

MINUTES

MEETING OF THE CRESSY LOCAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD AT THE CRESSY TOWN HALL ON WEDNESDAY, 29 NOVEMBER 2017 COMMENCING AT 7:00 PM

1 PRESENT

Mrs Fae Cox (Chairperson), Mrs Helen Howard, Mr Peter Goss, Mr Jason Cox, Mrs Helen Williams, Mrs Maurita Taylor, Mrs Ann Green, Mr Daniel Rowbottom

2 IN ATTENDANCE

Cr Richard Goss, Mrs Amanda Bond (Community & Development Manager)

3 APOLOGIES

Mrs Angela Jenkins

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 WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Mrs Cox welcomed new member, Jason Cox to the Committee.

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Mrs Ann Green /Mrs Helen Williams

That the minutes of the Cressy Local District Committee meeting held on Wednesday, 26 September 2017 be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

Carried unanimously

7 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

7.1 Cressy Recreation Ground

Master Plan

Final plan was accepted by Council at its 16 October 2017 Council Meeting (Min. Ref. 314/17) and released for public comment. Council requested funding components of the plan be considered in future Council budgets.

It was reported Council are investigating water access for irrigation of the ground.

Cr Goss encouraged the committee to review and make comment, in particular regarding the dump point. It was noted there are a range of different dump points available.

Clubroom design to be progressed in the new year.

Action:

Mr Goss to contact Works Manager, Leigh McCullagh to confirm details.

Mrs Bond to send link to Committee for master plan.

Committee to review the plan and discuss at January meeting.

7.2 Streetscape Plan

Council have requested a fee offer for a streetscape plan to be listed in the 2018/19 budget considerations.

7.3 Flower Pots

Consideration to the request has been given by the Works Supervisor and concern was raised regarding placing the pots in an ad hoc manner in the street without structure or plan. Suggestions was made to have two or three at the Cressy Longford Irrigation Building, to create the same effect as outside the pub.

Action:

Mrs Bond to determine number of pots available and write to Cressy Longford Irrigation Board to enquire about location of pots.

8 NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Lifetime dog registration

Council considered implementing lifetime dog registrations at its meeting of 20 November 2017 and decided not to progress.

8.2 Cressy Swimming Pool Master Plan

Plan was accepted by Council at its meeting of 16 October 2017 (Min. Ref. 312/17) and Council have requested further investigation into the structural integrity of the pool with a report back to Council. Council also requested funding of components of the master plan be considered in future budgets.

Action:

[Mrs Bond to send link to committee to view.](#)

[Committee to review and prioritise actions for 2018/19 budget.](#)

8.3 Animal Management By-law

Council at its 16 October 2017 meeting (Min. Ref. 328/17) resolved that Council will not pursue the making of an Animal Management By-Law and promotes best practice behaviour of keeping animals within residential areas in the municipality.

Discussion was held around the other avenues available to address issues such as noise, odour and other nuisances from animals. Provisions in the *Local Government Act* and *Environmental Management & Pollution Control Act*.

8.4 Footpath Trading

Council at its 16 October 2017 meeting (Min. Ref. 326/17) resolved that Council adopt a new Footpath Trading Policy. An audit will be completed over summer with advice to business owners sent out, with enforcement commencing at end of this financial year.

8.5 Cities Power Partnership

Council at its 16 October 2017 meeting (Min. Ref. 329/17) endorsed their commitment to the Climate Council's Cities Power Partnership Pledge (CPP). The CPP seeks to celebrate and accelerate the emission reduction and clean energy successes of Australian towns and cities. Council has 6 months from January to identify five projects contributing to emission reduction and clean energy.

Committee discussed some potential projects. Suggestions for cycle way between Cressy and Longford.

Mrs Helen Howard/Mrs Maurita Taylor

That Council give consideration to the installation of solar panels on Council facilities in Cressy, to reduce the electricity costs of these facilities (eg. Hall and Swimming Pool).

Carried unanimously

Requested Council investigate payment of commercial rates by volunteer organisations such as cricket club, scouts etc.

Action:

Mrs Bond to make enquiry about power rates.

8.6 Australia Day Award Nominations

Nominations are currently invited for the 2018 Northern Midlands Council Volunteer Recognition Awards and Australia Day Awards. The following categories will be recognised in Council's Australia Day Awards:

- Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Community Event of the Year

Prescribed nomination forms and selection criteria are available from the Council Offices at Longford or to download at www.northernmidlands.tas.gov.au.

The closing date for nominations is: Friday, 8 December 2017.

Nominations are to be returned attention to the General Manager, PO Box 156, Longford Tas 7301 or council@nmc.tas.gov.au.

8.7 Overnight Camping

Enquiry was made whether the Northern Midlands Council would be following the same course as the Meander Valley Council and removing all free overnight rest areas. It has been heard the free camping at Cressy is being closed down.

It was reported Northern Midlands Council has not changed its position on free overnight rest areas, and there is no plan to close the overnight facility in Cressy.

It was noted that new signage will be erected at the site, however, this will occur once Council's new website and the permit system is live.

It was reported there are a number of people camping (not in self contained vehicles), particularly at Brumby's Creek.

Action:

Mrs Bond to report camping to Hydro.

8.8 Brochures

It was reported the brochure holder in the park is broken.

Action:

Mrs Bond to investigate alternative options.

8.9 Cressy Trout Park

Requested a seat in the park. Discussion around lighting of parks.

Action:

Mrs Bond to check whether budget available for installation of a seat at the park, otherwise will need to be listed in 2018/19 budget.

Mr Peter Goss/Mrs Helen Williams

That Council explore the possibility of trialling lit bollards in the Cressy Park.

Carried unanimously

8.10 Odour

It was reported there has been a strong odour in Cressy in the evening.

Action:

Mrs Bond to report to Environmental Health Officer for investigation.

8.11 Clock

Thank you to Mrs Maurita Taylor for resetting.

8.12 Weeds

Noted weeds in the gravel footpaths. Confirmed Council has a spray program.

8.13 Police station

Discussion around future use of the Police building.

8.14 Thank you

Mrs Cox thanked everyone for their contribution throughout the year and wished everyone a happy Christmas and new year.

8.15 Stealing from school

Discussion regarding the continued stealing from school and leaving of cans in church yard.

9 CLOSURE & NEXT MEETING

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 7:50 pm.

The next meeting to be held on 31 January 2018 at 7:00pm.