

**MINUTES OF THE BALRANALD SHIRE EUSTON BEAUTIFICATION & TOURISM MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2016 COMMENCING AT 9:00AM**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Leigh Byron, Ken Barnes (Chair), Mrs Bev Harbinson, Mr Barry Watts and Ray Mitchell (Health & Development Officer).

**APOLOGIES:** Cr German Ugarte, Cr Joanne Roberts, Ian Bolt, Ian Sutton, Mr Rob Markel, Mrs Edna Price and Mrs Vicki Barnes.

Ms Amanda Healy has advised Council that she no longer wishes to be part of the Committee.

**There being no quorum, a discussion took place.**

**Business arising from the Minutes:**

1. The Committee discussed appropriate locations of storyboards and suggested that the boards focus on pictorial interpretation rather than wordy interpretation. A feature board could be located at Benanee.
2. A discussion took place in regards to amenities at Lake Benanee camping area. It was reiterated that the Committee is conscious of not competing with local business' and that this should be kept in mind when planning improvements to the area. The following points were discussed:
  - Chairs / tables need to be repaired
  - Free BBQ to improve the area as a picnic area for both tourists and locals
  - Inclusion of improvements to Lake Benanee such as tables, chairs, BBQ's and shelters in the Long Term Delivery Plan and the Strategic Plan as "improve / enhance for local recreation".
  - Suggestion of use of the donation collection to be used for funding improvements

The committee suggested that a priority list be developed for improvement works for the area.

3. R Mitchell confirmed that an item for budget consideration has been included in the draft Delivery Plan for the Cemetery Carpark. The committee discussed the need for finalising the sealing of the Cemetery road in conjunction with the carpark works.
4. Medley Art Park

K Barnes informed the committee that he continues to investigate the art cut-outs with measurements to be taken to inform design options so that the project can be considered for the budget.

5. Euston Courthouse Project

A general discussion took place regarding progress on the Courthouse repairs. It was suggested that the M Loats schedule of works be revisited to inform prioritisation of future works.

**Expenditure detail to be tabled at next meeting.**

6. A discussion took place in regards to the Euston Tree Avenue. A number of trees are dead and should be replaced when the new order of trees arrives.

7. A discussion took place in relation to the presentation of the town, R Mitchell advised that the footpath pride notices have been advertised and operational staff review of vegetation management methods for some public areas will be undertaken.

8. The letter of appreciation to J Stevenson was tabled and noted.

9. The Anderson Park BBQ has been inspected by electrician and replacement parts have been ordered.

10. The committee discussed the Nixon Street and Cowper Street intersection, where the bitumen finished in the southern corner as people are cutting the corner and the bitumen is looking a bit rough. DID to action.

11. A discussion took place in regards to Bertram and Taylor Roads with the Committee suggesting that the matter be referred to the next Traffic Committee meeting.

**New Business:**

1. Mayor Byron advised the Committee that Council Staff are likely to attend the Committee meetings on a quarterly basis only and suggested that the committee discuss an appropriate meeting schedule at the next meeting.

2. The committee suggested that any unexpended funds for the committee and the courthouse projects be carried into the new budget.
3. The committee suggested that Council give consideration to using council operational staff to assist in the maintenance of the Court House grounds.
4. B Watts indicated that the light system for the entrance signs are somewhat aged and suggested that when the inverter/s fail that the systems be altered from a 240v system to a 12v LED system.
5. B Watts to provide specification of the battery used for the systems to facilitate replacement.
6. B Watts advised that the heavy patch at the school appears to be failing, it was suggested that Council investigate the issue to ensure a long term solution is found.
7. K Barnes enquired as to the location of the original graphic used for the entrance signs as the entrance signs are fading. R Mitchell to follow up.
8. B Harbinson enquired about the Code of Conduct Training. Mayor Byron gave an overview of the training and indicated that a session would be held in Euston.

There being no further general business the meeting closed at 9:55am.

Next meeting to be held at the Euston Courthouse on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2016 commencing at 9:00am.

**Recommendation** that the report be noted.