

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF BALLINA SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE BALLINA SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
40 CHERRY STREET BALLINA,
ON 23/04/15 AT 9.00 AM**

Attendance

Crs David Wright (Mayor - in the chair), Sharon Cadwallader, Keith Williams, Keith Johnson, Susan Meehan, Ken Johnston, Paul Worth, Robyn Hordern and Ben Smith.

John Truman (Acting General Manager/Civil Services Group Manager), Rod Willis (Development and Environmental Health Group Manager), Steve Barnier (Strategic and Community Facilities Group Manager) and Sandra Bailey (Secretary) were in attendance.

There were eleven people in the gallery at this time.

1. Australian National Anthem

The National Anthem was performed by Sing Australia.

2. Acknowledgement of Country

In opening the meeting the Mayor provided an Acknowledgement of Country by reading the following statement on behalf of Council:

I would like to respectfully acknowledge past and present Bundjalung peoples who are the traditional custodians of the land on which this meeting takes place.

3. Apologies

An apology was received from Cr Jeff Johnson.

230415/1 RESOLVED

(Cr Ben Smith/Cr Sharon Cadwallader)

That such apology be accepted.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.
ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Jeff Johnson

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4. Confirmation of Minutes

230415/2 RESOLVED

(Cr Sharon Cadwallader/Cr Ben Smith)

That Council confirms the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Ballina Shire Council held on Thursday 26 March 2015.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.
ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Jeff Johnson

5. Declarations of Interest and Reportable Political Donations

Cr Sharon Cadwallader – declared an interest in Item 8.1 – DA 2014/328 – 12 De Havilland Crescent, Ballina. (Nature of Interest: non significant, non pecuniary – she attends the Church on a personal basis). She will be remaining in the meeting while the matter is discussed and voting on the matter.

There were no reportable political donations.

6. Deputations

- **Ralph Moss** – spoke in relation to Item 11.5 – Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan – Results of Public Exhibition.
- **Sandy Meredith** – spoke in opposition to Item 11.1 – Future of Deadmans Creek Road.
- **Kari Tanttari** – spoke in favour of Item 8.1 – DA 2014/328 – 12 De Havilland Crescent, Ballina.
- **Steve Connelly** – spoke in opposition to Item 11.5 – Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan – Results of Public Exhibition.
- **Alan Barrett, Ballina Rugby Union Club** – spoke in opposition to Item 11.7 – Policy (New) – Temporary Storage Containers on Community Land.
- **Nadia Elliott-Burgess, Ballina Chamber of Commerce** – spoke in favour of Item 14.1 – Finance Committee Minutes 16 February 2015 and in particular to the additional information provided to Councillors on the Funding Request from the Ballina Chamber of Commerce for the Home Sweet Home Expo.

7. Mayoral Minutes

Nil

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11.5 Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan - Results of Public Exhibition

230415/3 RESOLVED

(Cr Keith Williams/Cr Keith Johnson)

1. That Council defer the adoption of the Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan and Draft Chapter 2b Floodplain Management Development Control Plan pending further consideration of strategies to mitigate flood/drainage risk, at a Councillor briefing.
2. That Council advise relevant stakeholders, including Office of Environment and Heritage and Richmond River County Council, that it strongly supports the clearing of Drain Line C and reinstatement and clearing of Drain Line NR2 as a matter of some urgency, to address flooding impacts in the northern area of Deadmans Creek.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.
ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Jeff Johnson

11.1 Future of Deadmans Creek Road

230415/4 RESOLVED

(Cr Sharon Cadwallader/Cr Susan Meehan)

1. That, based on the information in the above report, Council determine its preference is to lower the surface of Deadmans Creek Road to a level of 0.9 m AHD when funds become available.
2. Council invite comments from the public and key stakeholders in response to the decision in point one above.
3. Council respond to opportunities to apply for flood mitigation grant funds to assist in the costs to lower the surface of Deadmans Creek Road.
4. That Council receive a report on mandatory load limits, traffic calming, Deadmans Creek Road becoming an exit only and undertaking regular maintenance of the current drainage system around Deadmans Creek Road.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.
ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Jeff Johnson

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8. Development and Environmental Health Group Reports

8.1 DA 2014/328 - 12 De Havilland Crescent, Ballina

A **Motion** was moved by Cr Sharon Cadwallader and moved by Cr Paul Worth

That any consent issued for the use of the premises as a place of public worship require the provision/upgrade of existing access and sanitary facilities to comply with the applicable standard for accessibility at the time the building was constructed, ie AS 1428.1-1993, and that such be required to be provided within twelve months of the date of consent.

