

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BALRANALD BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ON 7th MAY 2014, COMMENCING AT 5:50PM

PRESENT: Cr Steve O'Halloran (Mayor), Cr Elaine Campbell, Marg Vanzanten, Mary Grisdale, Greg Camin, Gaye Renfrey, Vicki Burke, Karen Norfolk and DID John Stevenson

APOLOGIES: Cr Jeff Mannix and Jill Bath

Business Arising

DID confirmed plans to proceed with the blisters and crossings as per previous discussions incorporating the roses, additional plantings, bollards and barriers, and new paving to specific areas. The Committee noted concrete work continuing via Council staff and a commencement by the landscaper on the 19th of May.

Minutes adopted by consensus.

New Business:

1. Agreed by consensus that previously approved works programs to improve Church and Bank St medians with stone gardens at the median ends, and some appropriate plantings within the medians, proceed under the current budget.
2. Agreed by consensus to remove the existing natives on the Bank St median between Market and Court St and replant with appropriate plantings as a first stage towards a program to re-kerb the island and develop a raised bed to restrict vehicle access.
3. Vicki Burke & Gaye Renfrey suggested that the Committee undertake a town inspection in the near future to identify and plan for more appropriate tree species, providing an opportunity to redevelop Councils Street Tree Planting Guide which is considered to be deficient. Noted by Marg Vanzanten and Vicki Burke that the tree height under wires has not been addressed properly and tall trees should not be considered in the plan where in proximity to wires. Agreed by consensus. DID to organise.
4. Cr Campbell suggested that future improvement of Market St should incorporate wave seats as per the Euston model. Agreed by consensus. DID advised that Euston Men's Shed currently being approached.
5. Cr Steve O'Halloran advised the Committee of extremely positive comments received from the Chairman of Central Murray Catchment Authority on the presentation of Balranald during his recent visit. DID to pass these comments on to staff.
6. Gaye Renfrey requested that the bamboo and box thorns at the swing bridge be attended to. DID to organise. Gaye also sought an apology from the June, July and August meetings.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.20pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday 4th June 2014 at 7pm