

MINUTES

MEETING OF THE CRESSY LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD AT THE CRESSY MEMORIAL HALL ON WEDNESDAY, 25 JANUARY COMMENCING AT 7:05 PM

1 PRESENT

Mrs Fae Cox (Chairperson), Mrs Helen Williams, Mr Andrew Turnham, Mrs Maurita Taylor, Mrs Ann Green, Mrs Angela Jenkins

2 IN ATTENDANCE

Mr Des Jennings (General Manager), Mrs Amanda Bond (Regulatory & Community Services Manager)

3 APOLOGIES

Mr Peter Goss, Mrs Helen Howard, Mr Daniel Rowbottom, Cr Richard Goss

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.*

Nil declared.

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Mr Andrew Turnham/Mrs Ann Green

That the minutes of the Cressy Local District Committee meeting held on Wednesday, 30th November 2016 be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

Carried unanimously

6 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6.1 Entrance statements

The additional layers for the Cressy entrance signs have been cut and are ready to be installed. Programmed to be completed as soon as possible.

6.2 Tree plantings

A report relating to Cressy tree planting was presented at the Council meeting, 23 January 2017. Council resolved to conduct a survey of main streets in the town and a tree planting program for the main street of each town developed.

It was noted that Mrs Helen Howard submitted a request for some maintenance on weeds and trees in the main street and this has been completed.

6.3 Cressy Town Hall

The mural will be removed soon to be resealed.

6.4 Motions to Council

Motion (30/11/2016): *The Cressy Local District Committee requests that the Council be proactive in the eradication of capeweed in the Northern Midlands and include Cressy in the 2016/17 tree planting program.*

Update:

Council noted the committee's motion at its meeting 12 December 2016 and also decided:

- 1) That Council write to the Minister for Agriculture regarding the weed problem presently being experienced in the municipality.

Carried unanimously

An article detailing how to manage capeweed was been placed in the January issue of the Country Courier.

A further report on weed management is to be presented to an upcoming council meeting.

A letter was sent to Minister Rockliff regarding concern about the spread of declared and undeclared weeds in the municipality. It was further noted the TFGA as part of their 2017/18 funding submission have sought an allocation on weed management from the State Government.

6.5 Rabbits

The committees request to have the Cressy Recreation Ground included in the 2017 Calicivirus release has been referred to the Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment.

6.6 Overnight Camping at Cressy Recreation Ground and Dump Point

Report is to be presented to the Council in February reviewing all free overnight camping spots in the Northern Midlands. It was noted by the committee the overnight camping area in Bishopsbourne is very popular.

7 MATTERS IN PROGRESS

7.1 Information Brochure

Brochure printed and has been distributed to the local businesses, information centres and to be installed in rack at the park on the history board.

Cr Goss made the suggestion to Mrs Bond that the brochure be distributed to each member of the town. It was discussed and given the number of brochures remaining, after the original distribution it was decided not to proceed with this at this stage.

It was requested copies be provided to the Cressy District High School and the Longford Library. A copy has been provided to the Launceston Library.

Action

[Mrs Bond to send copies to Cressy District High School and Longford Library.](#)

7.2 Traffic movements in Cressy

Data to be referred to the Council's engineer upon returning from leave. Concern remains regarding the amount of traffic in Cressy and the speeds being used.

8 NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Poatina Road

Issue raised with Department of State Growth regarding the condition of the road pavement on the approach to Cressy. Advice received, works programmed for next financial year and the Department will ensure regular inspection of road to maintain a safe travelling surface until works completed.

8.2 Strategic plan

Council adopted new strategic Plan at December 2016 Council meeting.

8.3 Annual report

Council adopted annual report at December 2016 Council meeting.

8.4 Plaque

It was noted there is a spelling mistake on the plaque at Rustic Bakehouse.

Action

[Mrs Cox to make enquiries regarding replacement plaque.](#)

8.5 Cressy Recreation Ground

The Committee noted there is a Master Plan to be completed for the Cressy Recreation Ground site, Council is currently seeking quotes for this. The Master Plan will look at areas for overnight camping and potential dump point location.

Stimulus funding has been allocated for the upgrade of the Clubroom facility. This is in the design phase with work to commence by the end of the year.

8.6 Parklet

Planning process to commence shortly regarding a parklet in front of Rustic Bakehouse. Council officers are discussing the process with the business owners.

8.7 Cressy Church

The Committee noted the Church have built an outdoor chapel, place for people to sit and reflect.

8.10 Rubbish collection

An enquiry has been received as to whether or not there could be a central recycling collection/station for residents outside of the rubbish collection boundary.

Action

[To be discussed with Mr Jonathan Galbraith upon return from annual leave.](#)

8.11 By-law

Draft by-law for placement of shipping containers was tabled for review and discussion at next meeting.

8.12 History project

It was noted the main items on the list of the Cressy History Project have now been completed. The Committee was encouraged to think of new projects.

8.13 Skate park

Council has received correspondence from a resident of Cressy (12 y/o) requesting Council consider building a skate park. The committee discussed the request and commented that an open day was held in Longford some years back for the community to attend and express interest in a skate park. There was very little representation from Cressy. The cost and proximity to the Longford skate park was also noted. It was further noted that the Master Plan of the Recreation Ground could include a recreational activity area.

Action

Mrs Bond to prepare response, thanking for the request and advising this has been looked at previously, however, an activity area could be considered in the Cressy Recreation Ground Master Plan.

9 CLOSURE & NEXT MEETING

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 7:42 pm.

The next meeting to be held on 29th March 2017 at 7:00pm.