The **Motion** was **LOST**.

FOR VOTE - Cr Sharon Cadwallader, Cr Keith Williams, Cr Ken Johnston and Cr Paul Worth

AGAINST VOTE - Cr David Wright, Cr Keith Johnson, Cr Susan Meehan, Cr Robyn Hordern and Cr Ben Smith

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Jeff Johnson

230415/5 RESOLVED

(Cr Ben Smith/Cr Robyn Hordern)

That any consent issued for the use of the premises as a place of public worship require the provision/upgrade of existing access and sanitary facilities to comply with current Australian Standard 1428.1-2009 and that such be required to be provided within three years of the date of consent.

FOR VOTE - Cr David Wright, Cr Keith Johnson, Cr Susan Meehan, Cr Robyn Hordern and Cr Ben Smith

AGAINST VOTE - Cr Sharon Cadwallader, Cr Keith Williams, Cr Ken Johnston and Cr Paul Worth

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Jeff Johnson

Adjournment

The Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 10.40 am

The Meeting resumed at 11.02 pm

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11.7 Policy (New) - Temporary Storage Containers on Community Land

230415/6 RESOLVED

(Cr Ben Smith/Cr Robyn Hordern)

1. That Council adopt the Temporary Storage Containers on Community Land Policy, as attached to this report.
2. That Council write to the Ballina Rugby Club to thank them for their submission and to explain the reasons for Council's decision in point one above.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.
ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Jeff Johnson

14. Advisory Committee Minutes

14.1 Finance Committee Minutes - 16 April 2015

A **Motion** was moved by Cr Ben Smith and seconded by Cr Sharon Cadwallader

That Council confirms the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held 16 April 2015 and that the recommendations contained within the minutes be adopted and notes the additional information provided for Item 4.5 – Fees and Charges – 2015/16.

An **Amendment** was moved by Cr Paul Worth and seconded by Cr Keith Johnson

That Council confirms the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held 16 April 2015 and that the recommendations contained within the minutes be adopted and notes the additional information provided for Item 4.5 – Fees and Charges – 2015/16 and with the following amendments

Item 4.6 – Requests for Information - Point 3 to now read:

That Council notes the information in relation to the Lennox Head CBD Town Masterplan only and reinstates in the budget the original two projects, being Park Lane footpath and College Avenue street lighting.

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

FOR VOTE - Nil

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

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An **Amendment** was moved by Cr Paul Worth and seconded by Cr Robyn Hordern

That Council confirms the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held 16 April 2015 and that the recommendations contained within the minutes be adopted and notes the additional information provided for Item 4.5 – Fees and Charges – 2015/16 and with the following amendment:

That the yearly season ticket fee for the Burns Point Ferry for 2015/16 be increased to \$365 per annum for both residents and non residents.

The **Amendment** was **CARRIED**.

FOR VOTE - Cr Keith Johnson, Cr Susan Meehan, Cr Paul Worth, Cr Robyn Hordern and Cr Ben Smith

AGAINST VOTE - Cr David Wright, Cr Sharon Cadwallader, Cr Keith Williams and Cr Ken Johnston

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Jeff Johnson

The **Amendment** then became the **Motion**.

An **Amendment** was moved by Cr Susan Meehan and seconded by Cr Paul Worth

That Council confirms the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held 16 April 2015 and that the recommendations contained within the minutes be adopted and notes the additional information provided for Item 4.5 – Fees and Charges – 2015/16 and with the following amendments:

1. That the yearly season ticket fee for the Burns Point Ferry for 2015/16 be increased to \$365 per annum for both residents and non residents.
2. That Council establish a fee for pedestrians and cyclists of \$1 per trip.

