

PRESENT: Cr Kodi Brady (Chair), Cr Zoe Holcombe, Mrs Rhonda Jewiss, Mrs Susan Eriksson, Mrs Judy Clancy*, Mr Paul Bennetts and Mr Sam Bragg.

IN ATTENDANCE: Ms Nicole Benson (A/Director Technical Services).

** Attendance via Zoom video conference.*

APOLOGIES: Mrs Mary Milsom, Mr Terry Tighe, Mrs Aileen Bell, Mrs Margaret Bennell and Mr Dave Smith (A/Manager Urban Services & Facilities).

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1/2324 RECOMMENDED that minutes of the Coonabarabran Town Beautification Advisory Committee meeting held on 16 January 2023 be confirmed.

Holcombe/Eriksson

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

The following items were discussed without resolution:

- Star Jasmine hasn't been planted in the median strip opposite the Town Hall. Where is the \$4,000 that was left go?
 - **ACTION** – A/DTS to report back to the Committee on whether the works were completed and if not, where the funds went.
- Convent Hill and the trees that have been removed was discussed. It was clarified that the works occurred on private land.
- Town entry signs were discussed. The question about why isn't the Town Beautification Committee included in the Economic Development and Tourism Committee but 2357 was asked. Cr Brady explained that 2357 are part of the Economic Development and Tourism Committee. It was agreed that the Chair continue to raise Town Beautification's interest and requested involvement in the town entry signs at Economic Development and Tourism Committee meetings and that he share the information with the Town Beautification Committee. Members to think about how to have more interaction with Economic Development and Tourism Committee over the next six months.
- Removal of the trees in Dalgarno Street in the Draft Operational Plan was asked about. A/DTS explained it was 6-8 large Liquidambar at the top end of the street but it didn't get included so operational budgets will be used. Committee to have a say in the replacement species.
- Little Timor Street additional cleaning did get endorsed in the operational budget. A/DTS to let the Committee know exactly what the new levels of service will be.
- It was noted that dots have been painted/drawn on the floor and furniture in Little Timor Street Plaza. Advised to call Customer Service to report operational matters like this.

AGENDA ITEMS

a) Town Beautification Masterplan Budget Allocation

A/DTS outlined budget items including \$25,000 for Masterplan in 2024/25. It was also noted that there was \$50,000 in 2023/24 for CBD toilets upgrade and \$10,000 to continue the planting out of the John Street Median Strip.

GENERAL BUSINESS

The following items were discussed:

- Car park behind Royal Hotel there are four lights out. Advised to call Customer Service to report operational matters like this, especially potential safety issues.
- Pots in the main street – where do they come from; if a person wants to buy them can they do that' and how do people get permission to pressure wash the footpath out the front of their shops?
 - **ACTION** – A/DTS to follow up permissions/conditions etc
- Painting of bins was discussed. It was noted that Community Development Committees are also looking at updating bin cabinets across a few towns in the Shire. The cabinets would include space for advertising.
- How often is the bin in Little Timor Street Plaza emptied?
 - **ACTION** – A/DTS to advise the Committee via email.
- Can the Committee meet as a 'group'? A/DTS advised that this could happen. A/DTS explained the mechanism for formal meeting to occur in between the six monthly meetings was that the Chair discuss with the Mayor who would make a decision.

2/2324 RECOMMENDED that the members meet informally every six weeks in between the Coonabarabran Town Beautification Advisory Committee meetings.

Clancy/Bragg

- Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Phase 4 was discussed. A/DTS advised that there was a report to Council on Thursday 20 July 2023 highlighting the new funding round. A planned report to the August meeting will contain proposed projects for Council to consider in their application for funding.
- The Murray Darling Basin Healthy River Grant for cleaning up the river was discussed.
 - There is a budget allocation for signs to be stencilled on the footpaths/drain entries. People to think about what the stencil would look like.
 - Gross Pollutant Traps are also being installed.
 - A footpath from behind Woolworths to Namoi Street has also been funded.
 - It was noted that tyres appear to have been rolling from Chapmans into the river which could be vandals or unauthorised entry to Chapmans Tyres.

- **ACTION** – A/DTS to discuss investigating the tyre issue with staff.

- The poor state of the railing on Mary Jane Cain Bridge was discussed.

- Cr Holcombe flagged the establishment of a dog park at the end of Neilson Park. A picture of the areas and existing dog park was tabled. The Committee agreed it was a good project for any future funding opportunities.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.08pm.

The next meeting will be held in the Gallery Meeting Room, Coonabarabran on Wednesday, 17 January 2024 commencing at 5.00pm.

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CHAIRPERSON