

**MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
OF THE BALLINA SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE BALLINA SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
40 CHERRY STREET, BALLINA,
ON 16/04/15 AT 4.00 PM**

Attendance

Cr David Wright (Mayor - in the chair), Jeff Johnson, Sharon Cadwallader, Keith Williams (arrived at 4.04 pm), Keith Johnson, Ken Johnston, Paul Worth, Ben Smith and Robyn Hordern.

John Truman (Acting General Manager), Rod Willis (Development and Environmental Health Group Manager), Steve Barnier (Strategic and Community Facilities Group Manager), Peter Morgan (Manager Finance and Governance) and Sandra Bailey (Secretary) were in attendance.

There were six people in the gallery at this time.

1. Apologies

An apology was received from Cr Susan Meehan.

RECOMMENDATION

(Cr Ben Smith/Cr Robyn Hordern)

That such apology be accepted.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Keith Williams and Cr Susan Meehan

2. Declarations of Interest

Cr Jeff Johnson – declared an interest in Item 4.4 –Lake Ainsworth – South Eastern Precinct Upgrade Project. (Nature of Interest: non significant, non pecuniary – he is a member of the Lennox Head Surf Club). He will be remaining in the meeting while the matter is discussed.

3. Deputations

Graham Eggins, Ballina Community Men's Shed – spoke in relation to Item 4.8 – Delivery Program and Operational Plan – Exhibition, and in particular to a proposal submitted by the organisation for land at 54 North Creek Road.

Cr Keith Williams arrived at the meeting at 04:04 pm.

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Ballina Community Men's Shed - 54 North Creek Road

RECOMMENDATION

(Cr Sharon Cadwallader/Cr Robyn Hordern)

That the proposal submitted by the Ballina Community Men's Shed be dealt with at the Commercial Services Committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday 19 May 2015.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Keith Williams and Cr Susan Meehan

4. Committee Reports

4.1 North East Weight of Loads Group (NEWLOG)

RECOMMENDATION

(Cr Keith Johnson/Cr Ben Smith)

1. That Council notes the contents of the NEWLOG Annual Report for 2013/14.
2. That Council endorses the draft NEWLOG budget for 2015/16.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Susan Meehan

4.2 Water and Wastewater - Long Term Financial Plans

RECOMMENDATION

(Cr Paul Worth/Cr Ben Smith)

1. That for the Water Fund, Council endorses the 2015/16 annual charges as shown in table five of this report together with the financial model summarised in table four of this report, for inclusion in the Draft Delivery Program 2015/16 to 2018/19.
2. That for the Wastewater Fund, Council endorses the 2015/16 annual charges as shown in table seven of this report together with the financial model summarised in table six of this report, for inclusion in the Draft Delivery Program 2015/16 to 2018/19.
3. That the attached schedule of capital works for Water and Wastewater be adopted, which includes budget amendments for the 2014/15 programs.

Cr Keith Williams left the meeting at 04:19 pm.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Keith Williams and Cr Susan Meehan

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Cr Keith Williams returned to the meeting at 04:20 pm.

4.3 On Site Sewage Management (OSSM) Program Review

RECOMMENDATION

(Cr Paul Worth/Cr Robyn Hordern)

1. That Council notes the contents of this report in respect to the progress of the OSSM Program.
2. That Council acknowledges the existing resource limitations in respect to the Program and endorses the increase in the OSSM fee over a two year period from \$40 to \$50 commencing 2015/2016 to enable additional resources to be committed to advance the Program.
3. That Council supports the findings of the review of the current Program and the OSSM Strategy and endorses the employment of a full time OSSM Officer from the additional revenue raised.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Susan Meehan

4.4 Lake Ainsworth - South Eastern Precinct Upgrade Project

A **Motion** was moved by Cr Sharon Cadwallader and seconded by Cr Jeff Johnson

1. That Council adopts the following table as its preferred program of works for the funds currently available for the Lake Ainsworth Improvement Project.

Description	Amount (\$)
Construction	
Ross Street Road Works – Formalise Parking and Road Capacity	286,000
Pacific Parade	50,000
Eastern Road (Stage 1 – Road closure with Offset Car parking)	587,000
Eastern Road (Stage 2 – Option 3)	350,000
Sub Total	1,273,000
Design/Development	
Lake Ainsworth Precinct - Stage 2 (DA/Approvals)	50,000
New Surf Club Development - Stage 2 (DA/Approvals)	100,000
Total	1,423,000
Available Council Budget	1,436,000
Balance (small contingency)	13,000

2. That Council endorses the project required to be completed first under this program is stage one of the eastern road closure.