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

FOR VOTE - Cr Keith Johnson, Cr Susan Meehan, Cr Paul Worth and Cr Ben Smith

AGAINST VOTE - Cr David Wright, Cr Sharon Cadwallader, Cr Keith Williams, Cr Ken Johnston and Cr Robyn Hordern

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Jeff Johnson

An **Amendment** was moved by Cr Keith Williams and seconded by Cr Sharon Cadwallader

That Council confirms the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held 16 April 2015 and that the recommendations contained within the minutes be adopted and notes the additional information provided for Item 4.5 – Fees and Charges – 2015/16 and with the following amendments:

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1. That the yearly season ticket fee for the Burns Point Ferry for 2015/16 be increased to \$365 per annum for both residents and non residents.
2. That the airside parking fee be increased to \$16 per night.

The **Amendment** was **CARRIED**.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.
ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Jeff Johnson

The **Amendment** then became the **Motion** and was **CARRIED**.

230415/7 RESOLVED

(Cr Keith Williams/Cr Sharon Cadwallader)

That Council confirms the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held 16 April 2015 and that the recommendations contained within the minutes be adopted and notes the additional information provided for Item 4.5 – Fees and Charges – 2015/16 and with the following amendments:

1. That the yearly season ticket fee for the Burns Point Ferry for 2015/16 be increased to \$365 per annum for both residents and non residents.
2. That the airside parking fee be increased to \$16 per night.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.
ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Jeff Johnson

230415/8 RESOLVED

(Cr Susan Meehan/Cr Paul Worth)

That Council receive a report on leasing the Burns Point Ferry to a private operator.

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

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Community Donation Request - Ballina Netball Association

230415/9 RESOLVED

(Cr Sharon Cadwallader/Cr Ben Smith)

That this matter be dealt with as a matter of urgency, given that the donation request is for a function to be held on 9 May 2015 which is before the May Ordinary meeting.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.
ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Jeff Johnson

230415/10 RESOLVED

(Cr Ben Smith/Cr Sharon Cadwallader)

That Council support the Ballina Netball Association's request by the donation of applicable Council fees and charges for the use of the Lennox Head Community Centre, up to an amount of \$500.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.
ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Jeff Johnson

Funding Request - Ballina Chamber of Commerce - Home Expo

230415/11 RESOLVED

(Cr Sharon Cadwallader/Cr Ken Johnston)

Due to the timing of the proposed event, Council as a matter of urgency, consider the request from the Ballina Chamber of Commerce for Council to contribute \$10,000 to assist in the organisation of the proposed second Ballina Home Sweet Home Expo.

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

A **Motion** was moved by Cr Sharon Cadwallader and seconded by Cr Ken Johnston

That Council support the Ballina Chamber of Commerce Home Sweet Home Expo through sponsorship of \$7,000 from unexpended funds in the 2013/14 business levy budget and \$3,000 from the 2015/16 Festival and Events budget.

The **Motion** was **LOST**.

FOR VOTE - Cr David Wright, Cr Sharon Cadwallader, Cr Susan Meehan and Cr Ken Johnston

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AGAINST VOTE - Cr Keith Williams, Cr Keith Johnson, Cr Paul Worth, Cr Robyn Hordern and Cr Ben Smith
ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Jeff Johnson

8.2 Policy (Review) - Backyard Burning

230415/12 RESOLVED

(Cr Keith Williams/Cr Ben Smith)

That Council publically exhibit the draft amendments to the Backyard Burning Policy, as attached to this report. If no submissions are received the policy will be considered as adopted by Council. A further report will be presented to Council in response to any submissions received.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.
ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Jeff Johnson

8.3 Unauthorised Clearing of Vegetation and Development without Consent - 1010 Pimlico Road, Wardell

230415/13 RESOLVED

(Cr Sharon Cadwallader/Cr Robyn Hordern)

1. Council endorse Option Three to pursue a Local Court Prosecution against Mr Camidge for the offence of unauthorised clearing of 18,000 square metres or 1.8 hectares of native and threatened species vegetation comprising EECs and associated earthworks within the subject premises;
2. Further to point one above, Council also endorse Option Six to serve formal Orders on Mr Camidge under the provisions of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (NSW) to require the revegetation of the subject premises, including:
 - a) The preparation of suitable Revegetation Management Plans or the like for approval by the Council; and
 - b) Identification and carrying out of any necessary preparation works; and
 - c) The engagement of appropriate staff to carry out all necessary works in line with any approved Revegetation Management Plans or the like; and
 - d) The ongoing monitoring and remedial actions to ensure that the revegetation of the subject premises is successful.
3. That Council investigate the issuing of a Penalty Infringement Notice for the preparation of a dwelling house pad without the prior consent of the Council.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.
ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Jeff Johnson

