

**Minutes of the 'A' Ward Committee Meeting
Held 9 September 2014
In the Committee Rooms, 40 Cherry Street, Ballina**

Time Commenced

The meeting commenced at 4.00pm.

1. Attendance and Apologies

Attendance

Cr Sue Meehan	Councillor (Chair)
Cr David Wright	Mayor
Cr Ken Johnson	Councillor
Boyd Lancashire	Ballina Bears Cricket Club
Pip Carter	St Andrews Ballina
Margaret Hains	Ballina Day View Club
David Humphrey	Ballina Heights Residents Action Group
Ross Pickering	Ballina & District Citizens & Ratepayers Association
David Felsch	South Ballina Community Association

Council Staff in Attendance

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

Apologies

Cr Robyn Hordern	Councillor - Chair
Lorraine Leuckel	South Ballina Community Association
Dr Lee Andresen	Ballina Environment Society
George Young	Ballina Lions Club
Jeanette Kennedy	Ballina CWA
John Leon	Ballina Rugby Union Club
Sheila Aveling	Paradise FM
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 8 July 2014 were accepted as a true and correct record.

5. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Request for Crossing at Fox Street

The information in the staff report was noted.

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Security Screening – Ballina Airport

The information in the staff report was noted.

Signage on South Ballina Beach

The information in the staff report was noted.

Public Toilets at Ballina Surf Club

The information in the staff report was noted.

Investigation of Speed Bump at the Bowling Club

The information in the staff report was noted.

Sewer Issue at Club Lennox

The information in the staff report was noted.

Emergency Evacuation Plan for South Ballina

John Truman gave a brief discussion on the report and the information was noted by the Committee.

6. General Business

Nil

7. Business Without Notice

i) Saunders Oval

Boyd Lancashire asked when the third ground would be ready at Saunders Oval.

John Truman advised he would arrange for the Open Spaces Manager to contact Boyd.

ii) Unara Parkway

David Humphrey advised that the pathway verge had been cut back and that the gravel was a better solution but had been washed away by recent weather.

John Truman advised that he had been in discussion with the developer and that they were committed to making repairs to this pathway.

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iii) Deadmans Creek Road/Summerhill Crescent - Potholes

David Humphrey advised that there were a number of large potholes on the junction of Deadmans Creek Road and Summerhill Crescent.

John Truman will arrange for the patching of the potholes and investigate with the maintenance section regarding whether inclusion in the heavy patching program is warranted.

iv) Cliff Burvill Pathway Repairs

David Humphrey asked about the repairs to Cliff Burvill Pathway.

John Truman advised that Council would be repairing the pathway subject to weather and availability of the contractor.

v) Ballina Heights Drive Opening Date

David Humphrey asked about the opening of the new Ballina Heights Drive.

John Truman advised that there had been some issues which were being resolved in respect of land dedication and asset handover from the developers of the Ballina Heights Estate.

vi) River Street Pedestrian Crossing

Cr Ken Johnson asked about the possibility of a pedestrian crossing in River Street near the Hibiscus Caravan Park/Westtower tavern area.

John Truman discussed the history of this request for a pedestrian crossing in this area and advised that the location did not meet the applicable warrants in the relevant standard. On this basis, even if Council supported the proposal, approval would not be provided to install a marked pedestrian crossing. Pedestrian refuge infrastructure is the preferred safety option in these circumstances. Council has previously completed a review of the crossing points on River Street and undertaken improvement works.

vii) Floodplain Risk Management Study/Northern Star Advert 27/8/14

Ross Pickering asked a question on behalf of Ralph Moss regarding a development in Barlows Road. Mr Pickering requested advice in regard to the DA number, whether consent was provided and what flood mitigation measures were associated with the application.

Mr Pickering also asked was a boiled water alert issued by Council because flooding from the large recent rainfall event had caused the sewer infrastructure to fail.

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In response John Truman advised that the Council had not issued any alert in relation to the safety of the potable water supply

A request was made to residents to limit their water consumption as the volume of inflow and infiltration into the sewer transport system had the potential to back up into property in lower lying areas.

Council was satisfied with the performance of its sewer and drainage infrastructure in the context of the size of the rainfall event.

viii) Signage at Lighthouse Beach and Pat Morton Lookout

Ross Pickering asked whether no camping and timed parking signage could be installed at these areas as people were still camping there overnight.

