

**Minutes of the 'A' Ward Committee Meeting
Held 12 May 2015
In the Committee Rooms, 40 Cherry Street, Ballina**

Time Commenced

The meeting commenced at 4.00pm.

1. Attendance and Apologies

Attendance

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| Cr Robyn Hordern | Councillor - Chair |
| Cr David Wright | Mayor |
| Margaret Hains | Ballina Day View Club |
| Mary O'Brien | Lighthouse Day Club |
| David Felsch | South Ballina Community Association |
| Andrew Playford | Ballina High School & East Ballina Lions Club |
| Pip Carter | St Andrews Ballina |
| John Leon | Ballina Rugby Union Club |
| Michael Young | Ballina Chamber of Commerce & Ballina Retail Action Group |
| Stephen Wills | Ballina Bears Cricket Club |
| Lyn Davidson | Ballina CWA |
| Elaine Ballard | Ballina CWA |

Council Staff in Attendance

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

Apologies

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| Cr Ken Johnson | Councillor |
| George Young | Ballina Lions Club |
| Cr Sue Meehan | Councillor |
| Pamela Steel | Ballina Coastal Country Musical Festival & Ballina Evening View Club |
| Narelle Besseling | Ballina Chamber of Commerce & Ballina Retail Action Group |
| Sheila Aveling | Paradise FM |

2. Resignation and Change of Members

The information in the staff report was noted and the new members were welcomed to the Committee.

David Humphrey advised that he can no longer fill his position on the Committee as he is no longer a resident of Ballina Heights.

Michael Young advised he was the alternative member for Ballina Chamber of Commerce and Elaine Ballard advised she is the alternate member for Ballina CWA.

David Felsch confirmed he is arranging formal notification of the change in representation for the South Ballina Community Association.

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3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest. As there was a number of new members, John Truman provided an explanation of the Declarations of Interest requirements.

4. Deputations

There were no deputations.

5. General Business

The committee members introduced themselves to the new members.

6. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 10 March 2015 were accepted as a true and correct record and it was noted that Cr Johnston's name was spelt incorrectly.

7. Amendment to Minutes – 10 March 2015

Signage on Road Reserves

The information in the report was noted by the Committee.

8. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Tweed Street

The information in the staff report was noted.

Andrew Playford congratulated Council on the work involved in the report.

John Truman advised the Committee the Council had recently received notification of successful Black Spot Grant applications valued at nearly \$3million. John also discussed the Town Entry Beautification Program.

A question was asked by John Leon regarding the option of a bridge being built in North Creek Road to join Lennox Head with Ballina. John Truman advised that this project was included in Council's s94 Roads Developer Contributions Plan.

Lyn Davidson asked about the root system on the existing Poinciana trees planted in River Street and the type of trees that would be planted in River Street. John Truman advised these projects are constructed with root containment systems and the species selected for the current River Street project were Ivory Curl and Mellaluca.

Bus Stop – Sunnybank Road

The information in the staff report was noted.

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Canal Road Market Area - Mowing

The information in the staff report was noted.

Entrance to East Ballina Cemetery

The information in the staff report was noted.

Signage at Sunnybank Road & Boatharbour Road

The information in the staff report was noted.

Howard Crescent/Riverside Drive

The information in the staff report was noted.

Embankment – River Drive

The information in the staff report was noted.

Floodgates

The information in the staff report was noted.

David Felsch advised that the gate had been repaired near the Ferry but there was still issues with the embankment.

John Truman advised he understood it was agreed repairs would be completed when resources were next efficiently available.

John also advised that Council had requested a report to be done regarding Burns Point Ferry Road and Drainage and that would be done in the future.

Ferry Capacity

The information in the staff report was noted.

David Felsch reported a request from the community for Councillors to attend a public meeting to review the proposed change in fee structure for the ferry.

9. Council Documents on Exhibition

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

The Committee was also advised two public meetings will be held at Wardell and Lennox Head as part of the public exhibition of the Draft Delivery Plan, Budget and Fees and Charges.

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10. Business Without Notice

i) South Ballina Beach Access

David Felsch provided information regarding the inaccessible beach access from Keith Hall Lane and Empire Vale Road.

John Truman advised that this land was under the jurisdiction of the National Parks and Wildlife Service and it was agreed Council would write to NPWS requesting improvements to the access to the beach for emergency services

ii) Pedestrian Crossing in River Street

David Felsch advised that there is no footpath along River Street in front of the old Suntori motel site and this makes it difficult for pedestrians/scooters/wheelchairs to utilise the area.

John Truman to provide a response.

iii) Solar Lighting

David Felsch discussed options for solar lighting on the southern side of the ferry in the waiting area.

John Truman to provide a response.

iv) Bicycle Racing in River Drive

David Felsch asked if the cyclists had permission to race on River Drive.

John Truman to provide a response.

v) Fripp Oval

Stephen Mills tabled a letter from the Ballina Bears Cricket Club thanking Council for the excellent drainage work completed at the oval (attached).

Stephen also reported about the future need to replace the fence around the oval and that the Club may ask Council for assistance.

vi) Maintenance Works

Andrew Playford thanked Council for the mowing and maintenance works in response to his requests from the previous meeting.

vii) Shell Service Station – River Street

Andrew Playford asked why the Shell Service Station did not require a Development Application to carry out the works currently taking place.

