

**Minutes of the 'A' Ward Committee Meeting
Held 8 July 2014
In the Committee Rooms, 40 Cherry Street, Ballina**

Time Commenced

The meeting commenced at 4.00pm.

1. Attendance and Apologies

Attendance

Cr Robyn Hordern	Councillor - Chair
Cr Ken Johnston	Councillor
Cr David Wright	Mayor
Lorraine Leuckel	South Ballina Community Association
Boyd Lancashire	Ballina Bears Cricket Club
Dr Lee Andresen	Ballina Environment Society
George Young	Ballina Lions Club
Andrew Playford	Ballina High School & East Ballina Lions Club
Jeanette Kennedy	Ballina CWA
John Leon	Ballina Rugby Union Club
Sheila Aveling	Paradise FM
Pip Carter	St Andrews Ballina

Council Staff in Attendance

John Truman	Group Manager Civil Services
Joanne Cordery	Secretary - Civil Services Group

Apologies

Cr Sue Meehan	Councillor
Margaret Hains	Ballina Day View Club
David Humphrey	Ballina Heights Residents Action Group
Narelle Besseling	Ballina Chamber of Commerce & Ballina Retail Action Group
Pamela Steele	Ballina Coastal Country Musical Festival

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Deputations

There were no deputations.

4. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 13 May 2014 were accepted as a true and correct record.

5. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Child Care Centre

The Mayor advised that the child care centre in Porter Park had funding support until Christmas.

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Illegal Destruction of Trees

Lee Andresen asked had Council responded to a letter regarding illegal destruction of trees in Suvla Street.

John Truman advised that he had not seen the correspondence and would ensure that a response was sent.

Security Screening – Ballina Airport

George Young tabled correspondence (attached) regarding a request for mobile security screens.

Twilight Markets

Cr Hordern advised the Committee that the twilight markets may not continue having regard to the level of support for the markets last summer.

Boomgates – South Ballina

The information in the staff report was noted.

Ballina Heights Pathways

The information in the staff report was noted.

Drains at Ballina Heights

The information in the staff report was noted.

6. General Business

Nil

7. Council Documents on Exhibition

The list of previously advertised documents were discussed. This information was noted by the Committee.

8. Business Without Notice

i) Bears Cricket Club – New Sponsor

Boyd Lancashire advised that the Cherry Street Sports Club had agreed to be a new major sponsor for the Club.

ii) Bears Cricket Club – AGM

Boyd Lancashire advised that the Club's AGM was scheduled and the Club is preparing for the start of the new season.

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iii) Request for Crossing at Fox Street

Andrew Playford asked if a new crossing in Fox Street, near Biala School could be included in Council's Pedestrian Access Mobility Plan.

John Truman advised Council will review and provide a response.

iv) Bus Shelters – Swift Street

Andrew Playford congratulated Council on the outcome of this project.

v) 4WD Driving on South Ballina Beach

Andrew Playford reported his concerns in regard to 4WD activity on South Ballina Beach. Andrew advised that a story on this issue was published in the Northern Star.

vi) Signage on South Ballina Beach

Andrew Playford advised that some signage had fallen over on the beach.

John Truman advised that Council will forward this report National Parks and Wildlife.

vii) Tree Planting Day

Andrew Playford thanked Council for the donation of trees for tree planting day at Kingsford Smith Lake.

John Truman advised that under this year's program Council has donated over 2500 trees to schools and volunteer groups. This represents an increase on previous years.

viii) Smith Drive Watermain

Cr Johnson asked what the last decision of Council was in relation to the replacement of the Smith Drive watermain.

John Truman advised there are two sections of this project. One section is the Smith Drive area and the second services parts of Uralba and Pimlico. Design work for both sections are proceeding. A report in relation to the financial arrangements with the Uralba/Pimlico section will be provided to the July Council meeting following further consultation with the property owners.

ix) Speed Bump at Bowling Club

Cr Johnson asked if the need speed bump at the Bowling Club could be inspected as it is causing issues for some residents.

