

MINUTES OF THE BALRANALD SHIRE EUSTON BEAUTIFICATION & TOURISM MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT EUSTON COURTHOUSE ON TUESDAY 1st SEPTEMBER 2015 COMMENCING AT 9:00AM

PRESENT: Mayor Leigh Byron, Cr Ken Barnes (Chair), Mrs Bev Harbinson, Mrs Edna Price, Mr Barry Watts and Nikkita Manning-Rayner AO.

APOLOGIES: Mrs Maureen Pupillo, Mrs Vicki Barnes, Mrs Vivienne McMahon and John Stevenson DID

Cr K Barnes congratulated the Committee on the outcome of Medley Park. There have been many good responses from the public.

Business Arising from the Minutes:

1. B Watts advised that the sign at the front of Medley Park still says Medley Drive. DID to action.
2. Euston Roundabout
The Committee indicated they are keen to keep this project within the current plan for beautification and improvements.
3. Euston Courthouse
N Manning-Rayner advised the Committee that Council will be engaging a painter in the coming two weeks to commence a clean down and painting of all exposed external timber, starting with the rear weatherboard walls.

B Harbinson advised that any joinery refurbishment, e.g. doors, that the Committee would like the Robinvale Men's Shed to undertake needs to be taken to them.

N Manning-Rayner advised that a Community Building Partnership Grant has been applied for remaining works at the Courthouse.

4. Medley Park
The Committee had a discussion regarding the William Davies profile panel. The cut out needs to be moved up about a metre in height so that it is above the tree line and possibly tilted forward for better view. The Committee agreed by consensus. Cr K Barnes to discuss with DID.

New Business:

1. Medley Park

Cr K Barnes opened discussions around what the next step should be for Medley Park.

B Harbinson enquired as to whether the idea for “animals” hiding in the gardens as something for the kids to go searching for is still on the table.

Cr K Barnes suggested that further improvements to the park should wait until the plants are established. The Committee agreed by consensus.

A discussion took place around the need for shade for the picnic table at the rear of the park. Some suggestions were:

- Shade tree – mature, ornamental
- Shade sails
- Brush cover

DID to investigate options.

2. Memorial Park

Cr K Barnes advised that the grant for new plaques had not been successful. Council will pursue alternate funding sources for these works.

A discussion took place as to whether extra seating should be placed in the park. Mayor L Byron commented that the rear of the park is where the emergency access to the Kindergarten is located. The Committee decided to come back to the next meeting with ideas.

3. Berrett Park

A discussion took place regarding the future of this park. Mayor L Byron mentioned that the residents of Docklands were wanting to look after the park. Mayor L Byron to speak with Steve Lesley and ask if he could attend a Committee meeting. The issue will be raised at the next meeting.

4. Euston Cemetery

DID to commence tree planting along the entrance driveway this spring time.

The Committee discussed options for formalising a location for burial ashes and memorial plaques. DID to investigate locations and options.

The Committee discussed having a working bee in the near future to clean up old headstones. B Harbinson suggested that the headstones only be cleaned rather than being painted so that they retain their rustic look. Mayor L Byron suggested that the working bee start with the wrought iron entrance gate. A date to be set at the next meeting. The Committee agreed by consensus.

5. Major Tourism Project – Benanee Settlers

Cr K Barnes introduced a suggestion towards a local tourist interest site visit centred around the theme of the initial Benanee Settlement. Several locations were suggested including Gulthul / Benanee intersection, Abbotts Tank intersection and Prungle Rd intersection. Ideas included information boards, early farm equipment and historic images.

It was decided that the project should be discussed further at the next committee meeting with concept ideas and suggested funding sources. The Committee agreed by consensus.

6. B Watts advised that Murray Terrace pavement at the school frontage has deteriorated and needs patching. DID to action, including a general gutter clean-up to Murray Terrace.
7. B Watts enquired as to the progress of the information board at the Murray Terrace public toilets. DID to advise of progress at next meeting.
8. Mayor L Byron enquired as to the progress of the honesty box at the Lake Benanee rest area. DID to action.

There being no further general business the meeting closed at 10:05am.

Next Meeting to be held at 9am on Tuesday 6th October 2015 at the Euston Courthouse.

Recommendation that the report be noted.