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John Truman advised he would ask our Development section for a response and report back to the Committee.

viii) *Pedestrian Crossing River Street*

Pip Carter advised the Committee that Council had refused their request for a crossing from the aged facility to the Bowling Club. He requested Council review this decision.

ix) *Cancer Walk*

Cr Wright advised the Committee of his attendance at the Ballina Cancer walk held over the weekend and how proud he was of the participation and support for the event.

Pip Carter asked the Committee how the Cancer Council could communicate to the community in regard to the types of assistance that is available to assist families dealing with health and associated issues.

x) *Battery Bin Located at Library*

Margaret Hains asked what size batteries could be placed in the battery bin at the Library.

John Truman to provide a response.

xi) *Cordless Phones*

Margaret Hains asked how you disposed of old cordless phones.

John Truman to provide a response.

xii) *Tree Trimming*

Margaret Hains thanked Council for the excellent work they did on trimming trees behind her property in Banksia Court.

xiii) *Lighthouse Day Club*

Mary O'Brien advised the Committee that the Day Club had recently celebrated 15 years, and that one of their male members had celebrated his 100th birthday.

xiv) *Community Signage*

Lyn Davidson asked if Council would install a blue direction sign for the Ballina CWA.

John Truman to provide a response.

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xv) Town Entrance Signage

Lyn Davidson asked if the Town Entrance signage for community clubs would be reinstalled

John Truman advised Council no longer supported these signs and provided alternate options for Clubs to present information to the community.

xvi) Visitor Information Centre

Mary O'Brien suggested that the Council's Visitor Information Centre was not in the correct location and should be moved to the entrance into town.

John Truman advised that this matter had been reviewed and it was determined that the current location is preferred at this point in time.

xvii) RV/Caravan Parking in CBD

Lyn Davidson asked if there was any parking of this type in the Ballina CBD.

John Truman advised that there was parking for these types of vehicles behind the Visitor Information Centre.

xviii) Beautification Suggestion

Lyn Davidson suggested a water fountain could be installed at the Kingsford Smith Drive park area to make the area more appealing.

Andrew Playford advised that volunteers had made significant improvements to this site and their work was continuing.

xix) Lions Club Sign

Elaine Ballard asked how approval for the Lions Club sign on the wall at the Bait Shop in River Street was achieved.

John Truman to provide a response.

xx) Aged Care/Fees

Pip Carter offered to attend meetings of community groups to talk about aged care and fees.

11. Next Meeting

The next meeting to be held at 4.00pm on Tuesday 14 July 2015.

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12. Meeting Close

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 5.18pm.

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| A Ward Meeting Attendance Sheet – 12 May 2015 | | |
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| Name | Business | Signature |
| Cr Sue Meehan | Ballina Shire Council | ABlogy |
| Cr Robyn Hordern | Ballina Shire Council | RHordern |
| Cr Ken Johnston | Ballina Shire Council | Apology |
| Cr David Wright | Ballina Shire Council | D Wright |
| Mrs Lyn Davidson | Ballina CWA | L Davidson |
| Mr George Young | Ballina Lions Club | Apology |
| Ms Narelle Besseling | Ballina Chamber of Commerce & Ballina Retail Action Group | ABlogy |
| Dr Lee Andresen | Ballina Environment Society | _____ |
| Ms Margaret Hains | Ballina Day View Club | m. m. Hains |
| Ms Sheila Aveling | Paradise FM | Apology |
| Mr Andrew Playford | Ballina High School & East Ballina Lions Club | Andrew Playford |
| Ms Hazel Elliott | Ballina Evening View | _____ |
| Ms Mary O'Brien | Lighthouse Day Club | M O'Brien |
| Mr Pip Carter | St Andrews Ballina | Pip Carter |
| Mr David Felsch | South Ballina Community Association | D Felsch |
| Ms Pamela Steele | Ballina Coastal Country Musical Festival | Apology |
| Mr Stephen Wills | Ballina Bears Cricket Club | S Wills |
| Mr John Leon | Ballina Rugby Union Club | J Leon |
| Mr Ross Pickering | Ballina & District Citizens & Ratepayers Association | _____ |
| Mr David Humphrey | Ballina Heights Residents Action Group | _____ |
| Mr John Truman | Group Manager Civil Services | J Truman |
| Ms Joanne Cordery | Civil Services Group | J Cordery |
| Mr Michael Young | Ballina Chamber of Commerce | M Young |

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Fripp Oval – Drainage Renovations

Mr Paul Hickey
Ballina Shire Council General Manager
40 Cherry Street
Ballina NSW 2478
12th May 2015

On behalf of the Fripp Oval Sports Club which incorporates the Ballina Bears Cricket Club and The Ballina Bombers AFL club, we would like to sincerely thank council and most importantly their staff in co-ordinating the renovation to our facility.

The weather during February and March caused unavoidable delays and combining that with co-ordinating professional subcontractors during this period was extremely professionally conducted by Will Bennet and his team.

We received regular updates on progress of the renovations and assistance to manage our ongoing activity's to promote the sports of cricket and AFL.

Probably the most satisfying result of such co-operation and sharing of information is to see the finished product and success of the renovations even in this early stage. Recent heavy storms that caused destruction throughout the region and within days Fripp Oval had fully recovered and the playing surface could be mowed and utilised, a result we could only dream of in the past.

Please pass our gratitude on to the relevant staff on a professional job well done by all.

Regards
Stephen Wills
Ballina Bears Cricket Club Captain
Fripp Oval Sports Club Committee Member