

**MINUTES OF THE FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING`  
OF THE BALLINA SHIRE COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE BALLINA SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
40 CHERRY STREET, BALLINA,  
ON 23/11/15 AT 4.00 PM**

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**Attendance**

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

Paul Hickey (General Manager), John Truman (Civil Services Group Manager), Rod Willis (Development and Environmental Health Group Manager), Steve Barnier (Strategic and Community Facilities Group Manager), Jordan Robinson (Manager Community Facilities and Customer Service) and Sandra Bailey (Secretary) were in attendance.

Martin Cooper from Ridgemill Pty Ltd was also in attendance.

There were three people in the gallery at this time.

**1. Apologies**

An apology was received from Cr Ben Smith.

Absent – Cr Jeff Johnson

**RECOMMENDATION**

(Cr Sharon Cadwallader/Cr Keith Johnson)

That such apology be accepted.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Jeff Johnson and Cr Ben Smith

**2. Declarations of Interest**

Nil

**3. Deputations**

Martin Cooper from Ridgemill Pty Ltd gave an overview of the report contained in Item 4.1.

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**4. Committee Reports**

**4.1 Swimming Pools - Redevelopment Project - Stage One**

**RECOMMENDATION**

(Cr Sharon Cadwallader/Cr Ken Johnston)

That Council investigate a greenfield site; and as a possible alternative, the preferred design options where the existing Ballina and Alstonville swimming complexes operate as complementary facilities to each other.

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

AGAINST VOTE - Cr David Wright, Cr Paul Worth and Cr Robyn Hordern

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Jeff Johnson and Cr Ben Smith

**4.2 Swimming Pools - Management Contracts and Water Slide Lease**

**RECOMMENDATION**

(Cr Sharon Cadwallader/Cr Keith Williams)

That Council notes the contents of this report in respect to the Ballina and Alstonville swimming pool management contracts and the Ballina Water slide lease.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Jeff Johnson and Cr Ben Smith

**5. Confidential Session**

**RECOMMENDATION**

(Cr Susan Meehan/Cr Robyn Hordern)

That Council moves into committee of the whole with the meeting closed to the public, to consider the following item in accordance with Section 10A (2) of the Local Government Act 1993.

**5.1 Ballina Water Slide - Lease Negotiations**

**Reason for Confidentiality**

This report is **CONFIDENTIAL** in accordance with Section 10A(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1993. which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following:-

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- c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business

and in accordance with 10D(2)(c), on balance, the discussion of the matter in an open meeting is not considered to be in the public interest as this may lessen Council's ability to negotiate a commercial outcome in respect to the water slide lease.

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

(The Council moved into Confidential Session at 5.10 pm ).

During the Confidential Session -

Cr Keith Johnson left the meeting at 05:18 pm and returned at 5.22 pm  
Cr Sharon Cadwallader left the meeting at 05:18 pm and returned at 5.20 pm  
Cr Robyn Hordern left the meeting at 05:18 pm.  
Cr Ken Johnston left the meeting at 05:19 pm.

**Open Council**

**RECOMMENDATION**

(Cr Paul Worth/Cr Keith Johnson)

That Council move into Open Council and out of Committee of the Whole.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.  
ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Jeff Johnson, Cr Ken Johnston, Cr Robyn Hordern and Cr Ben Smith

(The Council moved into Open Council at 5.30 pm).

The General Manager reported to the Open Meeting the recommendations made while in Confidential Session:

**5.1 Ballina Water Slide - Lease Negotiations**

**RECOMMENDATION**

(Cr Sharon Cadwallader/Cr Keith Williams)

That Council notes the contents of this report in respect to the Ballina Water Slide negotiations.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.  
ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Jeff Johnson, Cr Ken Johnston, Cr Robyn Hordern and Cr Ben Smith

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**Adoption of Recommendations from Confidential Session**

**RECOMMENDATION**

(Cr Paul Worth/Cr Keith Johnson)

That the recommendations made whilst in Confidential Session, be adopted.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Jeff Johnson, Cr Ken Johnston, Cr Robyn Hordern and Cr Ben Smith

**MEETING CLOSURE**

5.32 pm