

**Minutes of the 'A' Ward Committee Meeting
Held 8 September 2015
In the Committee Rooms, 40 Cherry Street, Ballina**

Time Commenced

The meeting commenced at 4.00pm.

1. Attendance and Apologies

Attendance

Cr Robyn Hordern	Councillor - Chair
Cr David Wright	Mayor
Cr Sue Meehan	Councillor
Margaret Hains	Ballina Day View Club
David Felsch	South Ballina Community Association
Andrew Playford	Ballina High School & East Ballina Lions Club
Michael Young	Ballina Chamber of Commerce & Ballina Retail Action Group
Stephen Wills	Ballina Bears Cricket Club
Elaine Ballard	Ballina CWA
George Young	Ballina Lions Club
Yvonne Scarabalotti	Ballina CWA

Council Staff in Attendance

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

Apologies

Pamela Steel	Ballina Coastal Country Musical Festival & Ballina Evening View Club
Lyn Davidson	Ballina CWA
Ross Pickering	Ballina & District Citizens & Ratepayers Association
John Leon	Ballina Rugby Union Club
Mary O'Brien	Lighthouse Day Club

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Deputations

Nil

4. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 14 July 2015 were accepted as a true and correct record. (Andrew Playford/Margaret Hains)

5. General Business

A briefing was given on the Ballina Major Regional Centre Strategy (BMRCS), by Council's Strategic Planner Simon Scott.

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6. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Request to Inspect Wheelchair Ramp – Moon Street

The information in the staff report was noted however Elaine Bollard advised that it did not assist her direct issue.

John Truman advised that he would arrange for Council's Traffic Engineer to meet with Elaine on site to discuss the matter.

Request to Remove Graffiti under Fishery Creek Bridge

The information in the staff report was noted.

No Parking Signage – Daydream/Kalinga Streets

The information in the staff report was noted.

Fripp Oval – Request for some More Drainage Work in the Middle

The information in the staff report was noted.

Issues with Parking in Webster Lane

The information in the staff report was noted.

7. Council Documents on Exhibition

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

8. Business Without Notice

i) Shark Mitigation Strategy for Ballina

Michael Young provided three questions regarding Council's response to the recent shark incidents. A copy of these questions are attached.

John Truman provided the Committee with a general update. For a written response, a copy of the recent Council report dealing with this issue is attached to these minutes. It is also noted that the Mayor and Council officers are meeting with the Chamber to discuss this issue on 16 September 2015.

ii) Draft Roads Contribution Plan

Michael Young raised two questions about the draft plan, a copy of these questions is attached and a written response will be provided to Michael.

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iii) Speed Limit – South Ballina Beach Road

George Young asked about the speed limit on South Ballina Beach Road and what it was signposted at and whether it could be changed.

John Truman advised that it was signposted at 80kmph and that speed zoning had been reviewed by the RMS in accordance with their speed zone guidelines.

iv) CWA – Update on Domestic Violence Refuge

Elaine Bollard introduced Yvonne Scarabalotti to the Committee. Yvonne provided information regarding the refuge services and how these were supported.

Cr Meehan indicated her continuing interest in Council providing the availability of these services.

v) Street Sign - CWA

Elaine Bollard thanked Council for the new street sign.

vi) David Felsch – Various Issues

David Felsch submitted three documents (copy attached) and requested Council to provide a response. The matters in the submissions are:

- Pedestrian safety West Ballina
- Ferry Traffic Management
- Ferry Truck Fees
- Flood mitigation for rural properties.

John Truman advised that he would respond to these items in writing.

vii) Works – Angels Beach Drive

Margaret Hains asked what the works were on Angels Beach Drive north of Chickiba lake.

John Truman advised that grant funding had been made available to lower the water levels in the wetlands and cleaning of the drains to improve the environmental amenity and performance of the area.

viii) Walk for William

Cr Wright advised that this weekend at 10.30am there was a Walk for William Tyrell to raise awareness of his disappearance.

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ix) Alstonville 150 Year Parade

Cr Wright reminded the Committee that the parade procession for Alstonville 150 years celebrations was commencing at 12.00pm. Also a family celebration day was being held from 2.00pm to 8.00pm at the Alstonville showgrounds including fireworks.

There was also a church service being held on Sunday at 9.30am at the Baptist Church.

x) Fundraiser for Matthew Lee

Cr Wright also advised that a fundraiser was being held for Matthew Lee on Sunday at the Shaws Bay Hotel from 3.00pm.

xi) Moon Street Upgrade

Elaine Bollard also commented how the upgrade works in Moon Street had improved the presentation of the CBD.