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John Truman advised that he would get staff to investigate, however it is likely that the speed bump is not on a public road. If that is the case, staff may need to liaise with the club.

x) Council Nursery

Sheila Aveling congratulated Paul Brown on a job well done at the nursery.

xi) Paradise FM

Sheila Aveling congratulated Paradise FM on the great job they did reporting on the accident on Saturday.

xii) Public Toilets – Ballina Surf Club

Sheila Aveling asked if the toilets at the new surf club could be inspected as they are rusted and leaking and they don't look very appealing for facilities that are only six months old.

John Truman advised that Council is negotiating with the contractors regarding some outstanding defects.

John also advised that he would discuss with the Council cleaners about what could be done to make the toilets more presentable.

xiii) Ballina Surf Club

The generator has been required to supply power while a project to design and install a new sub station was advanced. The delays were the result of design and supply issues associated with the sub station.

xiv) Tourist Drive at Angels Beach

Lee Andresen thanked Council for the weed control along the tourist drive at Angels Beach.

xv) Operational/Delivery Plan Correspondence from BES

Lee Andresen reported that BES were concerned that Council's response to their submission to the Operational/Delivery Plan did not demonstrate that Council had provided adequate consideration of the submission.

John Truman advised Council will review the correspondence in response to this feedback.

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xvi) St Andrews Nursing Home

Pip Carter provided an update to the Committee in relation to alleged criminal assaults involving the deaths of two residents. Pip thanked the community for the ongoing trust and support of the nursing home and reassured the Committee that all residents were safe.

xvii) Lennox Club

Pip Carter advised that the club was pleased with the progress and the level of community support. He discussed an issue that they had been having with sewer smells inside and outside of the club

John Truman advised that he would arrange staff to investigate.

xviii) NRMA – Top 10 Worst Councils for Roads

George Young commented that he had read a report from the NRMA regarding the top 10 worst Councils for road maintenance expenditure and Ballina wasn't listed.

xix) Airport Security

George Young asked a question about the airport security contract.

In response John Truman advised that the contract for MSS Security was renewed after a tender process. The security company contracted to Council with the costs of the service reimbursed to Council from the airlines. The security arrangements are subject to Federal regulations and independent audits are part of the compliance arrangements.

xx) CWA Gardens

Jeanette Kennedy advised that the CWA had employed someone to cleanup the gardens and they were pleased with the result.

xxi) Submission from South Ballina Community Association

Discussion was held regarding the SBCA submission to the Operational plan.

The information in the submission and Council's response were noted.

xxii) Toilets at South Ballina Beach

Lorraine Leuckel advised that toilets were to be installed at South Ballina by NPWS, however wasn't sure when and asked if Council had been notified.

John Truman advised that to his knowledge Council had not received any further correspondence regarding this matter.

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xxiii) Tourist Route

Lorraine Leuckel advised that residents are interested in River Drive and South Ballina Beach Road being designated as Tourist Routes.

John Truman advised it was his understanding that these roads did not meet the Council's criteria for tourist route designation.

xxiv) Emergency Evacuation Plan for South Ballina

In response to a question regarding evacuation arrangements for South Ballina, John Truman advised that evacuations were coordinated in accordance with the Local Disaster Plan. Further to this the NSW SES Ballina Floodplan provides evacuation information for the emergency services. For bushfires, the NSW RFS has a Bushfire Management Plan and these arrangements include the Neighbourhood Safer Place program which provide refuge points for residents needing to flee a major fire.

xxv) Naidoc Walk

Cr Wright reported the Naidoc walk and was again successful and well attended.

xxvi) Ballina Gallery

Cr Wright suggested that everyone would appreciate the current exhibition of the artwork at the gallery, it finishes in mid July.

xxvii) Heritage Grant

Cr Wright advised that Council had received a 50/50 grant for interpretive signage and this will support the Council's Shared Cycleway and Recreational Path project.

xxviii) Skullcandy

Cr Wright reported the success of the Skullcandy event and noted the world wide media coverage the event provides for the Shire.

