

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF BALLINA SHIRE COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE BALLINA SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
40 CHERRY STREET BALLINA,  
ON 24/09/15 AT 9.00 AM**

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**Attendance**

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

Paul Hickey (General Manager), John Truman (Civil Services Group Manager), Rod Willis (Development and Environmental Health Group Manager), Matt Wood (Acting Strategic and Community Facilities Group Manager) and Sandra Bailey (Secretary) were in attendance.

There were 17 people in the gallery at this time.

**1. Australian National Anthem**

The National Anthem was performed by Councillors and staff.

**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**

Nil

**4. Confirmation of Minutes**

**240915/1      RESOLVED**

(Cr Sharon Cadwallader/Cr Ben Smith)

That Council confirms the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Ballina Shire Council held on Thursday 27 August 2015.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

**5. Declarations of Interest and Reportable Political Donations**

Nil

There were no reportable political donations.

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**6. Deputations**

- **Ralph Moss** – spoke in relation to Item 11.2 – Section 94 Roads Contribution Plan – Post Exhibition Report.
- **Angus MacDonald and Luca McInnes** – in favour of Item 13.2 – Notice of Motion – BMX Cycling Facility – Lennox Head.
- **Malcolm Milner, Lennox Head Residents Association/Lennox Head Landcare** – spoke in favour of the recommendation in Item 11.7 – Lake Ainsworth South Eastern Precinct Upgrade Report.

**7. Mayoral Minutes**

Nil

**11.2 Section 94 Roads Contribution Plan - Post Exhibition Report**

**240915/2      RESOLVED**

(Cr Ben Smith/Cr Robyn Hordern)

1. That Council approves the Post Exhibition *Draft Ballina Shire Roads Contribution Plan Version 4.0*, as attached to this report, which incorporates amendments (and consequential table amendments) to the exhibited version as detailed in Table 1 of this report, to repeal and replace *Ballina Shire Roads Contribution Plan 2010*.
2. That public notice be given of the adoption of *Ballina Shire Roads Contribution Plan Version 4.0* with the plan to come into effect on the date public notice is given.
3. That Council request NSW Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) to defer sale of sections of land containing the Ballina Bypass Service Road to enable Council and RMS to conduct negotiations into its future use potential.
4. That Council seek alternative sources of funding (other than from land developers) for Council's portion of cost of works to alleviate congestion on Ballina Island.

FOR 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

AGAINST VOTE - Cr Jeff Johnson

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**13.2 Notice of Motion - BMX Cycling Facility - Lennox Head**

**240915/3        RESOLVED**

(Cr Jeff Johnson/Cr Sharon Cadwallader)

1. That Council provide in principle support to a proposal to establish a BMX cycling facility in Lennox Head.
2. That in respect of point one, the General Manager investigate potential site options, cost estimates and grant opportunities and prepare a report to Council advising on the outcomes of this investigation.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

**11.7 Lake Ainsworth South Eastern Precinct Upgrade Report**

**240915/4        RESOLVED**

(Cr Sharon Cadwallader/Cr Jeff Johnson)

That in response to the proposal from the NSW Office of Sport, as attached to this report, regarding the closure of the eastern road access at Lake Ainsworth, Council confirms that the proposal is rejected as the Council, and Council as the Reserve Trust, considers, on balance, emergency only eastern access to the NSW Sport and Recreation facility is the preferred arrangement having regard to the need to improve the environmental and social amenity of the precinct.

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

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**8. Development and Environmental Health Group Reports**

**8.1 DA 2015/311 - Multi Dwelling Housing, No. 175 Tamar Street, Ballina**

A **Motion** was moved by Cr Ben Smith and seconded by Cr Paul Worth

1. That the requested variation to the development control for car parking, as provided within Section 3.1.3 (Table 4.4) of Chapter 4 – Residential and Tourist Development in Council’s Development Control Plan 2012 be supported for the reasons outlined in this report. This will enable DA 2015/311 for the demolition of an existing dwelling house, car port and shed, vegetation management works and the subsequent erection and strata title subdivision of a multi dwelling housing development comprising four x two storey and one x single storey dwellings, site filling and associated infrastructure works at Lot 2 DP 534198, No. 175 Tamar Street Ballina to be subsequently determined by the General Manager, or nominated delegate.
2. That Council incorporate within the public exhibition of Draft Amendment No. 6 to the Ballina Shire DCP 2012, amendments to Chapter 2 General and Environmental Considerations, as they relate to car parking requirements for multi dwelling housing and residential flat buildings to make the plan’s provisions consistent with the RMS Guide to Traffic Generating Development as identified within this report.

