

1. Attendance and Apologies

Cr Ben Smith (Chair)
Cr David Wright (Mayor)
Cr Paul Worth
Cr Keith Johnson

Lois Wright – Plateau Seniors
John Noble – Alstonville Football Club
Katherine Buckley - Alstonville Community Preschool
John Sim - Alstonville Plateau Historical Society
Malcolm Johnson – Ballina Environment Society
Eoin Johnston - Rous Mill Ratepayers
Ina le Bas – Alstonville Plateau Historical Society
Elva Fitzell – Alstonville Rotary Club
Pat Carney - Wardell Progress Association
Geoff Limbert – Alstonville & District Ratepayers
Richard Lutze – Combined Services Club (arrived at 5.10 pm)
Wayne Garrard – Alstonville & District Cricket Association (arrived at 5.40 pm)

Staff in Attendance

Andrew Smith – Acting Group Manager Development and Environmental Health

Apologies

Jane Gardiner - Alstonville Plateau Historical Society
Sheila Aveling - Tintenbar School of Arts

The apologies were accepted.

The Committee noted the passing of member Bob Cooper in late August.

2. Declarations of Interest

Nil

3. Confirmation of Minutes 10 July 2014

That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 10 July 2014 be accepted as a true and correct record. (Geoff Limbert/Cr Worth)

4. Business arising from Minutes – 10 July 2014

(a) Tintenbar Oval

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

5. Proposed special Rate Variation for Upgrading of Ballina and Alstonville Pools

Cr Wright provided further explanation on the matter.

Geoff Limbert commented that the Alstonville Pool was largely funded by the community with left over funds going to the general Tintenbar Shire Council fund. Therefore, some residents may object to a rate increase.

Cr Smith commented that the community consultation process will allow feedback on the extent of proposed works and how they are funded.

(Richard Lutze arrived at 5.10 pm)

Crs Wright and Smith explained the role of consultants to date in this process which provided Council with indicative costs of works.

6. Council Documents on Exhibition

The list of Council documents which have recently been exhibited for public comment was noted, with the following comments made in relation to the Ballina Shire Rural Settlement Character Statements document.

Following questions, Crs Smith, Wright and Johnson explained the background and purpose of the exercise. Cr Worth outlined some feedback received during the exercise.

7. Items raised by members of the Committee

(a) Malcolm Johnson – Coastal Recreational Pathway at Flat Rock

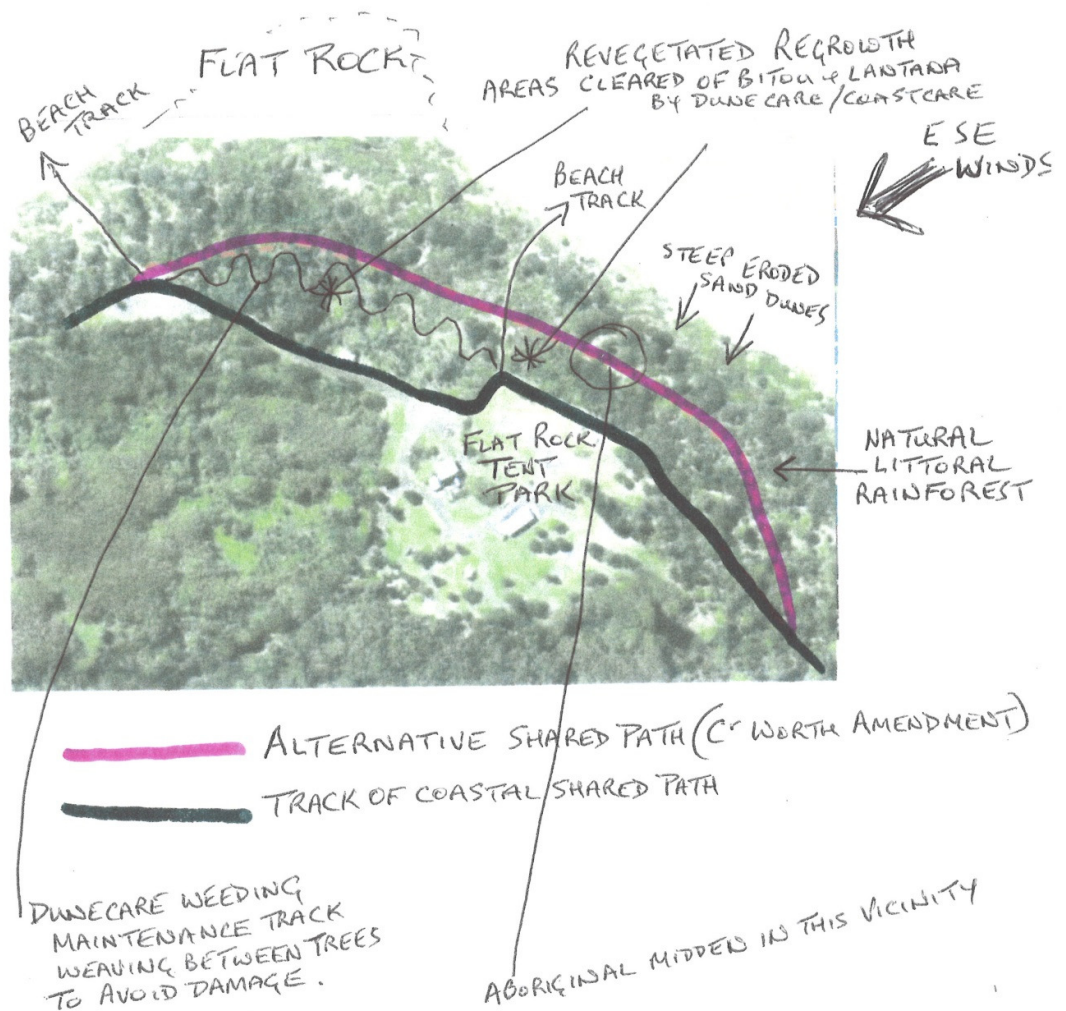
Malcolm Johnson spoke to the proposed alternative location of the coastal recreational pathway at Flat Rock Tent Park as per Cr Worth's motion submitted to the August 2014 Ordinary meeting of Council. Mr Johnson presented a document to outline his position on the alternative alignment. A copy of the document is attached.

