

**BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL
EUSTON BEAUTIFICATION & TOURISM MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY 2ND MAY, 2017, AT 9.00 A.M.**

Present: Ken Barnes (Chairman), Vicki Barnes, Barry Watts, Bev Harbinson.

Apologies: Edna Price, Cr Joanne Roberts, Mayor Leigh Byron, Cr Ugarte, Ian Bolt.

Prior to commencement of the Meeting, discussion was held regarding future meeting procedure and exchange of information and/or requests. As a Council representative will only attend this Committee's Meetings once each quarter (four times a year), it is feared that our requests will not be heard by Council and matters requiring action will go unattended. Balranald Shire Council needs to provide this Committee with answers to questions:

- Can the quorum to enable Euston Beautification and Tourism Committee meetings to be held, be reduced from six (6) to four (4) members? Currently there are eleven (11) listed members, three of whom are Councillors. Because of Council and work commitments, they are often unable to attend our meetings, making it extremely difficult to attain a quorum.
- Are the Minutes provided to Council actually read by all Councillors, so they are all aware of what has transpired at our Meetings?
- Will any/all action requested in those Minutes be carried out by Council, where appropriate, without further requests from the Committee or will the Committee be required to advise Council separately of each specific request before any action can be taken?
- If separate notification is required, who is the Council contact we directly communicate with?
- Would Carol be able send out a list of answers to questions from our Minutes when she sends out Meeting notices and Minutes?

Committee Members would like clarification please.

Business Arising from the Minutes:

1. Storyboards – Benanee/Koorakee area:

This item remains as an ongoing matter.

2. Lake Benanee:

The priority is tables and chairs. Recycled picnic tables with attached seats can be bought for approximately \$500. There should be enough money from the Honesty Box at the Lake to cover costs.

Moved B. Watts seconded V. Barnes:

That we purchase 1 picnic table with seats, using Honesty Box money.

Carried.

3. Medley Park:

Ken advised he has information from "Shutter Stock"; you need to buy images from someone like them, then have the designs cut out. Cost: 5 images for \$50.00 or 25 images for \$229.00. Discussion was held on exploring other avenues – could we get the designs for a reduced price or find someone who already has designs to save purchasing. Ken will continue to pursue this matter.

4. Euston Courthouse:

We are still waiting on advice as to how much money is left from the Grant.

We still need to re-visit Mathew Loats' Schedule of Works.

5. Avenue of Trees:

Has the new order of trees been received?

Have the dripper lines been checked to make sure all are working?

6. Anderson Park BBQ:

The March Meeting was advised that parts had been ordered. Have the parts been received and the necessary repairs been carried out?

7. Unexpended Funds of Committee:

Ken has received advice that the Committee's unexpended funds for the 2016/17 year are \$9,919.00. Members would like confirmation from Council that this amount will be carried over and added to the 2017/18 budget. Projects for which funds are needed to be completed – Medley Park Art work project; Benanee Tourist Drive Story/Picture Boards and, if necessary, top up Benanee tables and seats.

8. Euston Club and the Riverfront:

Could the Committee please be provided with an answer regarding the "dollar-for-dollar" riverfront work near the Euston Club (refer to April Minutes, item 8).

9. Corner of Nixon and Cowper Streets:

Could an update be provided please (refer to March Minutes, item 10.)

10. '80' Signs:

This matter should be referred to the Traffic Committee for consideration, (refer Item 1, New Business, April Meeting).

11. Tree trimming, Murray Terrace:

Update please, (refer Item 2, New Business, April Meeting).

12. Berrett Park:

Update please, (refer Item 4, New Business, April Meeting).

13. Minutes:

Could Notices and Minutes of Meetings please be sent to all Members? Barry Watts did not receive Notice or Minutes of this meeting.

New Business:

A Structure of Euston Beautification and Tourism Management Committee:

Members believe that the imposition now placed on this Committee is impractical. The Committee currently has eleven (11) Members, three of whom are Councillors and, due to their commitments, it is always going to be difficult to obtain a quorum of six Members.

Members need a direct avenue of communication with Council.

It has been advised to Members that the Committee is "not going anywhere"; nothing is being achieved because of insufficient back-up or direction from Council.

Moved V. Barnes seconded B. Watts:

That we ask Council for formal clarification regarding the structure and operation of Euston Beautification and Tourism Committee.

B. Floating Wharves:

Could the Committee have an update on the Benanee Floating Wharf?
What is the current status of this project?

Next Meeting: The next Meeting of EB&TC will be held at the Euston Courthouse on Tuesday 6th June, 2017 commencing at 9.00 a.m.

Close: There was no further business and the meeting closed at 10.00 a.m.