footpath, the Committee requested that the matter be investigated – understood this may be included in future capital works for 2014/2015.

6.2 Trout Sculpture

The Committee noted that the base of the Trout sculpture had been defaced and requested that the matter be addressed, noted that it may only be required to be cut and polished.

6.3 Cressy / Longford Road

The Committee requested that road repair issues on the road between Cressy and Longford be referred to Council's Traffic Management Committee for the attention of DIER. Noted that a dip in the road causes water to run over the road at Cressy House and also at the first bend to the south of Munden Lane (on the eastern side).

6.4 Children's Play Equipment

Noted that there is no swing for small children. Requested that one of the two existing high swings be replaced with a swing that was suitable to be used by young children.

6.5 Landscaping – Frontage of Trout Sculpture and surrounds

Noted that this area has been neglected, requested that the maintenance regime be improved and that, in particular, maintenance be undertaken prior to the Trout Expo.

7 CLOSURE & NEXT MEETING

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 8.05pm.

The next meeting to be held on Wednesday, 23 October 2013 commencing at 7.00pm.