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An **Amendment** was moved by Cr Jeff Johnson and seconded by Cr Ken Johnston

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2. That Council endorses the project required to be completed first under this program is stage one of the eastern road closure.
3. That the \$100,000 allocation for the New Surf Club Development remain in the Community Facilities Reserve and that no work be undertaken on the Surf Club at this stage.

The **Amendment** was **LOST**.

FOR VOTE - Cr Jeff Johnson and Cr Ken Johnston

AGAINST VOTE - Cr David Wright, Cr Sharon Cadwallader, Cr Keith Williams, Cr Keith Johnson, Cr Paul Worth, Cr Robyn Hordern and Cr Ben Smith

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Susan Meehan

The **Motion** was **CARRIED**.

FOR VOTE - Cr David Wright, Cr Jeff Johnson, Cr Sharon Cadwallader, Cr Keith Williams, Cr Ken Johnston and Cr Robyn Hordern

AGAINST VOTE – Cr Keith Johnson, Cr Paul Worth and Cr Ben Smith

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Susan Meehan

RECOMMENDATION

(Cr Sharon Cadwallader/Cr Jeff Johnson)

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FOR VOTE - Cr David Wright, Cr Jeff Johnson, Cr Sharon Cadwallader, Cr Keith Williams, Cr Ken Johnston and Cr Robyn Hordern
AGAINST VOTE – Cr Keith Johnson, Cr Paul Worth and Cr Ben Smith
ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Susan Meehan

4.5 Fees and Charges - 2015/16

RECOMMENDATION

(Cr Paul Worth/Cr Ben Smith)

1. That Council approves the exhibition of the draft schedule of fees and charges for 2015/16, as attached, including any amendments resulting from this meeting.
2. That Council also include in the draft schedule an exemption from footpath dining fees for businesses wishing to operate during community based events.
3. That information be presented to the Ordinary meeting on 23 April 2015 on the options for the following fees:

Aircraft overnight parking fee
4WD Beach Access permits

FOR VOTE – Cr David Wright, Cr Sharon Cadwallader, Cr Keith Williams, Cr Keith Johnson, Cr Ken Johnston, Cr Paul Worth, Cr Robyn Hordern and Cr Ben Smith
AGAINST VOTE - Cr Jeff Johnson
ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Susan Meehan

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RECOMMENDATION

(Cr Ken Johnston/Cr Paul Worth)

That the yearly season ticket fee for the Burns Point Ferry for 2015/16 be increased by 10% for both residents and non residents.

FOR VOTE - Cr David Wright, Cr Sharon Cadwallader, Cr Keith Williams, Cr Keith Johnson, Cr Ken Johnston, Cr Paul Worth, Cr Robyn Hordern and Cr Ben Smith

AGAINST VOTE - Cr Jeff Johnson

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Susan Meehan

Cr Keith Johnson left the meeting at 05:50 pm.

Cr Jeff Johnson left the meeting at 05:51 pm.

4.6 Requests for Information

RECOMMENDATION

(Cr Ben Smith/Cr Robyn Hordern)

1. That Council notes the contents of this report in respect to the cost of completing the sealing of Tweed Street, Ballina. Council also provides in principle support to upgrade Tweed Street, Ballina and requests the General Manager to monitor the Road Maintenance budget in 2015/16 and resubmit this item for Council's consideration in the event savings are identified during the year.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Jeff Johnson, Cr Keith Johnson and Cr Susan Meehan

RECOMMENDATION

(Cr Paul Worth/Cr Ben Smith)

2. That the footpath program in the draft 2015/16 Delivery Program be amended to the following to reflect the inclusion of Sneaths Road in the PAMP Program, along with the inclusion of Quays drive, West Ballina in 2015/16.

