

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BALRANALD BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ON 1ST APRIL 2015, COMMENCING AT 7:00PM

PRESENT: Cr Steven O'Halloran, Cr Elaine Campbell, Vicki Burke, Mary Grisdale, GM Aaron Drenovski and DID John Stevenson.

APOLOGIES: Cr Jeff Mannix, Greg Camin, Marg Vanzanten, Karen Norfolk, Gaye Renfrey and Jill Bath.

Business arising from the Minutes

1. Old Gaol – Balranald

DID to proceed with a general cleaning of the old gaol in order that the information centre can retain it open for inspection.

Question arose on the future of the old kitchen area of the gaol. DID advised that a repair of the floor and replacement of windows with some painting and joinery work will be presented to the forthcoming budget for consideration.

2. Greenham Park Entrance Project

DID to proceed directly to construct retaining walls in readiness for committee planting work bees. M Grisdale / V Burke proposed that the gardens consist of some roses together with lavender or nandina (sacred bamboo) together with society garlic or other similar plants. Agreed by consensus.

General Business:

1. Cr O'Halloran requested consideration for the reconnection of electricity at the river bend. GM Aaron discussed plans to revamp the river bend park area to accommodate the increasing usage patterns.
2. GM Aaron acknowledged Committee involvement to replant the mounds around the Discovery Centre.
3. General discussion regarding a replanting of canopy shade trees to River Street and gaol surrounds. Various varieties including Peppercorn, Manchurian Pear, Oriental Pear, Chinese Elm, London Plain, Jacaranda, Claret Ash and Desert Ash were all discussed. The removal of old sugar gums in the area and their replacement with selected plantings will take place prior to spring.
4. A general discussion on improving the entrances to town. DID to talk to trucking firms, act on scrap metal removal on private property, follow up street planting and town approach replanting including the Golf Club area.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.50pm.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 6th May 2015 at **7pm** at the Council Chambers.