

1. Attendance and Apologies

Cr Ben Smith (Chairman)
Cr David Wright (Mayor)
Cr Paul Worth

Geoff Limbert – Alstonville & District Ratepayers
Richard Lutze – Combined Services Club
Elva Fitzell – Alstonville Rotary Club
Malcolm Johnson – Ballina Environment Society
Eoin Johnston - Rous Mill Ratepayers
Pat Carney - Wardell Progress Association
Ina le Bas – Alstonville Plateau Historical Society
Jane Gardiner - Alstonville Plateau Historical Society
Lois Wright – Plateau Seniors
Sheila Aveling - Tintenbar School of Arts
Russell Priddle – Alstonville Football Club

Staff in Attendance

Steve Barnier – Group Manager Strategic and Community Facilities

Apologies

Representatives from Alstonville Community Preschool
Barry Jeffress - Tuckombil Landcare
Bob Cooper – Legacy and Plateau Seniors
Wayne Garrard – Alstonville & District Cricket Association

The apologies were accepted.

2. Declarations of Interest

Nil

3. Confirmation of Minutes 8 May 2014

That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 8 May 2014 be accepted as a true and correct record. (Ms Gardiner/Mr Lutze)

4. Business arising from Minutes – 8 May 2014

(a) Replacement Bins for Alstonville Main Street

The information contained in the report was noted.

(b) 150th Celebration of the Settlement of Duck Creek Mountain

Ms Le Bas presented a report concerning the actions being taken in the lead up to the September 2015 anniversary celebrations. The inaugural community meeting to promote the anniversary, and to gauge support, is to be held on 15 July.

c) Detached Dual Occupancy Development in Rural Areas – Update

The information contained in the report was noted. Following an invitation from the Chair, Mr Barnier explained the Council's current policy position concerning this style of development.

5. Council Documents on Exhibition

The list of Council documents which have recently been exhibited for public comment was noted.

Committee members particularly noted the policy review relating to Commercial Activities on Public Land. Observations were made about the importance of Council balancing revenue opportunities from commercial activity with promotion of healthy lifestyle for shire residents.

The revised fees and charges for inspection of on-site wastewater management facilities were also noted. Committee members acknowledged the environmental and public health importance of ensuring these systems are well maintained. At the same time, charges on landholders for the inspection services should not become onerous.

6. Items raised by members of the Committee

(a) Sheila Aveling – Tintenbar Oval

Ms Aveling noted concerns about a risk of falling limbs from trees within the reserve, suggesting an inspection by Council's Arborist may be warranted. Also, the toilet block within the reserve is being subject to recurrent vandalism. It was suggested that Council review options to alleviate this problem.

(b) Jane Gardiner – Review of E Zones within Local Environmental Plans

Ms Gardiner sought clarification concerning the current status of the Government's review of environmental zones within planning instruments operating in five local government areas on the Far North Coast.

Mr Barnier provided members with an overview of the background and current status of the independent review which is presently underway. A report concerning the matter, and a submission to the NSW Department of Planning and Environment which conveys the Council's position, is available to be accessed on Council's website. It was noted that staff are currently preparing a Fact Sheet concerning the situation, which soon will be distributed to all households within the shire.

7. General Business

(a) Proposed Special Levy for Upgrading of Ballina and Alstonville Swimming Pools

The Mayor, Cr Wright, outlined that the Council will soon be considering lodging an application for a special rate variation to fund proposed upgrading work at these two facilities.

(b) Coastal Pathway Projects

The Mayor, Cr Wright, provided an update on existing and proposed construction relating to the shire's coastal pathway network. He also mentioned that Council had recently been successful in attracting grant funding toward the delivery of an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Trail associated with these projects.

(c) Skullcandy Oz Grom Open 2014

The Mayor, Cr Wright, commented on the social and economic benefits to the shire arising from this highly successful annual event which is being conducted at Lennox Head.

(d) Vehicle Speed Zones Review, Rous Mill

Mr Johnston received clarification from the Mayor concerning the status of this review. Council is still awaiting advice from the NSW Roads and Maritime Services, which is responsible for conducting the review.

(e) Directional Signage

Ms Gardiner thanked the Chair, Cr Smith, for his support in arranging for the provision of directional signage to Crawford House.

(f) Alstonville/Wollongbar Chamber of Commerce

Mr Lutze promoted the forthcoming 2014 Business/Community Awards being co-ordinated by the Chamber.

(g) Ballina Fine Food and Wine Fair

Ms Aveling reminded members of the Fair which is to be held at the Ballina Jockey Club on 20 July.

8. Next Meeting

Thursday 11 September 2014 at 5.00 pm

MEETING CLOSURE

6.05 pm