

1. Attendance and Apologies

Members

Cr David Wright (Mayor)
Cr Sharon Cadwallader (Chair)
Cr Jeff Johnson

Ian Duncan, Newrybar
Lorraine Leuckel, Marine Rescue Ballina
Graham Shaw, Lennox Head Residents Association
Kiri Dicker, Lennox Head Chamber of Commerce
Fran Byrne, Coastcare
Geoff Harris, Lennox Head Surf Club
Malcolm Milner, Lennox Head Landcare
Dr Greg Unwin, Ballina Heights Residences Action Group
Berenice Roberts, Lennox Care and Southern Cross K-12 School

Council Staff

John Truman, Group Manager Civil Services
Steve Barrier, Group Manager Strategic and Community Facilities

Apologies

Cr Keith Williams
Sheila Aveling, Tintenbar School of Arts Inc
Dr Lyn Walker, Ballina Environment Society
Darel Vidler, Lennox Head Combined Sports Association

2. Declarations of Interest

Nil

3. Confirmation of Minutes

(Mr Shaw/Ms Leuckel)
That the Minutes of the "B" Ward Committee held on 19 May 2014 be taken as read and confirmed.

4. Deputations

Nil

5. **Outstanding Business**

(a) **Irrigation System – Williams Reserve**

The information contained in the report was noted.

(b) **Tintenbar Oval**

The information contained in the report was noted.

(c) **Quality of Water entering Lake Ainsworth**

Mr Milner expressed disappointment in relation to the content of the staff report. From his perspective, a greater level of detail had been sought concerning the regular water testing regime, and results.

Mr Milner reiterated requests made previously, for the establishment of a centralised stakeholder committee to oversee the ongoing management of Lake Ainsworth.

Action: (Mr Milner/Mr Shaw)

That Council liaise with the NSW Crown Lands Office, in its capacity as owner of Lake Ainsworth, to ascertain that Office's views about forming a Committee, comprising public authority and community representatives, to oversee the implementation of the Lake Ainsworth Management Plan.

(d) **Lennox Head Cultural and Community Centre / Markets**

The information contained in the report was noted.

(e) **Brooklet road adjacent to Newrybar Village – Maintenance**

The matter was combined with item (g) below for the purpose of discussion.

(f) **Condition of Electricity Pole Adjacent to Newrybar Rural Fire Shed**

Whilst the information contained in the report was noted, Mr Duncan mentioned his ongoing concern about the adequacy of the power connections servicing the rural Fire Shed and the adjacent Newrybar Hall.

(g) **Options to Create a Safe Environment for Pedestrians within the Newrybar Village**

Mr Duncan reminded the Committee of previous attempts to have a concept plan prepared for village improvements and options for the provision of additional car parking on public land. Mr Truman confirmed that a report is to be presented to the Council which examines options for the most effective use of the funds which have been allocated in the Council's 2014/15 Operational Plan.

(h) **Removal of Beach Access Infrastructure in front of Lennox Head Surf Club**

The information contained in the report was and noted.

6. **Submission to 2014/15 Operational Plan – Lennox Head Residents' Association**

Mr Shaw outlined the circumstances in which the Association's submission to Council had been prepared.

Discussion focussed on the Association's desire to commence community engagement processes relating to the village centre upgrade.

Mr Barnier advised that provision has been made in the Council's Delivery Program for a review of the conceptual village centre masterplan that had previously been prepared. This review is not scheduled to be undertaken until 2016/17, however staff may be in a position to commence community engagement regarding the project prior to this time, as resources are available.

The second important issue, from the Association's perspective, is the community engagement process to be undertaken by Council concerning the embellishment options for the Lake Ainsworth precinct and the options for refurbishment or replacement of the Lennox Head Surf Club building.

Mr Shaw outlined some ideas to encourage the community to "buy-in" to the project.

