

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CRESSY LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD AT THE CRESSY MEMORIAL HALL ON WEDNESDAY, 23 OCTOBER 2013 COMMENCING AT 7.05PM

1 PRESENT

Mrs F Cox (Chair), Mrs A Green, Mrs A Jenkins, Mrs H Howard, Mrs H Williams, Mr A Turnham, Mr P Goss, Cr R Goss, Mr W Chellis (Council's Works & Infrastructure Manager), Mrs G Eacher (Secretary)

2 APOLOGIES

Mrs M Cables, Mrs M Taylor, Mr L Harwood

3 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

Mrs A Jenkins/Mrs H Williams

That the minutes of the Cressy Local District Committee meeting held on Wednesday, 28 August 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.*

5 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

5.1 Boat Ramp (incl. Removal of Concrete Weir)

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.

A risk assessment conducted by Mr Cookson was tabled and agree to circulate with the minutes.

Cr Goss requested Council to seek out ways to address the issues raised in the risk assessment to ensure that a boat ramp is built as is required by the residents of Cressy; he asked Council officers to establish a program of actions and to document progress.

Action:

Matter to be pursued.

5.2 Proposed Skate Park at Cressy

The Committee noted that Cr Goss had not held discussions with Council's Youth Development Officer, Mr Mackenzie or Mr N Mckinnon in regard to this matter. However, the Youth Development Officer advised that:

The most recent meeting with skate park proposers as Youth Development Officer (YDO) and School Chaplain at Cressy District High School, Wed 18th September 2013. At the previous meeting the students had been asked to find out from their peers, what level of interest was indicated for the proposal from not only skaters, but scooter riders and BMX users.

It is clear from observation, and reports from young people themselves, that scooter riders and BMX riders are using skate facilities generally.

The YDO will present the findings and recommendations to the next Council monthly meeting in November.

The meeting noted that Council's Youth Development Officer would report to the November meeting of Council.

Action:

Matter to be discussed further at the December meeting.

5.3 Re-Painting of Power Poles

Council's Works & Infrastructure Manager, Mr Wayne Chellis had previously requested that the matter be placed on hold pending resolution of WHS concerns.

Mr Chellis advised that in order to satisfy WHS requirements, considerable input would be required by Council staff to support a volunteer to undertake the painting of the poles. It was determined that it would not be practical to utilise volunteer labour to undertake this project.

The committee determined that the pictures painted on the poles should remain and that the blue or red coloured backgrounds be painted over in a neutral shade. Consideration to also be given to repainting of the mural on the Cressy Memorial Swimming Pool wall and the hydro poles by Leanne Hodgetts, possibly to undertake works off site as was proposed for the History Project.

Mr A Turnham/Mrs H Howard

That maintenance and refurbishment of the decorated Hydro poles be undertaken by Council.

Carried

Action:

Letter to be sent to Mrs Burton.

5.4 New Barbecue at Cressy

The committee commended Council on the new barbecue and it was noted that water and signage was yet to be provided/installed at the barbecue.

Action:

Signage to be installed and water to be provided.

5.5 Gazebo at Cressy

At the 28 August meeting 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, at which time the Committee made the following decision:

That Council assess and refurbish the Gazebo.

At the 16 September Council meeting, the recommendations of committees were considered and the following decision was made by Council:

That Council note and investigate the recommendations of the Committees.

Council's Works & Infrastructure Manager recommended that the gazebo be removed as it provides screening for anti-social/ undesirable behaviours and attracted vandals; and noted that the gazebo was in a state of disrepair.

Action:

Agreed that usage of the gazebo be monitored by the Committee and the matter be held reconsidered in autumn 2014.

5.6 Cressy History Project

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

Project		Description
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

Project	Description
	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.

