MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BALRANALD BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ON 4TH FEBRUARY 2015, COMMENCING AT 7:10PM

PRESENT: Cr Steven O'Halloran, Gaye Renfrey, Vicki Burke, Mary Grisdale, Greg Camin, Karen Norfolk and AO Nikkita Manning-Rayner.

APOLOGIES: Mayor Leigh Byron, Cr Jeff Mannix, Cr Elaine Campbell, Jill Bath, Marg Vanzanten, DID John Stevenson and GM Aaron Drenovski.

The minutes of the December meeting were read and confirmed. Moved by G Renfrey, seconded by V Burke.

Business arising from the Minutes

- A general discussion about the Balranald Discovery Centre took place. It was confirmed that the soft fall at the playground is up to standard. G Camin raised the need to have drinking water taps put in place. The issue of a shade sail over the playground was raised. DID to investigate.
- 2. The matter of the location of the St Vincent De Paul donations bin was raised. K Norfolk informed the Committee that it is at the back of the building near the back carpark. K Norfolk put forward that it be placed on a slab and that a cement path be built from the rear entry of the building to the bin as trolleys are used to move donations. It was suggested that St Vincent De Paul staff write in to the Shire to make a formal request.

General Business:

A discussion took place in regards to the Committee's major project for this financial year. The Committee moved from the Council Chambers to the Greenham Park Hall Entrance and discussed the following:

- what needed to be done to prep the area i.e. removal of a branch from the large gum tree, clean-up of bark around the tree and a general clean-up of the area,
- the design of the garden to the right of the gate i.e. what type of plants (to be confirmed at a later date), whether it should be a tiered garden or flat, materials for the retaining walls and the shape of the garden,
- whether there should be lawn outside the garden and should there be a footpath for the gate on the right,
- what to do on the other side of the gate, G Camin suggested running the sprinkling system under the existing fence and out towards the kerb line of the carpark and planting 6 or 7 Mop Top trees in a line parallel to the kerb.

It was suggested that an aerial image be provided to further the design. N Manning-Rayner to provide image to Committee members.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.50pm.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 4th March 2015 at **7pm** at Council Chambers.