

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE CRESSY LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD AT THE CRESSY DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL (DONNA RITCHIE ROOM) ON WEDNESDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2012, COMMENCING AT 7.00PM.

1 PRESENT

Mr S Saltmarsh – Chairperson, Mr L Harwood – Secretary, Mrs A Jenkins, Mr P Goss, Mrs H Howard, Mr N Maxwell, Cr R Goss, Mrs H Williams,

2 APOLOGIES

Mrs F Cox, Mrs A Green, Mrs M Taylor

3 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

Mrs Howard / Mr Maxwell

That the minutes of the Cressy Local District Committee meeting held on Wednesday 16 November 2011 be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

Carried

4 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

i) Alcohol Consumption—Outside the Ringwood Hotel at Cressy

In regard to the consumption of alcohol outside the Ringwood Hotel, the following comments were received from the Liquor & Gaming Branch about this matter:-

“I refer to your email below.

Previous enquiries into activities at the hotel reveal that the area and tables in question are the property of the hotel and legally provided.

In the absence of issues & behaviour that could be deemed to be causing undue annoyance or disturbance there is no capacity to require the facilities to be relocated and/or screened.

If the CLDC wishes, our officer will pass on the concerns when next speaking with the licensee; or would the Committee prefer to make representations directly to Geoff Jenkins?

I await your advice.”

It was **RESOLVED** that the information received from the Liquor & Gaming Branch about matters at the Ringwood Hotel at Cressy be noted and at this stage the situation be monitored.

In order to ensure that the streetscape is presented in a clean & tidy condition, the Licensee of the Ringwood Hotel be requested to empty the rubbish bin at the front of the premises.

ii) Cressy Main St Improvements

Mr Harwood advised that the subject of possible grant funds to be used to upgrade Main St, Cressy was referred to Council's Community & Economic Development Manager, Ms Lorraine Green who mentioned that she was unaware of any current grants for main street makeovers however suggested that the Dorset Council be contacted in regard to their funding source for the work undertaken at Bridport

Mr Harwood contacted the Corporate Services Manager at the Dorset Council, Mr G Jetson and his response was as follows:-

"We received 2 grants for the Bridport Main Street Project - \$250k from the Main Street Makeover program for the street - and \$242k from the Urban Renewal Heritage Fund for the completion of the footpath and work on the village green.

Both were thru the Local Gov Division. Council contributed approximately \$1.5m

Since receipt of this information, Mr Harwood contacted Mr Greg Brown, Deputy Director, Local Government Division who confirmed that the Main Street Makeover Program was a one off and there were no more funds available whereas no decision has been made in regard to availability of funding under the Urban Renewal Heritage Fund for 2012/2013.

In a discussion about improvements to the Cressy streetscape, Mrs Howard mentioned:-

"To continue the theme of the roses as you enter the town of Cressy from the north perhaps more of these could be planted between the trees that were planted two years ago. This would hugely enhance this area and give some colour.

The trees that were planted need some attention with the stakes and ties being renewed or retied. The way the trees were planted recently in both Perth & Longford look very smart especially with the green guards and the concrete kerbs. Could this also be

done like this for Cressy?. This would at least give some cohesion to these towns that are close together.

Other ideas put forward by Mrs Howard included:-

Continue with the fish theme

Some form of fish sculptures at the entrances to the town. These could be free standing or erected at different heights

Information Board(s) showing words and pictures depicting the history of the buildings of Cressy. This could also include the history of the rural community and the present day activities eg tanning, blacksmithing, wool poppies

The information board(s) could be in one place or erected outside where the original building was located—28 images showing various town information boards/panels were circulated to the members

Some of the points of interest are blacksmith shop, town hall, original school, tanning and leather works, Newtons General store, Hills Store, Post Office, Butcher, & Bakers Shop, Saleyards, Top Hotel, Hairdressers, Anglican & Methodist Churches

This is a huge undertaking and money needs to be sourced.

Working groups are needed to research the topics

The Cressy District High School pupils may be able to be utilised in a particular way

The Northern Midlands Council needs to be part of any project”

Other comments from Mrs Howard related to fitness equipment:-

“There has been a very good fitness area added to the area near the sound stage in Ulverstone. As they have extensive walking tracks in the same area-this seems to well utilised”

Mrs Howard/Mr Maxwell

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.

Carried

iii) Provision of a Barbecue—Brumbys Creek Reserve

Mr Harwood advised that a proposal to instal a barbecue at the Brumbys Creek Reserve has been discussed with Mr Neil Morrow, Project Manager, Anglers Access—Inlands Fisheries Service and from comments received, the idea would not be supported particularly in view of the current economic climate and also concerns were expressed about vandalism and on-going maintenance.

Cr Goss mentioned that he had discussed improvements of the site with the Asset Manager of HEC—owners of the land and in order to progress the idea, he would prepare a plan including RV potential and submit the information to the HEC within the next 30 days. It was suggested by Cr Goss that contributions towards the proposal may be available from NRM, HEC, Trout Expo Committee and the Cressy District High School.

Cr Goss will request that the area be inspected during the holding of the Councillors Roads Tour on the 13 April 2012.

iv) General Works Issues

A report was provided at the meeting about the following Customer Request Forms :-

| Issue | Comments from Council Officers |
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| i) Need for regular patrols by Council's Animal Control Officer | Regular patrols undertaken |
| ii) Concrete lid outside 8 Church St | Matter referred to Telstra |
| iii) Overhanging trees | Matter being followed up by Council's Compliance Officer |
| iv) Management of capeweed | War Memorial Reserve inspected & presence of capeweed is nominal and appears to have been sprayed |
| v) Security light (between King St & Main St | The laneway is too narrow (only900mm) to install a pole or bollard light |
| vi) House Remains—24 Charles St, Cressy | Property inspected by Council and information being sought from owner about their intentions and if information not received within 14 days, an abatement notice will be issued. |

Comments about the above schedule:-

Item (i) Animal Control Patrols

Mrs Howard/ Mrs Jenkins

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 active in the management of animals.

Carried

Item (ii) Concrete Telstra Pit Lid—Outside 8 Church St

Matter to be referred back to Telstra reminding the authority that the due to the location of the pit, the tripping hazard poses a threat to local children

Item (v) Need for Security Light—Laneway Between king St & Main St

Council Works & Infrastructure Manager Mr Chellis provided information that the laneway (900mm) was too narrow to instal a light on a pole or bollard.

Concern was raised that due to the design of the laneway, there was a serious security issue at night and the consequent potential for an incident.

It was **RESOLVED** that it be recommended to Council that a proposal to instal a security light in the laneway between King St & Main St, Cressy be further investigated

5 OTHER BUSINESS

Poles in Main St

Lower section of poles which were painted blue need to be refreshed

Pool Fence—Adjacent to the War Memorial

Structure needs to be re-painted

Following matters raised by Cr Goss;-

Sunken Fire Hydrant—Outside 98 Main St, Cressy

Matter to be referred to Ben Lomond Water

Stormwater Issue-- Spencers Lane (Outside No2)

Matter to be referred to Council's Works & infrastructure Manager, Mr Chellis

Drainage Issue at the Stock Route

Matter to be referred to Council's Works & Infrastructure Manager , Mr Chellis—pipes need to be cleaned & maintained

Cycle Track—Longford to Cressy

Matter to be further discussed at next meeting.

Cressy Pool Changerooms

Mrs Jenkins/ Mrs Howard

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.

Carried

6 CLOSURE

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 8.30pm.

7 NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 18 April 2012 at the Cressy District High School (Donna Ritchie Room) at 7.00pm