

MINUTES FROM THE BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL CULTURAL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF BALRANALD ON MONDAY SEPTEMBER 14th 2015 COMMENCING AT 5.00PM.

PRESENT: Doreen Greenham (Chair), Margaret Butler, Jan Lawler, Cr Steve O'Halloran, General Manager Aaron Drenovski, Cr Elaine Campbell, Elizabeth White and Carol Holmes (minute taker).

APOLOGIES: Sue Balshaw, General Manager Aaron Drenovski, Cr Alan Purtill, Bella Mannix, Mayor Cr Leigh Byron

The minutes of the Meeting held on Monday July 13th 2015 were read and accepted.

Moved Margaret Butler
Seconded Cr Elaine Campbell

BUSINESS ARISING:

Movies during School holidays

Discussions between the Committee, Shire and CWA have not yet taken place, therefore the movies for the next school holidays will not take place.

Music night – Variety Concert

Margaret Butler had sourced a piano for sale. Margaret had someone inspect the piano and was advised that the piano was not up to standard and would cost too much to repair the piano.

A cake stall was suggested to raise funds towards the purchase of a piano. It was agreed to hold this stall on the same weekend as the 5 Rivers Festival.

Margaret Butler enquired about opening a bank account for the committee and calling it Piano Account. Elizabeth advised this was not possible and would investigate the options of an internal account.

Cr Steve O'Halloran suggested the committee make a resolution of Council to consider supporting the Cultural Committee in next year's budget.

MOVED: Margaret Butler
SECONDED: Cr Elaine Campbell

Cr Elaine Campbell advised she had spoken to some people who are willing to participate in the Concert. Also the Fijian ladies are willing to do some acts, we just need to notify of the date once its set.

Cr Elaine Campbell has also spoken to Daltons regarding the town clock money, they have agreed on transferring the money to the piano fund. Letter is to be written to council.

Cr Elaine Campbell also stated how disappointed she was with the result of the pipe band. It was not very publicised and the committee were not informed.

Elizabeth advised that the shire had advertised for them, there was a good crowd. Jan and Margaret will write to June and Keiren of Shamrock) and thank them for having the pipe band in town.

Art Gallery

Jan informed the committee that the Art Gallery now had solar panels. The Art Gallery is thankful for this; they are waiting on their electricity account to compare the difference.

General Business

Doreen advised that Sue asked if the committee would be interested doing a skills audit on local people.

Elizabeth enquired, as to how this could eventuate.

Jan advised that South West Arts had a database that we could possibly start with and then follow up with the Balranald Inc.'s assistance.

Jan advised that the gallery was applying with a submission to South West Arts, and also suggested Mosaic Displays for the town.

Jan advised that capital funding available for Galleries on a grant 50/50 basis the application is due next month. It was agreed to leave until next year and apply for such grant.

Doreen advised that the piano Kevin Dalton had was an upright not a grand piano.

Cr Steve suggested Graham Dalton may have a piano that he may be interested in selling to the committee. He also stated that Bob Brown (historian) was a speaker at a recent conference that he attended. He was particularly interested in the history of the Brisbane Line.

*(The "**Brisbane Line**" was a controversial defence proposal allegedly formulated during World War II to concede the northern portion of the Australian continent in the event of an invasion by the Japanese.)*

Jan suggested the committee at the beginning of next year; put together a movie plan or programs for school holidays to utilise the theatre more often. Margaret enquired to who would work to show the movies, and she was advised that a roster of volunteers would need to be done.

Cr Elaine enquired of school holiday programs, and Margaret suggested that senior students should be asked to help to give them some responsibility.

It was suggested that the committee focus on a budget.

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Cr Steve stated that he was extremely disappointed on the police at Shamrock on Saturday night.

Jan advised on the RADO Kerry-Anne Jones for South West Arts, and she is familiar with this area. Cr Steve advised the committee that South West Arts had done a presentation at the August Council Meeting and introduced Maryanne.

NEXT MEETING: The next Cultural Committee meeting will be held on Monday 16th November 2015 at 5pm.

CLOSURE: There being no further business the meeting was closed at 5.55pm.

Recommendation: That the report be received and noted.