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12. Public Question Time

12.1 Denis Magnay - Coastal Recreational Path

Denis Magnay – enquired as to when the Coastal Recreational Path on the eastern side of the Coast Road is to commence construction.

John Truman advised that Council has an approved development consent for the project, however for the portion of the path near the Flat Rock Tent Park, work to prepare a revised development application is nearing completion. This application will then be assessed by Council's Development and Environmental Health Group.

For the whole length of the project an Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit is required. The process to complete the application for this permit is also close to being finalised.

Denis advised that in the latest issue of Community Connect it says that the northern part of walking track will be built to NPWS standards. Does that mean that there will be concerns with grading, steps and steepness?

John Truman advised that the NPWS design standard will be used to address those issues.

John Truman advised that he would be happy to explain further details to Mr Magnay at a convenient time.

12.2 Sue Kelly - Refugee Welcome Zone declaration

Sue Kelly – Ballina Region for Refugees – would like Council endorsement in signing a Refugee Welcome Zone declaration – would Council be willing to sign that declaration?

John Truman advised that the response to this question be taken on notice, however if she could submit further information to Council on the proposal it will be considered.

12.3 Robyn Sparks - Fluoridation Filters

Robyn Sparks – in the latest edition of Community Connect it advises that members of the public who want fluoridation filters need to contact Rous Water. She has contacted Rous Water without any response. Can Council supply the list of local filter suppliers?

Cr Meehan advised that as Chair of Rous she will follow up with Rous staff for a list of filter suppliers.

Cr Susan Meehan left the meeting at 12:55 pm.

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8.4 Development Consent Statistics - March 2015

230415/14 RESOLVED

(Cr Ben Smith/Cr Sharon Cadwallader)

That Council notes the contents of the report on development consent statistics for 1 March 2015 to 31 March 2015.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

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

8.5 Development Applications - Works in Progress - April 2015

230415/15 RESOLVED

(Cr Ben Smith/Cr Sharon Cadwallader)

That Council notes the contents of the report on the status of outstanding development applications for April 2015.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

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

9. Strategic and Community Facilities Group Reports

9.1 Planning Proposal BSCPP 14/009 - Ballina Heights Estate

230415/16 RESOLVED

(Cr Paul Worth/Cr Sharon Cadwallader)

1. That Council endorses the amendment of the Ballina Local Environmental Plan 2012 to undertake adjustments to the zoning and other associated planning provisions for the Ballina Heights Estate as detailed in Planning Proposal BSCPP 14/009.

2. That Council authorises the General Manager to proceed to finalise and implement Planning Proposal BSCPP 14/009 directly in liaison with Parliamentary Counsel.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

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

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9.2 Pop Denison Park, East Ballina - Preparation of a Site Master Plan

230415/17 RESOLVED

(Cr Ben Smith/Cr Sharon Cadwallader)

1. That the Council (including Council as Reserve Trust Manager) notes the contents of this report concerning the Pop Denison Park Master Plan project.
2. That the Council (including Council as Reserve Trust Manager) endorses the suggested scope of the Pop Denison Park Master Plan and initiation of the project as outlined in this report.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.
ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Jeff Johnson and Cr Susan Meehan

Cr Susan Meehan returned to the meeting at 12:57 pm.

