

1. Attendance and Apologies

Cr David Wright (Mayor)
Cr Paul Worth

Jane Gardiner – Alstonville Plateau Historical Society
Barry Jeffress – Tuckombil Landcare
Sheila Aveling – Tintenbar School of Arts
Lois Wright – Plateau Seniors
Richard Lutze – Combined Services Club
Eoin Johnston - Rous Mill Ratepayers
Elva Fitzell – Alstonville Rotary Club
Malcolm Johnson – Ballina Environment Society
Geoff Limbert – Alstonville & District Ratepayers
Ina le Bas – Alstonville Plateau Historical Society
Allan Hart – Rotary Club of Ballina on Richmond
Mary Birch – Wollongbar Progress Association

Staff in Attendance

Rod Willis – Group Manager Development and Environmental Health

Apologies

Cr Ben Smith (Chair)
Cr Keith Johnson
Les Wiles

The apologies were accepted.

2. Declarations of Interest

Nil

3. Confirmation of Minutes 11 September 2014

That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 11 September 2014 be accepted as a true and correct record. (Richard Lutze/Eoin Johnston)

4. Business arising from Minutes – 11 September 2014

(a) Pedestrian Crossing Outside Wardell School

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

(b) Rocks Encroaching on Road – Rous Mill

Noted completion of work and thanked Council for its prompt response.

5. Council Documents on Exhibition

- Noted. Cr Wright outlined the recent Council resident satisfaction survey and the results relating to the question in the survey that addressed swimming pools.
- Cr Wright outlined the changes to the Ward Boundaries.

6. Items raised by members of the Committee

- (a) **Sheila Aveling** – commented that her household was contacted for the Resident Satisfaction Survey and discussed engaging the 18 – 35 years age groups in Shire matters.

7. General Business

- (a) Richard Lutze asked whether the Council could review the positioning of the “No Right Turn” sign on the southern side of Main Street, Alstonville, as it is obscured and difficult to see and many people are ignoring it.
- (b) Eoin Johnston asked whether the metal railings on the old Bruxner Highway culvert near the playing fields in Alstonville could be attended to due to the corrosion. Cr Worth advised that the work was in hand and that they were being replaced.
- (c) Lois Wright asked whether the Council's Road Safety Officer could make arrangements to visit Maranoa and make a presentation to residents addressing the road safety issues of crossing The Avenue near the doctors' surgery as many residents on mobility scooters are crossing in the wrong place and placing themselves in danger.
- (d) Lois Wright - Recent vandalism at the Wollongbar Hall and in Wollongbar was raised. Cr Wright advised that he had discussed this with the local Police who had identified the offenders but needed to complete investigations and gain first hand evidence.
- (e) Sheila Aveling raised the recent demolition/damage to the Tintenbar Oval Pavilion. The Committee asked that the Council look at seeking damages compensation from the perpetrators who have been charged by the Police. The Committee would like advice about the Council's approach to such matters.
- (f) Sheila Aveling advised the Committee that the Tintenbar Hall was going well and there were now 35 active members of their tennis club.
- (g) Barry Jeffress invited members to a field day at Teven Memorial Park on Saturday, 15 November 2014.
- (h) Eoin Johnston thanked the Council on behalf of Rous ratepayers for recent road repairs in the locality [refer Item 4(b) of this agenda].

- (i) Eoin Johnston advised that a road safety sight distance problem regularly arose 300m south of the Rous Mill intersection on Dalwood Road. There was a recent truck accident and long vegetation needs to be regularly removed as the mowers can't reach it.
- (j) Eoin Johnston on behalf of the Rous Mill Hall thanked Council staff (Jordan, Roberto and team) for visiting the hall. They showed genuine interest in the hall and what the local community was doing. This was reiterated by Mary Birch.
- (k) Eoin Johnston congratulated the Council on the recent painting and maintenance work at Crawford House. Cr Wright and Cr Worth undertook to follow up the costings of the work.
- (l) As part of the 150th anniversary of Alstonville, Bullwinkle Park gardens are being worked on. Richard Bilson was to ring the Council about a dangerous tree that has fallen and is hanging up in a Cadagi Tree near the entrance. Has Cheyne Willebrands been advised?

8. Next Meeting

Thursday 12 March 2015 at 5.00 pm.

MEETING CLOSURE

5:35 pm