

**PRESENT:** Cr Kodi Brady (Chair), Cr Zoe Holcombe, Mr Terence Tighe, Mrs Judy Clancy, Mrs Rhonda Jewiss, Mrs Sandra Spackman and Mrs Susan Eriksson.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mr Gary Murphy (Director Technical Services).

**APOLOGIES:** Mr Sam Bragg, Ms Emma McDonald, Mrs Mary Milsom, Mr Paul Bennetts, Mrs Aileen Bell, Mrs Margaret Bennell and Mrs Nicole Benson (Manager Urban Services & Facilities).

### **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**2/2223 RECOMMENDED** that minutes of the Coonabarabran Town Beautification Advisory Committee meeting held on 18 July 2022 be confirmed.

**Brady/Clancy**

It was noted that Minutes of 18 July 2022 (page 3) General Business dot point 1 item should read *'trees removed from Cowper Street'* not Neate Street.

### **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

- Members were not happy about the placement of the bin in Little Timor Street and requested that it be relocated. It was also noted that where the bin had been moved from there was now a stain on the footpath that needs pressure cleaning. A question was asked whether the soil in the garden beds in John Street was rejuvenated in the newly planted areas?
- An update on the volunteering action item from a previous meeting was asked for. This will be provided to the Committee at the next meeting.
- Little Timor Street trees need topping and spent flowers removed.
- Cr Brady has spoken to the Men's' Shed about storage of the chess pieces but no progress has been made.
- A question was asked about the expression of interest for 2357 Coona Connections event. Cr Holcombe advised that she had registered but the event did not proceed because of limited interest.
- A question was asked if town signage could be included in SCCF applications? Cr Brady advised that the EDT Committee has funding for town signage.
- Mrs Clancy asked who advises on grant opportunities. The DTS said Community Coordinators and Council. Cr Holcombe said that Federal Member Mark Coulton MP and Local Member Roy Butler MP were very good at sharing grant opportunities on their Facebook pages she also has a 2357 login that she can use but may request a separate login.
- Mrs Clancy asked if the Committee could suggest projects for SCCF. The DTS said yes but should be included in the Master Plan. There was some discussion about the Master Plan and the time taken to get it adopted and missing out on funding opportunities in the interim. The DTS advised that this did not stop funding opportunities being sought if they were in alignment with the plan for example the recent Queen's Jubilee funding grant.

### **AGENDA ITEMS**

a) Beautification Master Plan

Members felt that 2-3 further workshops would be needed. The DTS advised that the MUSF was currently not available to facilitate further workshops owing to other work priorities such as the pools and SCCF funding applications. He referred members to the highlighted sections in the Draft Master Plan as well as the Implementation Plan.

These are the areas where the Committee need to provide input and determine priorities. He suggested that members needed to review the Draft Master Plan and then come together as a group to finalise. Mrs Clancy noted that she will be away for two (2) months but would be available to Zoom in. Cr Brady advised that he would arrange a follow up workshop within the next two (2) weeks.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

Commemoration of Queen Elizabeth II

Cr Brady felt that the late Queen Elizabeth II should be commemorated with planting a tree. There was discussion about where and whether this should extend to a statue or some other structure.

**3/2223 RECOMMENDED** that the Coonabarabran Town Beautification Advisory Committee develop a plan to commemorate the life and reign of Queen Elizabeth II through plantings and/or appropriate structures subject to the availability of funding.

**Unanimous**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.15pm.

The next meeting will be held as and when required.

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CHAIRPERSON