7. **Business with Notice from Members**

(a) **Ballina Heights Residences Action Group**

Q1 When will the sporting fields & facilities be open at Ballina Heights.

The information in the report was noted. Mr Truman advised that a staged transition of some of the assets from the estate developers to Council is under consideration.

Q2 When will Power Drive & Ballina Heights Drive open

The information in the report was noted. Some contractor issues are yet to be resolved.

Q3 Council has allocated road reconstruction money for The Ridgeway 2013/14 = \$180,000, 2014/15 = \$220,000, 2015/16 = \$285,000 and 2016/17 = \$305,000 . Will this money be spent??

The information in the report was noted.

Q4 Has the police increased patrols in our areas to monitor vehicle speeding.

The information in the report was noted.

Q5 What load limits apply to residential roads in Ballina Heights estate.

The information in the report was noted.

8. Council Documents on Exhibition

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

9. Business Without Notice

(a) **Ms Dicker** – advised that the Lennox Head Chamber of Commerce has determined that it is unable to co-ordinate the Lennox Head Carols in the Park event this year. The new organiser is yet to be determined.

(b) **Ms Leuckel** – enquired about access to funding to enable construction of the approved new Marine Rescue facility.

The Mayor indicated that he is pursuing the matter with existing and prospective Government representatives.

(c) **Mr Milner (on behalf of Ballina Environment Society)** – expressed concern with rubbish generation, particularly discarded balloons, from the recent surfing competition conducted in Lennox Head.

The Committee noted that events of this kind are required to adhere to a waste management plan as a condition of their approval.

The Mayor was a frequent attendee at the event and had noted the commitment of the organisers to maintain a clean site.

(d) **Mr Shaw** – sought clarification on progress to extend the area within which the gardening volunteers are able to operate.

Mr Truman advised that discussions between Council staff and the volunteers are continuing, including work health and safety issues associated with the program.

(e) **Mr Shaw** – enquired about the construction materials to be used on the Coastal Recreational Pathway project.

Mr Truman advised that he will arrange a meeting with Mr Shaw to further discuss this project. Mr Milner indicated he too would like to attend.

- (f) **Mr Shaw** – enquired about progress on the Pacific Pines project. It was advised that Lend Lease and the Royal Bank of Scotland remain in negotiations with Council concerning some aspects of the development.
- (g) **Ms Byrne** – raised concern regarding impacts to the East Ballina escarpment above the dog off-leash areas, arising from the use of informal access tracks.
- (h) **Ms Byrne** – brought attention to unauthorised dumping in bushland below the Suvla Street water reservoir.
- (i) **Ms Byrne** – enquired about the status of the relic located within the coastal reserve behind Angels Beach.

Mr Barnier advised this matter has been previously reported to the Committee for information. It will be re-presented in the next agenda.
- (j) **Ms Byrne** – reported the location of an abandoned motor vehicle in bushland opposite the Allawah Reserve in East Ballina.
- (k) **Mr Duncan** – expressed appreciation to a Council staff member, Paul Brown, for his assistance in supplying trees to the Newrybar Hall for National Tree Day.
- (l) **Mr Duncan** – advised of the next Newrybar Fair which is to be held on 6 September.
- (m) **Mr Duncan** – advised of the recent establishment of a new hospitality business in Newrybar.
- (n) **Cr David Wright, Mayor** – commended the organisers for another highly successful Skullcandy junior surfing competition recently conducted in Lennox Head.

10. **Next Meeting**

Monday 15 September 2014 at 4.30 pm

MEETING CLOSURE

6.15 pm

Footnote to Minutes – Members are reminded that it is not necessary to wait for the bi-monthly meeting to report requests for Council services.

Council operates a very efficient customer request procedure. If members wish to bring a matter to attention, you need only telephone or email Council, provide basic details of the matter (eg unauthorised dumping, and where it has occurred) and the customer request will be recorded and promptly dispatched to a relevant Council officer for action or investigation.