

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CRESSY LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE
HELD AT THE CRESSY FIRE STATION ON WEDNESDAY, 25 MAY 2011,
COMMENCING AT 7.15PM**

1 PRESENT

Mr S Saltmarsh – Chair (from 7.17pm), Mr P Goss – Deputy Chair, Mrs H Williams, Mrs F Cox, Mrs A Jenkins, Mrs A Green, Mrs S Cole, Mr N Maxwell, Mrs M Taylor (from 7.45pm), Cr R Goss, Mr A Wilson – General Manager, Mr W Chellis – Works & Infrastructure Manager, Mrs G Eacher – Executive Assistant

2 APOLOGIES

Mrs H Howard, Mr L Harwood – Executive & Liaison Officer

3 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

Mrs Cox/Mrs Jenkins

That the minutes of the Cressy Local District Committee meeting held on Wednesday 30 March 2011 be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

Carried

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

4.1 Availability of Treated Water for Cressy

Mr Chellis advised that there had been no feedback from Ben Lomond Water in regard to the expected date for water connection to be completed, although it was expected to be in the near future. Mr Chellis agreed to follow up on this matter.

Issues relating to the Cressy water supply due to the temporary closure of the Poatina power station were again raised. Mr Harwood to investigate this matter.

It should be noted that following the meeting Mrs Eacher was advised by Ben Lomond Water that the water was expected to be turned on by mid-June at the latest.

4.2 Future Works Projects for Cressy

i) Provision of a footpath/kerb and gutter in Saundridge Road

Mr Chellis advised that an allocation had been made in the 2011/2012 Budget for kerb and gutter between Charles and Murfett Streets; and that Council would list for consideration the footpath on Saundridge Road in the 2012/2013 Budget.

Mr Chellis advised that when installing the new kerb and gutter they would endeavour to make allowance for additional parking.

The committee also raised the issue of insufficient availability of parking for Cressy High School

ii) **Outdoor Exercise Equipment**

Mr Chellis advised that Council was still sourcing grants for the provision of the equipment at Cressy, as well as at Perth and Campbell Town; and that Council would continue to explore options/ seek funding.

Mr Chellis recommended that the committee consider suitable locations for the equipment, suggestions included

- War Memorial Park (near the Bowls Club),
- the Park in the centre of town (Trout Park); and
- the Recreation Ground.

4.3 Fence at Cressy War Memorial

Mr Saltmarsh advised that the Pool Committee was in the process of discussing the replacement of the fence.

4.4 Maintenance of the Stock Route

Mr Chellis advised that the area had been mowed and sprayed and that Council hoped to be able to mow it more often. Mr Maxwell confirmed that the maintenance had been undertaken and all was in good order.

Issues with dog walkers not picking up dog faeces and the need to refill the dog bag dispenser were raised. Mr Chellis to discuss refilling of the dispenser with Ms Stojkoski.

Mrs Cox/Mrs Green

That Council erect signage on Church Street, Main Street and Saundridge Road warning of the potential of fines being imposed, and the value thereof, for non-compliance of removal of dog faeces.

Carried

It was suggested that the signs be erected near the church, opposite the big school gates and opposite the bus stop.

4.5 Beautification Plan for Cressy

The committee advised that they required a long term plan for tree planting and the beautification of Main Street.

Mr Chellis advised that he would prefer to seek the advice of arborist to ensure that suitable trees are planted. He agreed to present a Streetscape Plan for Cressy to the Committee at a future meeting.

Mr Chellis advised that the suggested rose plantings presented maintenance issues.

BBQ facility – Council Reserve – Macquarie Street

It was agreed that this matter be considered in conjunction with the beautification / streetscape plan for Cressy.

In regard to the suggestion that a picnic/barbecue area be established near the river, it was considered that the location may not be suitable due to flooding and insufficient area. Alternative sites suggested included:

- The park in the centre of town (Trout Park) – users at this location would include touring groups, playgroups, etc.

- River bank at Brumby's Creek – users at this location would include locals and tourists.

It was agreed that an electric barbeque was required, and that possibly more than one barbeque be installed. Mr Chellis advised that the cost of installation of a barbeque / barbeque shelter was estimated at \$20,000 to \$40,000.

It was **RESOLVED** that Mr Chellis would investigate an appropriate site for the installation of an electric barbeque in Cressy.

4.6 Parking Outside Bowls Club (Macquarie and Gatenby Street Area)

The committee advised that access issues existed on Thursdays and Saturdays when large numbers of cars were parked, thereby restricting access to single car traffic.

Mr Chellis advised that this was not considered to be a major issue in terms of traffic management in the area, however, the kerb and gutter on the northern side of Macquarie Street required replacement and at the time that was replaced, consideration would be given to widening the street.

4.7 Establishment of Free Overnight Camping Area in Cressy

Mr Wilson advised that Council had appointed a committee to consider overnight camping within the Northern Midlands and that the minutes from the last meeting of the committee were not yet available.

Mr Wilson advised that he was scheduled to attend a meeting with the State Government on 6 June in regard to free overnight camping in relation to the national competition policy as free camping was deemed to be adverse to the national competition policy.

The committee advised that they wished to pursue the provision of a free overnight camp site at the Cressy Recreation Ground as it would be beneficial to the town. They advised that previously this proposal had been shelved due to objections which had been raised at that time.

Concerns were raised that due to insufficient free overnight camping sites being provided a number of mainland visitors were deterred from visiting Tasmania.

4.8 Overhanging Trees

Mr Chellis advised that Ms Stojkoski was currently undertaking an audit of overhanging trees and appropriate action would be taken shortly.

4.10 Spraying – Council Street

Mr Chellis advised that the spraying of weeds in Cressy was included in Council's spraying programme and that spraying of weeds in Cressy had taken place recently.

Discussion ensued in relation to the prevalence of Cape Weed in verges and lawns.

Mr Chellis suggested that the maintenance of the nature strip fronting properties by residents, including mowing and eradication of weeds, assists in containing rates.

It was RESOLVED that Ms Case, NRM Officer, be requested to prepare information to be included in the Northern Midlands News on identification, containment and eradication of Cape Weed.

5 OTHER BUSINESS

5.1 Rural and Remote Day Care

Mrs Cole advised that currently a 2 day per week day care service was offered to residents of Cressy. She advised that a large number of clients utilised the service and that an increase in the number of day care days would be welcomed by the community.

Mrs Cole/Mrs Green

That Council request Ms Green, Economic & Community Development Manager, to investigate the expansion of the Rural and Remote Child Care Service in Cressy to a 3 day per week service.

Carried

5.2 Renewal of road markings on Powranna Road (between bridge and gun club)

The committee expressed concern in relation to the faded road markings on Powranna Road in the region of "Kilray" between the bridge and the gun club and requested that the markings be renewed.

Mr Chellis advised that the matter would be referred to Council's Traffic Management Committee.

5.3 Dangerous Intersection – Charles and Church Streets

The committee advised that a number of complaints had been received in relation to the intersection of Charles and Church Streets, with cars not giving way as required. It was suggested that Charles Street be given right of way with Church Street becoming a give way.

Mr Chellis advised that the matter would be referred to the Traffic Management Committee to investigate and then to refer to DIER. He advised that it was unlikely that the matter would be concluded for some time as Council would have to wait for DIER to consider the matter.

5.4 Meeting Venue

It was agreed that future meetings would take place at the Ritchie Room at Cressy High School, use of this room had been secured for no charge.

6. CLOSURE / NEXT MEETING

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 8.14pm.

Next meeting to be held at Cressy High School on Wednesday, 27 July 2011 at 7.00pm.