

PRESENT: Cr Kodi Brady (Chair), Cr Zoe Holcombe, Mrs Judith Clancy, Mrs Aileen Bell, Mrs Margaret Bennell, Mr Paul Bennetts, Mrs Rhonda Jewiss and Mr Terry Tighe.

IN ATTENDANCE: Ms Nicole Benson (Director Technical Services) and Mr Zachary Estens (Acting Manager Urban Services and Facilities).

APOLOGIES: Mrs Susan Eriksson, Mrs Mary Milsom and Mr Sam Bragg.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3/2324 RECOMMENDED that minutes of the Coonabarabran Town Beautification Advisory Committee meeting held on 19 July 2023 be confirmed.

Holcombe/Clancy

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- Star Jasmine in John Street median strip – DTS advised that works were not completed last financial year and funds went back into consolidate revenue. The current budget has \$10,000 and planting is scheduled for March when the weather cools down. It was noted that a further \$10,000 was listed in the Delivery Program for next financial year.
- Funding for the removal of dead trees in Dalgarno Street was not approved in current budget. Quotes have been received to remove a number of dead or dangerous trees in the town and removals will be subject to the street tree maintenance budget.
- Little Timor Street – budget was increased and DTS read out the new Levels of Service. She advised that the detailed information would be sent to members. Committee members commented how good the Plaza looks and Rhonda was congratulated on the work she does. It was noted that Rhonda volunteers four and half hours a week maintaining the area. The work by the street cleaner was noted with members stating that Council staff do a really good job. It was noted that broken lights had been removed but not replaced. DTS advised that there is no specific maintenance budget for the Plaza.
- It was noted that \$25,000 for the completion of the Town Beautification Masterplan is in the 2023/24 Operational Plan as a 24/25 project and is for Councils consideration when adopting the budget.
- Pots, prices and locations were discussed. DTS let the Committee know that the information has been collated after the last meeting but had not been sent out. An email will be sent containing all of the information requested at the July 2023 meeting.
- It was noted that Council staff had investigated the tyre matter raised in the last meeting and had discussed containment of loose tyres with a local business.

AGENDA ITEMS

- a) Local Roads & Community Infrastructure Phase 4 Projects for Coonabarabran
 - A/MUSF read out the funded projects in Coonabarabran and a discussion around bus shelters and theming took place.
 - Proposal for the future of No. 2 Oval was asked about. A/MUSF advised that an insurance claim is underway and that no firm decisions about the future of the building had been made.

- b) Budget Submission
Cr Holcombe reported that she had made some budget submissions including pot and plants for the CBD; CBD footpath scrubbing; and CBD chairs/bench seats like the one at the Tree of Knowledge in John Street.

- c) John Street Gardens
Dealt with in Business Arising.

- d) Masterplan
Cr Holcombe showed the Committee a copy of the Toowoomba Street Tree Plan as well as the Burke Council Street Planting Plan. It was agreed that the Toowoomba document was a good template to base a Coonabarabran document on.

- e) Little Timor Street
Needs maintenance – a hole has been kicked into one of the boxes, the steel rail requires replacing, and one of the lids on the chess boxes need to be repaired.

GENERAL BUSINESS

The following items were discussed:

- A Committee member asked whether 12 Crepe Myrtle's could be planted at rear of rural shop and up towards Cassilis Street. DTS advised that street tree planting was the responsibility of Council, however, if a plan of the specific locations is submitted Council can check for services and sight distance etc and provide advice from there.
- Trimming of the hedge in the median strip in John Street.
- Painting of the bin cabinets.
- Statues and art installations were discussed as good ways to draw people into towns. Cr Brady spoke about the Castlereagh River Project and proposed art installations.
- A pergola at the front of the Post Office like what is in Moree main street was discussed. A/MUSF talked about clearances etc for Disability Discrimination Act compliance and explained the process for approval.
- Town signage was raised and it was noted that the Economic Development and Tourism Committee had carriage of the project.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.09pm.

The next meeting will be held in the Gallery Meeting Room, Coonabarabran on Monday, 5 August 2024 commencing at 5.00pm.

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CHAIRPERSON