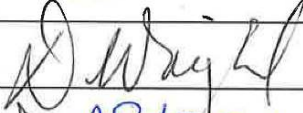
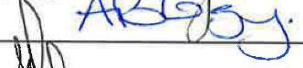



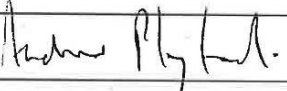







9. Next Meeting

The next meeting is to be held at 4.00pm on Tuesday 10 November 2015.

10. Meeting Close

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 5.30pm.

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A Ward Meeting Attendance Sheet – 8 September 2015		
Name	Business	Signature
Cr Sue Meehan	Ballina Shire Council	
Cr Robyn Hordern	Ballina Shire Council	
Cr Ken Johnston	Ballina Shire Council	_____
Cr David Wright	Ballina Shire Council	
Mrs Lyn Davidson	Ballina CWA	 Apology
Mr George Young	Ballina Lions Club	
M Michael Young	Ballina Chamber of Commerce & Ballina Retail Action Group	
Ms Margaret Hains	Ballina Day View Club	
Ms Sheila Aveling	Paradise FM	_____
Mr Andrew Playford	Ballina High School & East Ballina Lions Club	
Ms Hazel Elliott	Ballina Evening View	_____
Ms Mary O'Brien	Lighthouse Day Club	
Mr Pip Carter	St Andrews Ballina	_____
Mr David Felsch	South Ballina Community Association	
Ms Pamela Steel	Ballina Coastal Country Musical Festival	Apology
Mr Stephen Wills	Ballina Bears Cricket Club	 Present ✓
Mr John Leon	Ballina Rugby Union Club	Apology
Mr Ross Pickering	Ballina & District Citizens & Ratepayers Association	Apology
Mr John Truman	Group Manager Civil Services	
Ms Joanne Cordery	Civil Services Group	
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**Ballina Chamber of Commerce
Matters to raise at the "A" Ward Committee meeting
Tuesday 8 September 2015**

1. Impact on businesses in the region as a result of shark presence and attacks.
 - (a) Bringing the concerns of the businesses in the region to Council's attention.
 - (b) How is the issue to be managed to give the public confidence in beach safety?
 - (c) How will that message be communicated to the wider world, especially the tourism market?

2. Draft Roads Contribution Plan
 - (a) Duplicating the bridge at The Canal.
 - (b) "Small Business Friendly" – scope for flexibility.

3. Regional Centre Strategy
 - (a) Chamber to make a submission (meeting planned).
 - (b) Are submissions being received in the expected numbers?

**David Felsch
971 River Dr
Keith Hall
8/9/2015**

**To A ward Meeting.
Ballina Shire Council.**

I am waiting on a response to 3 issues raised at previous meetings.

1: Hazardous access to pedestrian crossing at West Tower
When coming from Emmanuel Collage, or River Bend home
Park.

2: The possible moving of the stop mark on the North Bank of
the ferry. To allow access to the carpark.

3: Blocked Beach access for Emergence Vehicles at 19A and 20A
Access points at Keith lane and Empire Vale Lane.

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To the General Manager
Ballina Shire Council

I feel the need to comment on the Flood Policy in regard to Finished floor level. Adopting two different levels, one for the Urban area, and one for the rural area has the perception of Discrimination or Negligence, depending on what side of the divide you're on. Flooding does not discriminate from town or County.

If the Council is truly concerned about the 2100 year climate Flooding affect, only pursuing 2050 for urban dwelling is Negligence.

On the other side of the Policy, rural home builders feel this Policy is discriminatory. The cost of filling a rural house site is more than the cost of the house in most cases. This is limiting horticultural, agricultural etc. potential for this Shire.

The Policy is inconsistent with other Councils, and would leave

it open to challenge. It is also not consistent with the latest BOM forecast climate change ocean rise. Or best practise.

Yours Sincerely

David Felsch



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To A ward meeting

It would seem the lowering of the ferry toll for sand trucks has had little affect on lowering the number on River Dr. Consultation with ferry operators suggests only a minor risc In truck patronage. Advise forwarded to Council from South Ballina Action Committee, after consultation with the sand pit Operator, suggested a toll of \$15 for truck and dog would attract all to use the ferry. Who suggested \$22, and why?