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Footpaths and Shared Paths Totals	15/16 308,000	16/17 324,000	17/18 341,000	18/19 459,000
Ballina Street, Lennox Head	58,000			
Robertson Street, Alstonville	15,000			
Kingsford Smith Drive, Ballina	68,000			
Byron Street, Lennox Head	20,000			
Grant Street, Ballina	15,000			
Simpson Avenue, Wollongbar	68,000			
Fox Street, Ballina	10,000			
Park Lane, Lennox Head	12,000			
Tamarind Drive, North Ballina	34,000	20,000		
Quays Drive, West Ballina	8,000			
Allens Parade, Lennox Head		55,000		
River Street, Ballina		18,000		
Martin Street, Ballina		23,000		
Horizon Drive, West Ballina		12,000		
Simpson Avenue, Wollongbar		10,000		
Fox Street, Ballina		10,000		
Compton Drive, East Ballina		80,000		
Ross Street, Lennox Head		26,000	23,000	
Sneaths Road, Alstonville		70,000	80,000	
Pine Avenue, East Ballina			40,000	
Chickiba Drive, East Ballina			22,000	
Burnet Street Ballina (Moon-Kerr) (Kerr-Temple)			147,000	
Alston Avenue, Alstonville			29,000	
Hill Street, East Ballina				12,000
Smith Lane, Wollongbar				35,000
Chickiba Drive, East Ballina				98,000
Manly Street, East Ballina				25,000
Beachfront Parade, East Ballina				77,000
Hill Street, East Ballina				30,000
Freeborn Place, Alstonville				15,000
Parkland Drive, Alstonville				15,000
Owen Street, Ballina				130,000

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Jeff Johnson, Cr Keith Johnson and Cr Susan Meehan

RECOMMENDATION

(Cr Sharon Cadwallader/Cr Keith Williams)

3. That Council finances the preparation of the Lennox Head CBD Town Masterplan in 2015/16 as per the suggestion in the report, to be funded by the deferral of the Park Lane footpath and College Avenue street lighting.

Cr Jeff Johnson returned to the meeting at 05:54 pm.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Keith Johnson and Cr Susan Meehan

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RECOMMENDATION

(Cr Keith Williams/Cr Sharon Cadwallader)

4. That Council endorses the contents of this report in respect to the merits of the Brunswick Street boat ramp.

Cr Robyn Hordern left the meeting at 05:59 pm.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Keith Johnson, Cr Susan Meehan and Cr Robyn Hordern

A **Motion** was moved by Cr Sharon Cadwallader

5. Given that the Coastal Country Musical Festival is not going ahead in 2015, that the \$25,000 be reallocated and that Council endorses the following Long Term Financial Plan including the following budget amendments to finance the Gallery Administration Assistant.

Item	Previous Budget	Revised Budget
Economic Development Programs	15,000	15,000
Heritage Programs	15,000	15,000
Aboriginal Programs	15,000	15,000
Fair Go	14,000	4,000
Tourism Promotions	100,000	100,000
Gallery Administrative Staff	0	35,000
Total	159,000	159,000

The **Motion LAPSED**.

RECOMMENDATION

(Cr Paul Worth/Cr Ben Smith)

5. That Council endorses the latest update of the Long Term Financial Plan included the following budget amendments to finance the Gallery Administration Assistant.

Item	Previous Budget	Revised Budget
Economic Development Programs	15,000	10,000
Heritage Programs	15,000	10,000
Aboriginal Programs	15,000	10,000
Fair Go	14,000	4,000
Tourism Promotions	100,000	90,000
Gallery Administrative Staff	0	35,000
Total	159,000	159,000

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Keith Johnson, Cr Susan Meehan and Cr Robyn Hordern

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RECOMMENDATION

(Cr Paul Worth/Cr Ben Smith)

6. That Council endorses a revision of the 2014/15 estimates for Section 94 recoupments to the Community Infrastructure Reserve from \$103,000 to \$500,000 with \$350,000 to then be allocated in the 2015/16 budget from this reserve to finance the construction of the Wollongbar Skatepark.
7. That Council notes the update on options for the sports and events centre project.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Keith Johnson, Cr Susan Meehan and Cr Robyn Hordern

RECOMMENDATION

(Cr Ben Smith/Cr Keith Williams)

8. That Council organise a tour of the indoor sports facility currently under construction at Colley Park, Casino and the Byron Regional Sports and Cultural Centre at Ewingsdale.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Keith Johnson, Cr Susan Meehan and Cr Robyn Hordern

4.7 Long Term Financial Plan - Consolidated Forecast

RECOMMENDATION

(Cr Sharon Cadwallader/Cr Paul Worth)

That Council endorses the exhibition of the draft Long Term Financial Plan document for 2015/16 as attached to this report, subject to any amendments arising from this meeting.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Keith Johnson, Cr Susan Meehan and Cr Robyn Hordern

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4.8 Delivery Program and Operational Plan - Exhibition

RECOMMENDATION

(Cr Paul Worth/Cr Sharon Cadwallader)

That Council approves the exhibition of the draft Delivery Program and Operational Plan document, as attached to this report, inclusive of any changes arising from this meeting.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Keith Johnson, Cr Susan Meehan and Cr Robyn Hordern

MEETING CLOSURE

6.16 pm