An **Amendment** was moved by Cr Sharon Cadwallader and seconded by Cr Ken Johnston

1. That the requested variation to the development control for car parking, as provided within Section 3.1.3 (Table 4.4) of Chapter 4 – Residential and Tourist Development in Council’s Development Control Plan 2012 be supported for the reasons outlined in this report. This will enable DA 2015/311 for the demolition of an existing dwelling house, car port and shed, vegetation management works and the subsequent erection and strata title subdivision of a multi dwelling housing development comprising four x two storey and one x single storey dwellings, site filling and associated infrastructure works at Lot 2 DP 534198, No. 175 Tamar Street Ballina to be subsequently determined by the General Manager, or nominated delegate.
2. That the applicant be requested to provide compensatory offset tree planting at the ratio of 2:1 for the hoop pine removal, with the replacements being at a reasonable maturity level.
3. That the applicant provide two public car parking spaces (in addition to the seven) as part of the median strip.

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

FOR VOTE - Cr Jeff Johnson, Cr Sharon Cadwallader, Cr Keith Williams and Cr Ken Johnston

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

An **Amendment** was moved by Cr Paul Worth and seconded by Cr Ben Smith

1. That the requested variation to the development control for car parking, as provided within Section 3.1.3 (Table 4.4) of Chapter 4 – Residential and Tourist Development in Council’s Development Control Plan 2012 be supported for the reasons outlined in this report. This will enable DA 2015/311 for the demolition of an existing dwelling house, car port and shed, vegetation management works and the subsequent erection and strata title subdivision of a multi dwelling housing development comprising four x two storey and one x single storey dwellings, site filling and associated infrastructure works at Lot 2 DP 534198, No. 175 Tamar Street Ballina to be subsequently determined by the General Manager, or nominated delegate.
2. That the applicant be requested to provide compensatory offset tree planting at the ratio of 2:1 for the hoop pine removal, with the replacements being at a reasonable maturity level.

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

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

AGAINST VOTE - Cr Sharon Cadwallader and Cr Ken Johnston

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

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

AGAINST VOTE - Cr Sharon Cadwallader and Cr Ken Johnston

**240915/5        RESOLVED**

(Cr Paul Worth/Cr Ben Smith)

1. That the requested variation to the development control for car parking, as provided within Section 3.1.3 (Table 4.4) of Chapter 4 – Residential and Tourist Development in Council’s Development Control Plan 2012 be supported for the reasons outlined in this report. This will enable DA 2015/311 for the demolition of an existing dwelling house, car port and shed, vegetation management works and the subsequent erection and strata title subdivision of a multi dwelling housing development comprising four x two storey and one x single storey dwellings, site filling and associated infrastructure works at Lot 2 DP 534198, No. 175 Tamar Street Ballina to be subsequently determined by the General Manager, or nominated delegate.

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2. That the applicant be requested to provide compensatory offset tree planting at the ratio of 2:1 for the hoop pine removal, with the replacements being at a reasonable maturity level.

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

AGAINST VOTE - Cr Sharon Cadwallader and Cr Ken Johnston

**Adjournment**

The Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 10.45 am

The Meeting resumed at 11.05 am

**11.4 Sugar Cane Harvest Management Scheme**

A **Motion** was moved by Cr Keith Johnson and seconded by Cr Ben Smith

1. That the application for the Sugar Cane Harvest Management Scheme to permit an additional 5% concessional mass on the gross mass load (GML) on State and Council roads which are currently approved for a 4.6 m high vehicles, be approved for a trial period of one year, i.e. 2016.
2. Further, the General Manager is authorised and tasked to raise this matter with other LGA General Managers/NOROC and Sunshine Sugar to present a case to State and Federal Governments for those bodies to compensate LGAs for any extra road maintenance costs arising from the increased wear on local roads.

An **Amendment** was moved by Cr Sharon Cadwallader and seconded by Cr Jeff Johnson

1. The General Manager is authorised and tasked to raise this matter with other LGA General Managers/NOROC and Sunshine Sugar to present a case to State and Federal Governments for those bodies to compensate LGAs for any extra road maintenance costs arising from the increased wear on local roads.
2. Subject to compensation from State and/or Federal Government that the application for the Sugar Cane Harvest Management Scheme to permit an additional 5% concessional mass on the gross mass load (GML) on State and Council roads which are currently approved for a 4.6 m high vehicles, be approved.

