

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BALRANALD BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ON 4TH MARCH 2015, COMMENCING AT 7:00PM

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

APOLOGIES: Mayor Leigh Byron, Cr Jeff Mannix, Gaye Renfrey and Jill Bath.

The minutes of the February meeting were read and confirmed. Moved by consensus.

Business arising from the Minutes

1. Major Project – Greenham Park Gateway

General discussion on commencement of works to be undertaken by Council staff. That is, remove bottlebrush and stone surface together with some pine railing and some branches of the overshadowing Sugar Gum.

Mary G & Greg C elaborated on their plan for the left hand side adjacent to the toilet block (Mop Tops & Roses with sprinkler system).

Cr Steve O'Halloran raised the necessity to remove the park entrance gates and have them cleaned and repainted.

2. The matter of the location of the St Vincent De Paul donations bin was raised. K Norfolk informed the Committee that St Vincent de Paul has agreed to it remaining at the rear providing foundation slab is placed. DID to pursue these concrete works.

3. General discussion on the establishment of footpath gardens under the pine tree near Foodworks. Committee wish to extend communities appreciation of the finished standard to the staff involved. DID to action.

4. General discussion on the standard of the landscaping around the Discovery Centre buildings. DID advised that discussions are currently underway with the landscape contractors for reestablishment of dead plants.

Moved Marg V. seconded Greg C. that the Beautification Committee seek permission from Council to undertake the rectification of these gardens as working bee projects on the understanding that Council provide all plants and miscellaneous materials. Carried by consensus.

5. DID to provide hose taps in the Balranald Discovery Centre area for emergency garden watering.

General Business:

1. Vicki Burke tabled a list of native species suitable for infill trees on medians. Vicki and Gaye Renfrey to liaise with Steve Haines.

2. Cr Campbell requested that more seating be provided to Market St. DID to include in budget submission.

3. Mary G. presented plans on the use of tiered masonry block to the proposal for Greenham Park entrance. The Committee agreed to this proposal.

4. Cr O'Halloran mentioned the number of complimentary comments being received on the general Market St appearance. The visual street scape improvements are noticeable. Staff to be complemented.
5. Cr O'Halloran also asked if the Bills Trough at the old gaol could be relocated as a planter feature as per its former use. DID to action.
6. Greg C. / Cr O'Halloran raised the need for a planting strategy in the rear area of the lawn cemetery to create a shade canopy as the lawn area grows. DID to inspect site with Greg and report back with a plan.
7. Cr O'Halloran raised the need to revitalise the office entrance garden by way of removal of the weed mat and upper soil area. DID to liaise with Greg C. and Mary G. to establish a plan of action.
8. Cr O'Halloran asked if River bend improvements could eventuate. DID advised that the Health and Development Officer is currently liaising with relevant agencies to establish an improvement plan.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.45pm.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 1st April 2015 at **7pm** at Council Chambers.