

**1. Attendance and Apologies**

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

Ina le Bas – Alstonville Plateau Historical Society  
Jane Gardiner – Alstonville Plateau Historical Society  
Geoff Limbert – Alstonville District Ratepayer  
Pat Carney - Wardell Progress Association  
Malcolm Johnson – Ballina Environment Society  
Mary Birch - Wollongbar Progress Association  
Eoin Johnston - Rous Mill Ratepayers  
Lois Wright – Plateau Seniors  
Therese Crollick – Resident  
Elva Fitzell – Alstonville Rotary Club  
Richard Lutze – Combined Services Club (Apex)  
Belinda Cordery – Alstonville Wollongbar Chamber of Commerce  
Wayne Garrard – Alstonville Cricket Club

Staff in Attendance

Rod Willis – Group Manager Development and Environmental Health

Apologies

Sheila Aveling - Tintenbar School of Arts Inc  
Katherine Buckley – Alstonville Community Preschool  
Narelle Walker – Alstonville Community Preschool

The apologies were accepted.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

Nil

**3. Confirmation of Minutes 12 March 2015**

That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 12 March 2015 were accepted as a true and correct record. (Cr Paul Worth/Cr Keith Johnson)

**4. Business arising from Minutes – 12 March 2015**

**(a) Graffiti – Walkway to Russellton Industrial Estate**

Cr Worth advised about police charging a person for vandalism in Alstonville. Committee notes the information provided and is pleased with the

development. Thanked Richard Lutze and Richard Campbell for their endeavours in assisting the police to build a case that enabled the offenders to be charged.

**(b) Parking Sight Distance – Cnr Daley Street and Wardell Road, Alstonville**

Noted.

**5. Council Documents on Exhibition**

The list of Council documents which have recently been exhibited for public comment was noted.

Cr Smith encouraged interested people to make submissions on any matter.

The Playground Upgrade Plan was discussed and members were advised to raise any playground matters with the Council by reference to this plan, particularly in regard to obsolete or other equipment that may be suitable to donate to assist other nations.

**6. Items raised by members of the Committee**

**(a) Jane Gardiner – Tree near Crawford House**

Gum tree in adjoining park shedding leaves into Crawford House gutters. Tree to be inspected for removal. Council staff to inspect.

**(b) Elva Fitzell – Tree at Bugden Avenue**

Concerned about the tree at Bugden Avenue War Memorial. Leaves have been clogging water pump and it needs substantial trimming. Council staff to inspect.

**(c) Mary Birch – Open Space at Wollongbar**

Mary asked about open space at Wollongbar and a new reserve at Plateau Drive. Council advised that no plan has yet been developed. When a concept plan has been developed it will be put on exhibition for comment.

**(d) Elva Fitzell – Damage to Paddy Bugden Memorial**

Elva advised marble steps at Paddy Bugden Memorial were damaged by Council mower. Council to investigate.

**(e) Pat Carney – Wardell Land Zoning**

Pat asked about land zoning on the edge of Wardell. Cr Wright advised that there is a Strategic Planning Study being undertaken.

**(f) Pat Carney – Burns Point Ferry Charges**

Pat asked about proposed ferry charges.

Cr Worth outlined Council's advertised fees and charges, particularly with respect to cyclists and daily fees versus seasonal tickets.

The need for a fair fee structure was supported.

**(g) Pat Carney – Unattached Dual Occupancy in Rural Zones**

Pat would like Council to amend its plan to accommodate detached dual occupancy in rural zones as in Lismore, Byron Bay and Lower Richmond.

Cr Johnson outlined that the new plan has changed matters and that secondary dwellings may have difficulties.

The committee has asked the Strategic Services Group to outline the current provisions.

**(h) Eoin Johnson – Rous Hall**

Eoin spoke about the Rous Hall meeting with Strategic and Community Services Group. Eoin asked what has transpired with respect to funding for minor repairs and maintenance following the visit to local halls.

**(i) Ina Le Bas – Alstonville Plateau Historical Society**

Ina thanked Council for the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary signs placed at the entrance to the village.

The Society Committee has a race sponsored with the Ballina Jockey Club.

The Society Committee has organised a time capsule to be buried and opened in 2165. The capsule will be on exhibition for people to contribute items.

**(j) Rural Fire Service Station Sign**

Mal Johnson advised that the RFS was seeking approval for a RFS station sign at Kays Lane.

**(k) Bulwinkle Park Shelter Shed**

Mal Johnson advised that the shelter shed in Bulwinkle Park is a regular drug using area for school children.

**7. General Business**

Cr Wright advised about proposed actions for upgrading of Elizabeth Ann Brown Park for Alstonville and District RSL in accordance with the more recent design plan undertaken by Sheryn Da-Re and endorsed by the Council. Cr Wright advised that he would be seeking Council to commit funds in the order of \$190,000 to allow completion of the memorial by the anniversary of Paddy Bugden's actions that led to the awarding of the Victoria Cross. Plans to be re-exhibited for comment beforehand.

**8. Next Meeting**

Thursday 9 July 2015 at 5.00 pm

**MEETING CLOSURE**

6.00 pm