9.3 Occupation of Council Owned Property

230415/18 RESOLVED

(Cr Sharon Cadwallader/Cr Robyn Hordern)

1. That Council notes the contents of the report relating to the Council-owned property located at No 32 Swift Street Ballina.
2. That Council offers FSG Australia a lease of the premises at No 32 Swift Street Ballina (being the existing building and immediate curtilage) for a period of four years from July 2016 at nominal rental. The purpose of the lease is to enable FSG Australia and associated organisations to conduct youth-related services in accordance with the terms of Development Consent No 1995/311 granted on 5 July 1995.
3. That the General Manager be authorised to affix the Seal of the Council to documents relating to the new lease.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.
ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Jeff Johnson

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10. General Manager's Group Reports

10.1 Investment Summary - March 2015

230415/19 RESOLVED

(Cr Paul Worth/Cr Robyn Hordern)

That Council notes the record of banking and investments for March 2015.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Jeff Johnson

10.2 Goods and Services Tax Reimbursements

230415/20 RESOLVED

(Cr Ben Smith/Cr Sharon Cadwallader)

That Council agree to participate in the proposed joint legal action seeking reimbursement from the Australian Tax Office of GST paid by Council for certain transactions and that Council authorises the General Manager to sign the letter of engagement with Genesis Accounting attached to this report.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Jeff Johnson

Adjournment

The Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 1.05 pm

The Meeting resumed at 1.43 pm

10.3 2015/16 Business Stormwater Management Service Charge

230415/21 RESOLVED

(Cr Ben Smith/Cr Ken Johnston)

1. That Council adopt the following Stormwater Management Service Charge (SMCS) charging structure for the 2015/16 rating year;

- i. A maximum residential rating category property SMSC of \$25.00 per eligible rateable assessment.
- ii. A maximum residential rating category strata lot SMSC of \$12.50 per eligible rateable strata assessment.

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- iii. A maximum business rating category property SMSC of \$25.00 per eligible rateable assessment plus an additional \$25.00 for each 350 square metres of impervious land surface area or part thereof by which the impervious land surface area of the assessment exceeds 350 square metres.
 - iv. A business rating category strata lot SMSC the greater of;
 - a. \$5.00 or
 - b. The relevant proportion (i.e. registered strata plan unit entitlement) of the maximum SMSC that would apply to the strata scheme if it were land subject to the SMSC at iii.
2. That Council arrange a reimbursement of overcharged 2014/15 SMSCs levied upon business rating category strata lots as per the information in the report.

Cr Susan Meehan left the meeting at 01:50 pm.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.
ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Jeff Johnson and Cr Susan Meehan

11. Civil Services Group Reports

11.2 Road Closing Proposal - Rous Mill

230415/22 RESOLVED

(Cr Ben Smith/Cr Keith Williams)

- 1. That Council endorses the request from Crown Lands to deal with the section of unconstructed Council public road adjacent to 90 Crawfords Lane, Rous Mill in conjunction with other Crown road closure applications in the vicinity.
- 2. That Council authorises the Council seal to be attached to the road closing application and associated documents where required.

Cr Susan Meehan returned to the meeting at 01:52 pm.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.
ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Jeff Johnson

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11.3 Plant Replacement Program

230415/23 RESOLVED

(Cr Ben Smith/Cr Robyn Hordern)

1. That Council endorses, for strategic planning purposes, the Plant Replacement Program, as attached to this report, along with the Financial Plan.
2. The draft 2015/16 Delivery and Operational Plan include a fleet procurement program in accordance with the Plant Replacement Program endorsed in point one above.
3. That Council approves an additional \$222,000 be transferred to the capital budget for the 2014/15 year, to enable the replacement of plant items P266, P64 and P320001 as per the information in the above report, with funds sourced from the General Plant Reserve.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.
ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Jeff Johnson

11.4 Review of Electric Vehicles for Council's Fleet

A **Motion** was moved by Cr Paul Worth and seconded by Cr Ken Johnston

That Council note the contents of the above report regarding electric vehicles and request the General Manager continues to monitor trends in the commercial electric vehicle sector as it develops, including any incentives which would assist with the take up of electric vehicles within Council.

The **Motion** was **LOST**.

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

230415/24 RESOLVED

(Cr Ben Smith/Cr Keith Williams)

1. That Council endorse a Battery Electric Vehicle option be added to the list of passenger vehicles available for selection by staff members under the Council's Light Vehicle Protocol.
2. That Council note the contents of the above report regarding electric vehicles and request the General Manager continues to monitor trends in the commercial electric vehicle sector as it develops, including any incentives which would assist with the take up of electric vehicles within Council.

