

**BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL
EUSTON BEAUTIFICATION & TOURISM COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT EUSTON COURTHOUSE
ON TUESDAY, 4TH FEBRUARY, 2020, AT 9.00 A.M.**

Present: Geoffrey Windmill (Chair), Barry Watts, Ben Pupillo, Peter Smith, Edna Price, Bev Harbinson, Karin Sluiter (LLS), Mick Todd (OE&H), Carol Holmes (Balranald Shire Council).

Apologies: Ian Bolt.

Minutes: Moved Peter Smith seconded Barry Watts:
That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd December, 2019, be accepted as a correct record. *Carried.*

Correspondence: Nil.

Projects on-hold, to be re-introduced into the Agenda, as necessary:

Boat Ramp – Did a letter get sent to National Parks?

Landscaping of dirt mounds; Sturt Desert Pea plantings; What's happening with the proposed landscaping? The mounds are a mess.

Statue of Sister;

Financial Report;

Medley Park;

Street Design; Barry met with Dale McMillan; there is a lot to be done yet. Council has not yet received an account from Dale.

Lake Benanee Poplars.

BUSINESS:

Lake Benanee:

Storyboard:

No update.

Fire Pit:

No update.

Regent Parrots:

Vivienne has contact details for the Graphic purchase. Karin advised that LLS has a 5-year licence to use the graphic. We should continue with the logo we have now, instead of trying to get a new design. Could the logo be painted on a silo? It was explained to Karin and Mick about the plan for the Eucalyptus Vats and the idea to have the logo on one of those. There is also the possibility of "Augmented reality – talking bottles" and a 'phone app where you point at the silo/vat image and have a story told.

Karin offered to help with a grant application to access the \$5,000 spoken of last year; this could be to pay for contracting services, e.g. fencing, at the Cemetery. We need to decide ASAP what work we want done, who can be asked to do the work, etc. Suggested - Neil Leslie for fencing. The money will not go through this Committee's books. Mick will speak with Parks regarding rabbits in their area. There needs to be a "skirt" on the fence to prevent rabbits digging under. There could be a "contract for services" rather than a small grant. Karin will speak to Marg Leslie to arrange for contact with Neil. He already knows the area as he has worked there before.

We are to check to see whether the whole fence needs to be replaced or not. If the whole of \$5,000 is not used on the fence it could be spent on plants.

Karin will arrange mapping. Barry is to be the contact for Neil.

An information day, with a wildlife presenter, is to be held later in the year.

Cobb & Co Storyboard:

No update.

Cemetery – Toilet, Water Installation, Boundary Trees:

No update. Vivienne was to follow up; Carol will check on the Toilet and the time-line.

Line Marking (cnr Murray Terrace/Nixon Street):

No update.

Walking Trail Seats:

No update.

Mick reported that Regent Parrots nested in trees by the River near the Club last year. There is a colony on the Victorian side of the River; there are lots of areas with no Regent Parrots.

Dead Tree (Bertram Road):

Tree was to be trimmed; not yet done. Proposed painting will happen later.

Eucalyptus Iron Vats:

Geoffrey and Rusty Roberts have inspected the Vats. These have been tampered with, but can be renewed. Proposed site - inside the Recreation Ground.

Trees outside Football ground:

The trees are looking better. This item will be removed from the Agenda.

Footpath near Caravan Park:

No update but agreed that this item will remain until the matter is fixed.

Euston Footpaths:

No update; this year was to be Euston's turn for footpaths.

Perry Street Beautification:

To remain on the Agenda.

New Visitor Guide:

Is nearly ready.

New Business:**Town Entrance Sign surrounds:**

The Shire boys would like to remove the plants in front of the town entrance signs and replace them with stones, as this would require very little maintenance. Members would agree with this but stones would have to be coloured, not white.

It was also suggested that the dirt mounds need to be removed (they are unsightly) and replaced with trees (suggested red flowering gums), from the sign (at the northern end) back towards town.

Karin and Mick were thanked for their attendance; they are keen to receive Minutes of these meetings and to attend further EB&TC meetings

NEXT MEETING: of the Euston Beautification & Tourism Committee will be held at **The Euston Courthouse** on **Tuesday, 3rd March, 2020**, commencing at 9.00 a.m.

CLOSE: There was no further business and the Meeting closed at 9.55 a.m.