Following invitation from the Chair, Andrew Smith provided clarification of the approved alignment and that the Council resolution at its last Ordinary meeting was to investigate the alternate alignment. No approval has been sought for the alternate alignment.

Cr Worth outlined his rationale for putting forward the alternate path alignment.

Cr Smith outlined that a process of investigation of the suitability of the alternate alignment is to occur. After this investigation, then the Council will consider its options.

(Wayne Garrard arrived at 5.40 pm)



- ① ALL OF THIS AREA IS OF GREAT SIGNIFICANCE TO ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY
- ② PROPOSED REALIGNMENT OF COASTAL PATHWAY WOULD RESULT IN 5 metre wide swathe through protected Littoral Rainforest.
- ③ CLEARING MATURING LITTORAL RAINFOREST and MATURE BANKSIAS WOULD
 - a) expose Tent Park to strong winds
 - b) increase weed infestation along pathway due to increased light penetration
- ④ TREE REMOVAL & DESTRUCTION OF ROOT SYSTEMS COULD ACCELERATE EROSION OF STEEP DUNE FACE & CREATE DUNE BLOWOUT.
- ⑤ ABORIGINAL MIDDENS LOCATED IN VICINITY OF PROPOSED REALIGNMENT.

(b) Lois Wright – Alstonville Community Preschool Development Application

Lois Wright enquired as to the progress of the Alstonville Community Preschool DA.

Andrew Smith outlined progress and update of the DA. It will be reported to Council, possibly in October.

Katherine Buckley outlined that they (as applicant) have engaged consultants that have addressed the relevant issues and their reports are available for viewing on Council's DA's on line.

John Noble raised the importance of the timing of approval for the preschool and funding avenues for important community infrastructure.

Cr Smith explained Council's role in being proactive in assisting in seeking grants.

c) Pat Carney – Pedestrian Crossing Outside Wardell School

Pat Carney asked about the process of getting a pedestrian crossing outside Wardell School.

Cr Wright advised of the need to obtain a 'warrant' and to show a demonstrated need.

Cr Smith advised that a request is to be made to the Local Traffic Committee.

(d) Pat Carney - Blackwall Bugle

Pat Carney enquired as to why it is so expensive (\$30,000) to produce the Blackwall Bugle (now only available on line). He advised a local company can produce it more cheaply.

Cr Worth and Smith explained why and asked what would be the minimum number of hard copies to be printed for those local residents who have difficulty viewing on line?

Pat Carney suggested maybe 100.

Cr Smith mentioned that a small number of copies to be printed may be able to be funded.

(e) Eoin Johnson – Rocks Encroaching on Road

Eoin Johnson raised a complaint about a pile of rocks encroaching on the road, approximately 500 metres west of the Hall on Rous Mill Road.

Cr Smith advised he would follow this up with John Truman.

(f) Ina le Bas – Painting of Crawford House

Ina le Bas informed that the Alstonville Plateau Historical Society were happy that Council will fund the painting of Crawford House.

(g) Cr Worth - Pioneer Magazine

Cr Worth asked who pays for the Pioneer Magazine?

John Sim advised that it was paid for by the Alstonville Plateau Historical Society at \$120 for 90 copies.

(h) Cr Worth – Ballina Cup

Cr Worth asked how many people were going to the Ballina Cup the following day as he was opposed to having a part day public holiday declaration.

7. General Business

Nil

8. Next Meeting

Thursday 13 November 2014 at 5.00 pm

MEETING CLOSURE

6.08 pm