

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BALRANALD BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ON 3RD FEBRUARY 2016, COMMENCING AT 7:15PM

PRESENT: Cr Steven O'Halloran, Cr Elaine Campbell, Vicki Burke, Mary Grisdale, Karen Norfolk and DID John Stevenson.

APOLOGIES: Gaye Renfrey, Greg Camin, Jill Bath and Marg Vanzanten.

As this was the first meeting of the year the Committee discussed actions required from last year's meetings and the bus trip.

- Presbyterian Cemetery Fence – DID to investigate funding opportunities to replace or repair
- Follow up action required for overgrown lots and or accumulations
- Drip system required at Greenham Park raised garden in lieu of sprinklers. DID to action
- Trees to be planted at Greenham Park entrance prior to races
- Low level Weir clean up and basic facilities to be provided. DID to action.

General Business

V Burke raised the matter of watering systems on a number of street medians not working.

V Burke – can the bottle trees be replaced on the Hospital nature strip, Court St end.

Cr O'Halloran raised the issue of managing playing fields and open space watering so that green spaces don't die off and have to be reinstated. The Committee generally acknowledged that there would be savings if water usage is reduced in off season periods, but a managed watering program should be retained to keep green areas including parks and playing fields alive rather than lush.

M Grisdale requested that roses should be replanted where previously lost at the Old Gaol. DID to action.

Lions Park – more branches to be removed when tree lopping program resumes. DID to action.

General discussion on future working bee to plant out the median strip Bank St, Market to Church St. Suggested species were Crepe Myrtle or Flowering Gum as per street planting programs.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:15pm.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 2nd March 2016 - meet at Council Chambers at 7pm and walk over Discovery Centre grounds planning a program to assist Council staff with plantings to areas not yet planted down.