The following progress of the project was noted:

Date	Progress
22/07/13	advancement of the Cressy History Project was referred to Council's Economic & Community Development Manager, Ms Green
16/09/13	Council approved an allocation of \$22,043 for the Cressy History Project, based on the receipt of a dollar for dollar grant; and allocate funding in the mid-year Council budget review
	Fae Cox and Leanne Hodgetts met
	Ms Hodgetts provided sketch plans / design works for the mural
15/10/13	TCF grant application for \$22,042 submitted, which would provide 50% of the funds to complete the project.
23/10/13	Hall Committee advised that they would provide funding of \$750 toward the painting of the mural

The 16 September 2013 Council report noted that preliminary quotes had been obtained for the project components as follows:

Project component	Cost items and quote source	Totals (GST exclusive)
Town Hall Mural	Panels, paint and artist fee: quoted by Ms L Hodgetts	\$ 3,490
Town Hall Television		\$ 1,000
Sculptures/silhouettes	Quote provided by Meander Valley Council for sculptures recently installed in Westbury @ \$10,000 each	\$ 30,000
Interpretation Plaques (15)	Quote by Doc Signs	\$ 6,145
	Research and design of the plaques: 15 plaques x 10hrs x \$30	\$ 4,500
Park Display Board	Quote by Think Big for 1.2m x 1.2m board	\$ 1,000
	Research and design: 20hrs x \$30	\$ 600
App component	Scriptwriting: 15hrs x \$30	\$ 450
App component	Voice over by professional artist	\$ 700
Installation of artworks	Council quote	\$ 2,000
	Total	\$ 49,885

The total cost of the project is \$49,885, GST exclusive. Cressy Local District Committee members can undertake the plaques' researching and design for an in-kind contribution of \$4,500. Council staff can undertake the park display board research and design and App scriptwriting for an in-kind contribution of \$1,300. Thus the cash requirement for the project is \$44,085.

Matters relating to vandalism of the mural were discussed, measures to mitigate vandalism such as security cameras and perspex screen to be investigated by Council officers.

Noted that Ms Hodgetts had indicated a timeframe of 7 to 10 years for refurbishment of the mural at an estimated cost of \$1,400.

Ms Hodgetts design work discussed, the following amendments/inclusions to be

considered:

- perspective – property cameos to be of geographic relevance
- kangaroos in foreground to be removed, possibly replace by “working people”, i.e. person shoeing a horse.

Final sketch required prior to production of artwork.

Action:

Outcome of TCF application awaited.

Alterations/amendments to preliminary designwork required.

Draft sketch plan to be circulated with minutes.

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.

Noted that the following information report was tabled at the 14 October Council meeting:

On 17 September Mr Chellis contacted Telstra re the Telstra Pits and sent the following email to Telstra confirming his conversation:

During our discussion regarding the replacement of Telstra pits today you advised me that the replacement of all asbestos pits has been put on hold following the concerns raised with untrained contractors working on asbestos pits during the installation of the NBN cable.

The list of concerns reported to Telstra are attached. I understand you carried out a site inspection about 5 months ago and have plans in place to undertake the replacement of some of these pits when your staff are permitted to once again work on asbestos pits .

In relation to pit at the frontage of 8 Church Street Cressy consideration is being given to raising the soil up to that level, however I am concerned that a new pit may be installed at the same level as the old one without consulting council.

It would be appreciated if you are able to provide me with the email address of a Telstra leader that I am able to discuss future concerns with when council receive complaints regarding dangerous pits. Previous to discussing these concerns with yourself I have rung the faults number, reported the fault and generally received no feedback or consultation from any Telstra representative.

In regards to priority the ones listed at Cressy in particular the one at the frontage of 23 Charles Street is no 1 priority, however the rectification of the remaining pits listed is considered to be urgent by council.

The Committee noted that Council were pursuing the ongoing issues with Telstra and noted the difficulties in resolving the replacement of the asbestos pits and repairs to other pits.

Committee members agreed that individuals should deal directly with Telstra as this seemed to elicit some action from Telstra.

Action:

Council to pursue the ongoing issues with the Telstra pits.

5.8 Large Flower Pots

At the meeting of 28 August 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.

Noted that 4 pots would be relocated, i.e. 2 outside of the hotel & 2 outside of the hall, Cr Goss to advise Council's Works Supervisor of the exact locations. The planters would then be filled with soil and planted, noted that small shrubs and perennials preferred.