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3. That the General Manager investigate what incentives might be available to encourage staff to take up electric vehicles.

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

11.6 Playground Upgrade Plan

230415/25 RESOLVED

(Cr Sharon Cadwallader/Cr Ben Smith)

1. The information in the above report regarding playgrounds be noted.
2. The Council endorse the 2014/15 action plan, set out in the attached Playground Improvement Plan, for implementation.
3. The Playground Improvement Plan, attached to this report, be placed on exhibition. If no responses are received, the Plan will be considered adopted by Council. Any submissions received will be reported back to Council for determination.
4. That Council receive a report on the proposal by the Ballina Rugby Club to provide a playground at the Ballina Rugby Clubhouse.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.
ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Jeff Johnson

13. Notices of Motion

Nil Items

15. Reports from Councillors on Attendance on Council's behalf

15.1 Mayoral Meetings

230415/26 RESOLVED

(Cr Paul Worth/Cr Ben Smith)

That Council notes the contents of the report on Mayoral meetings.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.
ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Jeff Johnson

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16. Questions Without Notice

16.1 Cr Sharon Cadwallader - Pine Avenue Steps/Cleaning of Drains

Cr Sharon Cadwallader – spoke on behalf of Brighton Street residents. The steps at 1 Pine Avenue still have branches overhanging. The fencing around Brighton Street – when it is going to be removed? The drains have filled up but can't be cleaned because the fence is in front of the drains.

John Truman advised that staff inspected the stairs this morning and didn't identify any required pruning work. He advised that he will ask staff to clean up around the fencing. John also provided background information to Councillors on the area in question which had been a "historical" dumping ground for rubbish where remediation will be difficult and require resources allocated.

The site has asbestos risks and has been secured to ensure safety. Staff are currently reviewing remediation options and due to the likely costs involved, this matter will be reported to Council.

16.2 Cr Keith Williams - Teven Tintenbar School - Directional Signage

Cr Keith Williams – enquired about his question at the last Ordinary meeting about directional signage for Teven Tintenbar School.

John Truman will review the costs for this sign and advise Cr Williams whether a donation resolution is required to support the request.

16.3 Cr Keith Williams - Complaint Regarding Old Caravan

Cr Keith Williams – has received a resident complaint in relation to an old caravan placed on blocks in the backyard at 9 Nixon Place, Lennox Head.

Rod Willis to investigate.

16.4 Cr Keith Johnson - Tanamera Drive, Alstonville - Handrails

Cr Keith Johnson – the handrails on the bridge in Tanamera Drive, Alstonville are in a similar deteriorating condition to the ones at Geoff Watt Oval which have recently been replaced.

John Truman advised that a project was proposed to replace these handrails and he will advise Cr Johnson further regarding the status of the project.

Cr Paul Worth left the meeting at 02:42 pm.

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16.5 Cr Susan Meehan - Waler Horse Memorial Funding

Cr Susan Meehan – advised that a funding application for the Waler Horse Memorial project had been approved and on Tuesday of this week a meeting was held with Kevin Hogan MP at the cenotaph. The project will be going ahead with a view to being completed by 2016 Anzac Day.

16.6 Cr David Wright - Thanks for Works on Cenotaph

Cr David Wright – the Ballina RSL Sub-Branch are thankful to Council staff for the recent cenotaph works.

16.7 Cr Robyn Hordern - Dumped Rubbish and Household Items

Cr Robyn Hordern – advised that she had reported dumped rubbish and household items in two locations in Pool Lane, Ballina.

Rod Willis to investigate.

16.8 Cr Susan Meehan - Footpath Requiring Mowing

Cr Susan Meehan – advised that the owners of the property at the entrance to Summerhill Crescent, Cumbalum no longer maintains the footpath area and the grass is very high.

Can we slash this area?

John Truman to investigate.

16.9 Cr David Wright - Blackspot Funding

Cr David Wright – advised that Council had received blackspot funding of \$889,000 for Teven Road (near Shaws Lane) at Alstonville.

MEETING CLOSURE

3.50 pm

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 23/04/15 were submitted for confirmation by council on 28 May 2015 and amendments (if any) are contained in the confirming resolution. Such Minutes were signed by the Mayor at the meeting on 28 May 2015.