

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BALRANALD BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ON 5TH AUGUST 2015, COMMENCING AT 7:00PM

PRESENT: Cr Steven O'Halloran, Cr Elaine Campbell, Vicki Burke, Greg Camin, Mary Grisdale, Jill Bath, Karen Norfolk and DID John Stevenson.

APOLOGIES: Cr Jeff Mannix, Gaye Renfrey, Marg Vanzanten and GM Aaron Drenovski.

Business arising from the Minutes

1. Cr S O'Halloran voiced Councils thanks to those involved in the Committee working bee to plant the gardens at Greenham Park entrance. Wholeheartedly supported by all present.
2. J Bath raised the point that the new raised gardens require wood chip and drip system installation. Wood chip to be red in colour. DID to action in conjunction with a drip system on the toilet block side of the entrance.
3. J Bath raised the need for crusher dust around the raised garden at Greenham Park rather than grass on a high traffic area where tables and seats are planned to be located.
4. Cr E Campbell raised the need to replace the two wave seats constructed for the main street and install within the Discovery Centre complex. DID to proceed to provide seating in the vicinity of two supermarkets.

General Business:

1. G Camin suggested Council and the Committee look at an ongoing program of median strip planting, particularly blocks with little or no planting. DID to report back on suggested areas and budget.
2. Cr S O'Halloran suggested that the Committee on behalf of Council approach Iluka offering to establish the green belt on the north side of Mungo St adjacent to the future camp site. Not only would this serve to plant down a desired variety of tree and shrub but a negotiated reimbursement could revitalise Committee funds towards works elsewhere in town. Supported unanimously.
3. General discussion on revitalising the River bend picnic area. Suggested aspects included:
 - More picnic tables and chairs
 - Power reinstated to BBQs
 - Attention to the road
 - Some formal low maintenance plantings
 - Repair watering systemDID to action.
4. A general discussion that the Bills Trough presently located at the old Gaol in the Discovery Centre precinct, be relocated to the Malcolm Building side adjacent to the silhouettes. Agreed by consensus.

5. General discussion on maintenance. DID to action the following:

- Patch bitumen in river bend drive
- Liaise with shop owner to repair stormwater near newsagent
- Sweep and vacuum synthetic island surfaces in Market St
- Clean weeds from gutters – Discovery Centre
- Liaise with owner of former Pooles office near Theatre to eliminate underfloor water seepage

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.55pm.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 2nd September 2015 at **7pm** at the Council Chambers.