Action:

Cr Goss to provide details of the exact locations for flower pots. Planters to be filled with soil and planted.

5.9 Footpaths – King Street & Stock Route

5.9.1 King Street – the Committee requested the installation of a footpath due to the nature of the road. Noted that a risk assessment had been undertaken with no major issues identified. Agreed that footpath construction midway along King Street, in the vicinity of the two 90° bends, to be included in the future footpath programme – possibly 2015/2016.

5.9.2 Stock Route (northern end to Main Street) – noted that the Committee requested that the installation of a footpath be investigated. Footpath re-allocation of \$14,000 to enable footpath to be constructed in conjunction with kerb and channel, was approved at the 14 October Council Meeting. Matter concluded.

Action:

1. *Inclusion of footpath construction midway along King Street, in the vicinity of the two 90° bends, in the future footpath programme – possibly 2015/2016.*
2. *Finalised – no further action.*

5.10 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.

Matter under investigation, contractor (possibly Doc Signs) to be contacted re reinstatement.

Action:

Contractor to be contacted re reinstatement.

5.11 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. 2 issues noted

- a) a dip in the road causes water to run over the road at Cressy House, and
- b) the road is has collapsed and is uneven at the first bend to the south of Munden Lane, when travelling from Longford to Cressy, i.e. the eastern side.

The Committee noted that the matter had been referred to Traffic Management Committee and requested that Council also contact DIER direct.

Action:

Letter to be sent to DIER.

5.12 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.

Noted that the swing had been replaced, Works & Infrastructure Manager to confirm that correct swing has been installed.

Action:

Swing suitability to be confirmed.

5.13 Landscaping – Frontage of Trout Sculpture and surrounds

The Committee were of the opinion that this area had been neglected, however, were advised that it was the intent of the plantings to resemble a rivers edge landscape. The committee requested that the plants be trimmed and the area maintained.

Action:

To be included in schedule maintenance programme.

6 NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Tree plantings, guards & surrounds

The Committee enquired about future tree plantings in Cressy and the possibility of incorporating tree guards and tree surrounds. The Works & Infrastructure Manager explained that tree guards and tree surrounds were only utilised when street trees were planted and were not required when trees were planted on verges or footpaths, further that tree guards would be removed once trees were sufficiently mature.

Agreed that future street tree plantings in the Main Street would be considered in conjunction with the installation of new kerb, gutter and footpaths and following the consultation of residents in the immediate vicinity of any proposed plantings.

Action:

Future street tree plantings in the Main Street would be considered in conjunction with the installation of new kerb, gutter and footpaths.

6.2 Australian Government Mobile Service Centre

Flyers to be distributed – mobile service to visit Cressy on Tuesday, 14 November from 1pm to 4pm. Location – adjacent to the Big Trout, cnr Church & Main streets.

Committee agreed to put up flyers at strategic locations.

Action:

Flyers to be put up at strategic locations.

6.3 Recreation Ground - fencing

The Committee noted that a contractor had been engaged to refurbish the fence at the Recreation Ground, and that it was envisaged that the refurbishment would enable considerable savings on the approved project as originally costed.

The Committee requested that these savings be allocated to another Cressy building project, as recommended by the Recreation Ground Committee, and not lost to the community.

The Works & Infrastructure Manager confirmed that should there be savings these could be reallocated to an alternate building project in Cressy.

Action:

No further action.

6.4 Telstra Tower

The Committee noted and requested that it be minuted that the erection of the Telstra Tower had impaired the view considerably.

Action:

No further action.

6.5 Cape Weed

The Committee noted the prevalence of Cape Weed in footpaths. The Works & Infrastructure Manager advised that the Cape Weed was sprayed regularly in Council's parks and reserves, however, the maintenance of verges remained the responsibility of the adjacent property owner/occupier and Council. The Committee requested that information be provided to residents on identification and eradication of Cape Weed.

Action:

Information item to be included in Country Courier.

7 CLOSURE & NEXT MEETING

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 8.35pm.

The Committee requested that the next meeting be held on Wednesday, 18 December 2013, **meeting date to be confirmed by Mr Harwood.**