

**BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL EUSTON BEAUTIFICATION & TOURISM COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT THE EUSTON COURTHOUSE ON TUESDAY, 5TH JUNE,
2018, AT 9.00 A.M.**

Present: Ken Barnes (Chairman), Nikita (BSC), Steve (Assistant Works Manager BSC), Ian Sutton, Edna Price, Ian Bolt, Barry Watts, Bev Harbinson,

Apologies: Vicki Barnes, Andre Pretorius (DID).

Business Arising from Previous Minutes:

1 Trees:

Trees are still on their way; freight was not paid from the Credit Card when the order was paid for, so they sat in limbo! Noted that the trees we had originally been told were on their way were not for Euston, they were for Balranald.

2 Lake Benanee:

Tables and seats have been installed.

Nikita has organised the Badges ('Paid for from the Honesty Box') and they are on their way.

Tree Suckers: Ian Sutton has been approached by Council workers who have advised there is no money from the Lake budget left for this year and suggested that, if this Committee has any funds to be used prior to June 30, some could be used for this purpose. To hold over for General Business.

Quotes to remove suckers (tabled at last meeting): have been passed on to Andre. There will probably need to be a review on the environmental impact before any work is done. Only to remove Poplar suckers at this stage, then look for a grant to remove the non-indigenous poplar trees. Once suckers are removed, there should be a spray program to follow-up.

Trimming of (dead) branches from other trees should be okay without further investigating; that would only be maintenance, for safety reasons.

To hold for report process.

3 Cemetery:

Waiting on Plan to comeback. Re: Ashes Crypt – this Committee had already decided (some time ago) that provision for ashes would be in the 'teardrop' area of the Cemetery. Now, ashes are spread in many different places but families often have a Memorial Plaque/Stone in a Cemetery.

4 Medley Park Tree:

The tree is okay, according to the Arborist's report. To remove the tree and replace with a similar tree could cost in the vicinity of \$20,000.

5 Euston Club/Riverfront/Berrett Park:

Work has commenced at Berrett Park; some pylons were installed but David Gee had them removed – reason unknown. The work so far looks good. Will there be Grass at the bottom?

6 Street Design:

To remain on Agenda; Members still to come up with ideas.

7 Budget:

Has an invoice for cutting and powder-coating the poles been received yet? The actual sail has been here for a while.

"Shire On-costs" – the budgeted figures refer to work by the boys, e.g. putting up cut-outs, etc.

8 Medley Park Cut-Outs:

Are in and look good. Stage-coach – Barry spoke to the lady at the Red Cliffs market; she has none left and has no access to the software. Barry will look for a suitable photo.

9 Benanee/Korakee Storyboards:

Ongoing item; to remain on Agenda.

10 Courthouse:

Bryon Neville has been contacted regarding his last account for work on in the Courtroom. Barry has spoken to Ben Pupillo about watering the garden and doing some light weeding. We need to have an answer about Public Liability; does Ben, perhaps, need to be a member of the Historical Society? (That wouldn't be a problem.) Ken would like to see Ben doing this job.

Moved Barry Watts seconded Edna Price:

That Council take action that will allow Ben Pupillo to work in the Courthouse garden. Carried.

Meeting advised that the old Coat of Arms from the Courthouse, currently stored in the Euston Council Depot, is to be returned to the Courthouse.

11 Steve Leslie's Shed:

To remain.

12 Boat Ramp:

There is no update on this item. Nikita advised that it should be referred to the "Emergency Management Committee", which includes SES, Police, Ambulance, Hospital, etc., to make a decision. It needs to go to Council through a Ratepayers group, not a Tourism and Beautification Committee.

Process – Ratepayers to Council to Emergency Management Committee.

It was agreed that we should have an appropriate letter, to be placed in an accessible location, for people to sign.

Bev will draft a letter; send to Ken for amendment, then send to all Members.

13 Water over Roads – Murray Terrace / Nixon Street:

Still waiting for rain!

14 Pavement/Footpaths:

Work is being carried out on Euston footpaths at the moment; the grinder is here in Euston. Barry mentioned another trip hazard near the Courthouse. To be looked at.

15 Medley Park – Additional Art Work:

How much would it cost for a small, feeding kangaroo, bending down on its forelegs (made by Stuart who did the emus) to go in Medley Park, on this side of the path? Ken will follow up with Stuart.

Shade sail should go up this week.

16. Roundabout clean-up:

No update. A start could be that the street-sweeper cleans around the roundabout when it is sweeping the streets.

17. 80 kph Signs:

Nikita advised that '80 kph signs' have been installed. Where? The problem is when traffic comes out of side roads – Bertram, Taylor - and turns towards Balranald/Robinvale, there are no signs indicating that the speed limit is 80 kph. Nikita will check the Traffic Committee minutes to find out exactly what was decided.

18. Wave Seats – Memorial Park:

Quotes are coming in for new seats – two for Memorial Park (on either side of the footpath through to the Cenotaph), one for Medley Park. Nikita will email the quotes when she receives them.

19. Grants:

Meeting advised that Gavin Helgeland is currently working on Grants.

Grant information tabled at our last meeting has been passed on to Andre.

New Business:

A. Budget:

Meeting was asked that, if there is money left over in our Budget, can we spend some at Lake Benanee and have some trees trimmed. Chairman Ken – we need to know where we stand with our money.

Moved Ian Bolt seconded Ian Sutton:

That the Euston Beautification & Tourism Committee requests Council to carry over any outstanding budget money at 30th June, which has been allocated to this Committee, as there are projects in process; i.e. Medley Park statues and wave seat; Memorial Park Wave Seats. Carried.

B. Benanee:

There are little rock piles where little fires have been lit, everywhere at the Lake. We need to let Council know and see what can be done to stop this practice. Where does the wood come from? Do we have a couple of fire pits put in and a sign – “Please keep the area tidy and use fire pits provided.”? Or do we just have a laminated notice in the noticeboard - “No Open Fires?” Have all the current pits cleared away and hope the message gets through?

Next Meeting: of the Euston Beautification & Tourism Committee will be held at the Euston Courthouse on Tuesday, 3rd July, 2018, commencing at 9.00 a.m.

Close: There was no further business and the Meeting closed at 10.24 a.m.