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting to be held at 4.00pm on Tuesday 9 September 2014.

10. Meeting Close

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 5.25pm.

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MODESTY SCREENING AT BALLINA AIRPORT

FOR AGED AND DISABLED PEOPLE.

This matter was discussed by the Ballina Shire Council "A" Ward Committee at it's meeting on 13th May 2014.

I was absent from the meeting , and tendered an apology.

Thank you Mary O'Brien for raising the matter and discussing it on behalf of all those aged and disabled citizens , who use the Ballina Airport. Those travellers who require additional airport security checking , in front of able bodied travellers , with little or no privacy.

Surely a little common sense will tell you what may happen , if you take off a mans belt and ask him to walk around the scanner and raise both arms in the air.

A mobile modesty screen , like those seen at hospitals , could be made available , for very minimal cost to Council or the Security firm. A dash around to Vinnies or the Sally's might even find folding screens that will do the job , at a very modest cost. Or indeed they could be manufactured at Council workshop , I feel sure one of the sewing groups in Ballina would be prepared to cover them with a suitable cloth if the airport budget will not cover the cost.

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The same screen could be used for accidents in the busy airport building, when travellers fall on the floor sick or injured and are waiting for the Ambulance to arrive. Keeping them out of the gaze of other travellers and giving them privacy.

I believe we owe our seniors some respect and should be making it easier for them to travel and enjoy their lives, by providing a more comfortable and modest passage through security at the airport.

Many citizens, young and old are receiving new metal joints, to relieve their pain and require walking sticks for their safe walking. These people are required to remove their shoes and put their walking stick through the scanner, before walking through the scanner gate themselves. Why can't pre-scanned and security safe walking sticks be made available for the transition through security. Once again you can get them from the "op shops" for a mere pittance.

Common courtesy, costs little and may even speed up the passage of passengers through security. Surely it's worth a try.

George Young,
"A" Ward Committee Member,
8/7/2014

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Name	Business	Signature
Cr Sue Meehan	Ballina Shire Council	ABlogy -
Cr Robyn Hordern	Ballina Shire Council	R. Hordern
Cr Ken Johnston	Ballina Shire Council	K.W. Johnston
Cr David Wright	Ballina Shire Council	D. Wright
Mrs Jeanette Kennedy	Ballina CWA	Will arrive at meeting late J. Kennedy
Mr George Young	Ballina Lions Club	G. Young
Ms Narelle Besseling	Ballina Chamber of Commerce & Ballina Retail Action Group	ABlogy.
Dr Lee Andresen	Ballina Environment Society	L. Andresen
Ms Margaret Hains	Ballina Day View Club	Apology
Ms Sheila Aveling	Paradise FM	Sheila Aveling
Mr Andrew Playford	Ballina High School & East Ballina Lions Club	Andrew Playford
Ms Hazel Elliott	Ballina Evening View	
Ms Mary O'Brien	Lighthouse Day Club	
Mr Pip Carter	St Andrews Ballina	Stayed 20 mins P. Carter
Mrs Lorraine Leuckel	South Ballina Community Association	L. Leuckel
Ms Pamela Steele	Ballina Coastal Country Musical Festival	Apology
Mr Boyd Lancashire	Ballina Bears Cricket Club	B. Lancashire
Mr John Leon	Ballina Rugby Union Club	J. Leon
Mr Ross Pickering	Ballina & District Citizens & Ratepayers Association	
Mr David Humphrey	Ballina Heights Residents Action Group	Apology
Mr John Truman	Group Manager Civil Services	John Truman
Ms Joanne Cordery	Civil Services Group	J. Cordery