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

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FOR VOTE - Cr Jeff Johnson, Cr Sharon Cadwallader, Cr Susan Meehan and Cr Ken Johnston

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

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

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

AGAINST VOTE - Cr Jeff Johnson and Cr Ken Johnston

**240915/6        RESOLVED**

(Cr Keith Johnson/Cr Ben Smith)

1. That the application for the Sugar Cane Harvest Management Scheme to permit an additional 5% concessional mass on the gross mass load (GML) on State and Council roads which are currently approved for a 4.6 m high vehicles, be approved for a trial period of one year, i.e. 2016.
2. Further, the General Manager is authorised and tasked to raise this matter with other LGA General Managers/NOROC and Sunshine Sugar to present a case to State and Federal Governments for those bodies to compensate LGAs for any extra road maintenance costs arising from the increased wear on local roads.

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

AGAINST VOTE - Cr Jeff Johnson and Cr Ken Johnston

**8.2        Development Consent and Public Infrastructure Approvals - August 2015**

**240915/7        RESOLVED**

(Cr Ben Smith/Cr Robyn Hordern)

That Council notes the contents of the report on development consent and public infrastructure approvals for 1 August 2015 to 31 August 2015.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

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**8.3     Development Applications - Works in Progress - September 2015**

**240915/8       RESOLVED**

(Cr Ben Smith/Cr Robyn Hordern)

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

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

**9.       Strategic and Community Facilities Group Reports**

**9.1     LEP Amendment Request - Southern Cross Precinct Expansion**

**240915/9       RESOLVED**

(Cr Ben Smith/Cr Paul Worth)

1. That Council endorses the application of an IN1 General Industrial zone and an IN2 Light Industrial zone to Part of Lots 3-6 DP 123781; Lots 3-4 DP 872303; Lot 2 DP 833513; Part Lot 7 DP 793980; Lot 8 DP 793980; Part Lot 264, DP 1195313 and the adjoining Council road reserve (Corks Lane) in Ballina, as shown in the Map contained in Attachment 2.
2. That Council endorses the application of a 1,000m<sup>2</sup> minimum lot size and a 10 metre building height limit for the site proposed to be rezoned, and changes to the Strategic Urban Growth Area Map boundaries as shown in the Map contained in Attachment Four.
3. That Council endorses the preparation of an amended planning proposal and the submission of a request for an altered Gateway determination to the NSW Department of Planning & Environment to reflect the matters referenced in recommendations 1 and 2.
4. That Council advise the Department of Planning and Environment that it does not wish to seek or exercise delegation in relation to the completion of this planning proposal.
5. That Council engage a suitably qualified independent planning consultant (at the proponent's cost) to review the site assessment information once submitted, and to provide Council with an associated report and recommendations.
6. That upon an affirmative altered Gateway determination being received from the Department of Planning & Environment, the procedural steps associated with progression of the planning proposal be undertaken.



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7. That a further report be presented to Council in relation to this matter following the completion of the community engagement phase of the planning proposal.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

**9.2 Economic Development Strategy**

**240915/10      RESOLVED**

(Cr Sharon Cadwallader/Cr Susan Meehan)

That Council prepare an economic development strategy for Ballina Shire, including a review of Council's existing economic development activities and identification of opportunities to enhance economic outcomes for the Ballina Shire community.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

**10. General Manager's Group Reports**

**10.1 Use of Council Seal**

**240915/11      RESOLVED**

(Cr Paul Worth/Cr Susan Meehan)

That Council attach the Common Seal to the following documents.

US 15/13	Deed of Agreement - Council and Intrapac Coops Pty Ltd, Joy Iris Sheather, and Vixsun Pty Ltd; and other deeds, agreements, etc required to finalise the power connection and boosted pipelines to this location.
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FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

**10.2 Investment Summary - August 2015**

**240915/12      RESOLVED**

(Cr Sharon Cadwallader/Cr Ben Smith)

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

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

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**10.3 Deputy Mayor - Election**

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

1. That Council elect a Deputy Mayor for the period to September 2016.
2. That the method of voting for the election of Deputy Mayor be by way of ordinary (secret) ballot.
3. That the number of votes at the ballot be revealed at the meeting and that the General Manager, following the meeting, destroy the ballot papers.

An **Amendment** was moved by Cr Jeff Johnson and seconded by Cr Robyn Hordern

1. That Council elect a Deputy Mayor for the period to September 2016.
2. That the method of voting for the election of Deputy Mayor be by a show of hands.

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

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

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

**240915/13      RESOLVED**

(Cr Jeff Johnson/Cr Robyn Hordern)

1. That Council elect a Deputy Mayor for the period to September 2016.
2. That the method of voting for the election of Deputy Mayor be by a show of hands.