John advised that he would inquire into options to install camping signs and implement a timed parking zone for the area.

ix) Club Lennox Sewer Issue

Pip Carter thanked Council staff for investigating the sewer issue.

x) Lennox Head Pathway

Pip Carter congratulated Council on the pathway to Lennox Head.

xi) Aged Car Reforms

Pip Carter advised the Committee that new aged care reforms had commenced in July 2014, more information was available on the "My Aged Care" website.

xii) Bike Paths

Margaret Hain congratulated Council on the new bike paths.

xiii) Salt Water On Burns Point Ferry Road

David Felsch requested Council address the issue of salt water inundation of parts of Burns Point Ferry Road during very high tides.

John Truman advised this was a matter that had been referred to Council's insurer. Council provided education to drivers regarding driving in salt water, however the cost to elevate this road is not considered a priority having regard to other works required on Shire roads.

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xiv) *Tickets for Exemption on Burns Point Ferry*

David Felsch raised the issue regarding why some ticket holders were able to transfer tickets to different vehicles.

John Truman advised a very small number of ticket holders had approval in response to some exceptional circumstances.

xv) *River Drive*

David Felsch raised the issue of sand trucks using River Drive and why they are not using the ferry as they are damaging the road.

John Truman advised the route selected by the drivers was a matter for the quarry. John noted that the quarries pay contributions under Council's s94 Heavy Haulage Plan and these funds are used to rehabilitate Shire roads.

xvi) *Turning Circle – Southside of Ferry*

David Felsch asked why the Council was not considering a turning circle off the ferry on the southside.

John Truman advised that this issue had been previously investigated however he would arrange a further review of the request.

xvii) *Correspondence – South Ballina Community Association*

David Felsch asked why the Association had not received a response to their correspondence regarding the 2014/15 Delivery Program and Operational Plan.

John Truman advised that Council had responded and that discussions were held at the July 'A' Ward Meeting regarding the response.

xviii) *Ballina Byron Airport*

Cr Wright advised the Committee that he had recently attended an event at the Airport involving Japanese delegates and how proud he was of Ballina's presentation.

xix) *Accident*

Cr Wright talked about the recent accident and asked the members of the Committee to talk to everyone about driving to the conditions.

xx) *Country Fair*

Cr Meehan encouraged everyone to attend the country fair at the House Farm on Sunday.

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xxi) Ballina Cup Part Day Holiday

Cr Meehan advised the Committee that Thursday 12 September had been declared a part day public holiday.

xxii) Angels Beach Drive

Cr Meehan explained to the Committee that substantial cost and time savings were the reasons why Council had chosen to close Angels Beach Drive to complete the recent works.

8. Possible Special Rate Variation – Upgrading of Ballina and Alstonville Swimming Pools

The Committee noted the reported information in regard to the proposal to seek a special rate variation to fund the redevelopment of the swimming pools.

9. Council Documents on Exhibition

The list of previously advertised documents was noted by the Committee.

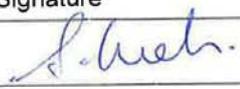
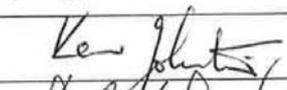
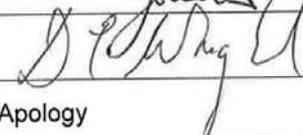
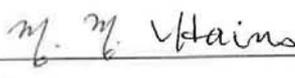
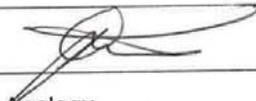
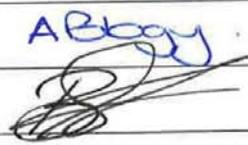
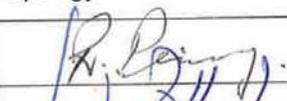
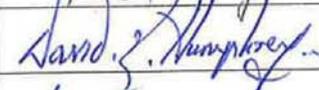
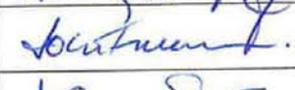
10. Next Meeting

The next meeting to be held at 4.00pm on Tuesday 11 November 2014.

11. Meeting Close

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 5.50pm.

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Mrs Jeanette Kennedy	Ballina CWA	Apology
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Ms Narelle Besseling	Ballina Chamber of Commerce & Ballina Retail Action Group	Apology
Dr Lee Andresen	Ballina Environment Society	Apology
Ms Margaret Hains	Ballina Day View Club	
Ms Sheila Aveling	Paradise FM	Apology
Mr Andrew Playford	Ballina High School & East Ballina Lions Club	
Ms Hazel Elliott	Ballina Evening View	
Ms Mary O'Brien	Lighthouse Day Club	
Mr Pip Carter	St Andrews Ballina	
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