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

The General Manager, as Returning Officer, advised that he had received nominations from Crs Robyn Hordern and Keith Williams.

After a vote of a show of hands, Cr Robyn Hordern was declared elected as Deputy Mayor to September 2016 by six votes to four.

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**10.4 Northern Region Joint Regional Planning Panel - Nominations**

**240915/14      RESOLVED**

(Cr Ben Smith/Cr Paul Worth)

1. That Council confirms its nominees for the Joint Regional Planning Panel are the Mayor with the alternate as the Deputy Mayor and the Group Manager – Strategic and Community Facilities, with the alternate as the Group Manager – Civil Services.
2. That Council confirms that these nominees are for the period to the end of September 2016 to allow the newly elected Council to then select new nominees following the quadrennial Council election.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

**10.5 Policy (Review) - Website - Direct Links and Commercial Advertising**

**240915/15      RESOLVED**

(Cr Ben Smith/Cr Robyn Hordern)

1. That Council adopts the amended Website – Direct Links and Commercial Advertising Policy, as attached to this report.
2. That Council place this policy on exhibition for public comment, with any submissions received to be resubmitted back to Council. If no submissions are received then no further action is required.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

**11. Civil Services Group Reports**

**11.1 Roads Program and Roads to Recovery Funding Allocations**

**240915/16      RESOLVED**

(Cr Ben Smith/Cr Sharon Cadwallader)

That the additional Roads to Recovery funding for 2015/16 be applied to the following projects for the reasons detailed within this report:

- River Street, Ballina      \$200,000
- Wardell Road, Alstonville \$160,000
- Fox Street, Ballina      \$152,000

Cr Jeff Johnson left the meeting at 12:19 pm.

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

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**11.3 Howards Road, Alstonville - Road Opening, Closing and Land Exchange**

**240915/17      RESOLVED**

(Cr Paul Worth/Cr Ben Smith)

1. That Council provides approval to resolve the road boundary alignment matters along Howards Road by commencing the required road opening, closing, land exchange or land acquisition.
2. That Council approves the lodgment of any applications or documents associated with the road management actions in point one above.
3. That Council approves the use of the Council seal on any documents associated with road management actions in point one above.
4. The costs to implement the above resolutions are to be funded from the budget allocation for roads.
5. That the approval in points one to three is subject to the estimated costs being up to a maximum of \$30,000. In the event that additional survey or other information indicates this budget is not sufficient, a further report reviewing Council's options is required.

Cr Jeff Johnson returned to the meeting at 12:20 pm.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

**11.5 Medical Centre Parking Rates in Commercial Centres**

**240915/18      RESOLVED**

(Cr Ben Smith/Cr Robyn Hordern)

That Council place on public exhibition a proposal to amend the development control plan such that the car parking rate for medical centres in the central business districts be standardised to a single rate of one space per 25m<sup>2</sup> of gross floor area.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

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**11.6 Householder's Asbestos Disposal Scheme Continuation**

**240915/19      RESOLVED**

(Cr Ben Smith/Cr Robyn Hordern)

1. In accordance with the Local Government Act, Council place on exhibition, the introduction of a new fee of \$30 for the sale of asbestos kits.
2. To promote the safe management and disposal of asbestos, Council continue the arrangement under the Householder's Asbestos Disposal Scheme whereby Council will cover the disposal costs for household asbestos waste delivered to the Lismore Waste Facility.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

**13. Notices of Motion**

**13.1 Notice of Motion - Wave Pool**

A **Motion** was moved by Cr Keith Williams and seconded by Cr Sharon Cadwallader

1. That Council investigate the feasibility of the construction and operation of a Wave Pool in Ballina as a matter of urgency, to enable consideration by relevant State Government and Parliamentary Inquiries of the provision of such a facility in Ballina.
2. That Council receive a report on the feasibility with that report to include, as a minimum, the following information:
  - sites of a suitable size that are currently owned by Council or the State Government for either a stand alone facility, or as part of a new aquatic centre incorporating pools
  - potential construction costs
  - potential funding sources
  - potential economic loss to the Shire of a downturn in the tourism industry following recent shark incidents
  - potential economic benefit to the Shire provided directly by the facility and through establishing a reputation as the safest place to surf in Australia.

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

FOR VOTE - Cr David Wright and Cr Keith Williams

AGAINST VOTE - Cr Jeff Johnson, Cr Sharon Cadwallader, Cr Keith Johnson, Cr Susan Meehan, Cr Ken Johnston, Cr Paul Worth, Cr Robyn Hordern and Cr Ben Smith

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**13.3 Notice of Motion - Domestic Violence**

**240915/20      RESOLVED**

(Cr Susan Meehan/Cr Sharon Cadwallader)

That to assist our community, and other communities, in dealing with domestic violence Council will actively promote the Daisy website ([www.1800respect.org.au/daisy](http://www.1800respect.org.au/daisy)) and Daisy App through our regular publications such as Community Connect, along with any other domestic violence reduction strategies recognised by the State and Federal Governments.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

**12.      Public Question Time**

**12.1 David Felsch - Ferry Annual Maintenance**

**David Felsch** - Why does it take two weeks to do the ferry annual maintenance at Swan Bay when it would take four days at a facility in Smith Drive?

Paul Hickey advised that he has spoken to Council staff who had inspected the facility at Smith Drive. The operator of that facility had advised that he could not facilitate the ferry at that location, without significant changes.

John Truman also advised that as previously advised to Mr Felsch, the operator of the facility at Smith Drive was asked to provide Council with a proposal. No proposal had been forthcoming.

**12.2 Malcolm Lowe - South Wall**

**Malcolm Lowe** – has there been any discussion with Council or Government to extend the South Wall?

Paul Hickey advised that Council has written to the State Government with options to improve the river mouth. This week we received a letter from a State Government agency advising of a possible one-off dredge of the Richmond River bar.

**12.3 Mikala Wade-Ferrell – Fluoridation**

**Mikala Wade-Ferrell** - What kind of fluoride is being put in our water supply?

John Truman advised that he will speak to her after the meeting and refer her to a fact sheet on our website.

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**12.4 Ralph Moss - Floodplain Management Plan**

**Ralph Moss** - when will the floodplain management plan be placed on exhibition?

John Truman advised that the plans have already been on exhibition and have been adopted by Council.

Cr Keith Johnson left the meeting at 01:03 pm.  
Cr Susan Meehan left the meeting at 01:04 pm.

**14. Advisory Committee Minutes**

**14.1 Commercial Services Committee Minutes - 15 September 2015**

**240915/21      RESOLVED**

(Cr Sharon Cadwallader/Cr Ben Smith)

That Council confirms the minutes of the Commercial Services Committee meeting held 15 September 2015 and that the recommendations contained within the minutes be adopted.

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

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

**15.1 Mayoral Meetings**

**240915/22      RESOLVED**

(Cr Ben Smith/Cr Keith Williams)

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

Cr Keith Johnson and Cr Susan Meehan returned to the meeting at 01:05 pm.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

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**16. Questions Without Notice**

**16.1 Cr Ben Smith - Councillor Chairs**

**Cr Ben Smith** – when the Councillors chairs were purchased for the Chambers, was there a warranty as some seemed to require repairs?

John Truman to investigate.

**16.2 Cr Robyn Hordern - Footpath in Fawcett Street**

**Cr Robyn Hordern** – she has received a request from Dorothy Bromley for Council to investigate the construction of a small section of pathway in Fawcett Street from the Wharf Restaurant to the Riverside Apartments, once the waste bins from the Wharf have been relocated.

John Truman to investigate.

**16.3 Cr Robyn Hordern - Town Entry Signage**

**Cr Robyn Hordern** – still remains disappointed in our current town entry signage for Ballina and Lennox Head. The entry signage provided by the RMS at Wollongbar and Alstonville needs to be investigated so that the Shire has consistent town entry signage.

Paul Hickey advised that this level of expenditure will need to be included in a future budget.

**16.4 Cr Susan Meehan - Ballina Heights Bikepath**

**Cr Susan Meehan** – advised that the new path at Ballina Heights is starting to collapse into the washed out area of the bikepath. The barriers placed around the washout are also starting to fall over.

John Truman advised that we are waiting on approval from the RMS for this work as it was part of Council's last flood damage claim.

**16.5 Cr Keith Williams – Under Cover Seating**

**Cr Keith Williams** – could we investigate some under cover street seating, particularly in River and Cherry Streets?

John Truman to investigate.



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**16.6 Cr Jeff Johnson - Fluoridation**

**Cr Jeff Johnson** - is Council concerned that America has reduced the level of fluoride in its water supply and will we be considering reducing the level?

John Truman advised that the Direction from the NSW Department of Health stipulated the level to be added. Any proposed reduction would need to be referred back to the Department.

**MEETING CLOSURE**

1.17 pm

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 24/09/15 were submitted for confirmation by council on 22 October 2015 and amendments (if any) are contained in the confirming resolution. Such Minutes were signed by the Mayor at the meeting on 22 October 2015.