

**Minutes of the 'A' Ward Committee Meeting  
Held 10 November 2015  
In the Committee Rooms, 40 Cherry Street, Ballina**

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**Time Commenced**

The meeting commenced at 4.00pm.

**1. Attendance and Apologies**

*Attendance*

Cr Ken Johnson	Councillor (Acting Chair)
Cr David Wright	Mayor
Margaret Hains	Ballina Day View Club
David Felsch	South Ballina Community Association
Andrew Playford	Ballina High School & East Ballina Lions Club
Stephen Wills	Ballina Bears Cricket Club
George Young	Ballina Lions Club
Pamela Steel	Ballina Coastal Country Musical Festival & Ballina Evening View Club
Yvonne Scarabalotti	Ballina CWA
John Leon	Ballina Rugby Union Club
Mary O'Brien	Lighthouse Day Club
Sheila Aveling	Paradise FM

*Council Staff in Attendance*

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

*Apologies*

Lyn Davidson	Ballina CWA
Cr Robyn Hordern	Councillor
Cr Sue Meehan	Councillor
Michael Young	Ballina Chamber of Commerce & Ballina Retail Action Group
Ross Pickering	Ballina & District Citizens & Ratepayers Association
Elaine Ballard	Ballina CWA

**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 8 September 2015 were accepted as a true and correct record.

**5. General Business**

Nil

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**6. Business Arising from Previous Minutes – 12 May 2015**

*Pedestrian Crossing in River Street*

The information in the staff report was noted.

**7. Business Arising from Previous Minutes – 8 September 2015**

*Request to Inspect Wheelchair Ramp – Moon Street*

The information in the staff report was noted.

**8. Council Documents on Exhibition**

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

**9. Business Without Notice**

*i) Ballina Major Regional Centre Strategy*

George Young asked a question relating to carparking around the CBD.

John Truman advised that the strategy was a process to identify the ideas and aspirations of the community regarding the future for Ballina. The ideas, if adopted, will need significant further development prior to being considered for implementation. Many of the proposals are only considered long term propositions in light of the many projects Council has already identified in existing plans as priority works.

*ii) Update on Paradise FM*

Sheila Aveling gave an update on Paradise FM activities.

*iii) Lighthouse Day Club*

Mary O'Brien gave an update on the Day Club activities.

*iv) Webster Lane Closure*

Mary O'Brien asked for an update on the closure of Webster Lane.

The opening of the lane is subject to finance and other arrangements being put in place by others to repair the building.

*v) Shelly Beach Restaurant*

George Young asked for an update on the progress of the Shelly Beach Restaurant.

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John Truman advised that an update report has been prepared and will be presented to the Commercial Services Meeting scheduled for

17 November 2015. Council does not own the building. The tenant only leases the site and is paying rent. The tenant has development consent to construct a new building upon the site and is currently reviewing their options in regards to proceeding to construction.

vi) Thank You – Reserve Maintenance

Margaret Hains expressed her appreciation for works carried out in the reserve behind her property.

vii) Letter Regarding Waste Donation

Stephen Wills advised the group that the Ballina District Cricket Junior Association had written to Council asking for an in kind donation of rubbish removal at Fripp Oval for Under 13 Ballina District Cricket being held in early January 2016

John Truman advised that Council's donations policy had been exhausted and he had been informed that the request was unsuccessful.

Further to the above information, a report is being presented to the 26 November Council meeting regarding this donation request.

viii) Fripp Oval – Drainage and Top Dressing

Stephen Wills thanked Council for the excellent work on the drainage and top dressing of the oval.

He advised the committee that some damage had occurred to the fence and that he was working with Council staff to resolve this matter.

ix) Fripp Oval - Usage

Stephen Wills asked about a booking for AFL Queensland using the oval on Monday night.

John Truman to provide a response.

x) River Street Pedestrian Crossing

Stephen Wills asked if Council would review the decision regarding the crossing.

John discussed the information previously supplied and advised that he would ask staff to review the warrant counts and report back to the Committee.

xi) Traffic Count Results

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George Young asked whether traffic count results were available.

John Truman advised George that a summary of counts was available in the Section 94 documents accessible on the Council's website.

xii) Western Arterial

Pamela Steel asked for an update on the Western Arterial.

John Truman updated the committee on the preferred route options for the Western Arterial. Further information is available on Council's website under the information provided for the S94 Roads Contribution Plan.

xiii) Council Amalgamation

Yvonne Scarabalotti asked about amalgamations.

The Mayor and John Truman provided information regarding the NSW Government's proposed reforms for Local Government. Specifically it was noted that Ballina Council's submission had been successful in being rated "Fit for the Future" and therefore Council was not required to submit a merger proposal.

xiv) Thank you to Paradise FM

Andrew Playford thanked Paradise FM for their support.

xv) Thank you to Mayor – Shark Issues and School Attendance

Andrew Playford thanked the Mayor for attending the meeting at Ballina High School. He also congratulated the Mayor on his work with the shark issue and on the funding of the Coast Guard Tower.

xvi) Footpaths - Gophers

Andrew Playford asked if there was a speed limit for Gophers on footpaths.

Motorised wheelchairs have a maximum speed of 10km/hr. Persons using these devices are considered to be pedestrians and must comply with the NSW Road Rules that apply to pedestrians.

xvii) Ballina Markets

Andrew Playford reminded the Committee that the Ballina Markets were on Sunday 15 November 2015.

xviii) David Felsch – Various Issues

David Felsch raised the following matters:

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- Request for response to correspondence

John Truman noted a response was outstanding and confirmed a reply will be issued shortly.

- Season Tickets for Box Trailers on the Ferry

John Truman suggested that the Association submit a proposal in writing to Council including advice of the preferred price for the ticket.

- Signs - Ferry Not in Operation - David suggested that a third sign at Keith Hall Lane would be very helpful.

John advised that staff would review this request.

- Speed Limit on River Drive

In response to the request to lower the speed limit on River Drive, as this is a matter that has previously been reviewed and the determining authority is the RMS, David was advised the Association should make representation to the RMS regarding the matter.

It was also agreed Council would provide traffic counts for the Association's information.

- Boat Ramp Grants

David asked for an update on the grants for the boat ramps and reminded the Committee that the Association wanted to be consulted as part of the design process.

John Truman advised that a meeting was held on Monday with the RMS and that a design consultancy tender would be advertised following the meeting. The request for community consultation was noted.

- Boat Ramp at Wardell

David advised that the gradient at the new boat ramp at Wardell was causing flooding of vehicles as they were required to enter the water to launch the boats.

John Truman to arrange for an inspection of the boat ramp.

- Ferry Lighting

David tabled a document regarding lighting (attached).

John Truman reported he had requested staff to review pricing and report the information to the Committee.

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- Convex Mirrors

John confirmed that it was Council's position not to support this suggestion at this point in time as these mirrors are considered

potentially confusing for drivers and this site was not justified based on observations by our drivers regarding the frequency of passengers having to wait for the return of the ferry.

- Ferry Carpark Entrance

David inquired again whether the traffic hold line could be shifted to improve access for vehicles to the carpark adjacent to the Ferry.

John Truman advised that Council's position remained as per our previous and we did not support the requested change.

- Saltwater on Burns Point Ferry Road

John Truman reported that Council's design section had been tasked with this work, however as no project funds are allocated the work can only be completed when resources are available.

- Section 94 & Heavy Haulage Funds

David asked how the funds from these are distributed.

John Truman to provide information in response to this request.

xix) *Dredging of North Creek*

George Young asked a question about dredging North Creek.

John Truman advised that Council had been awarded an extraction lease for North Creek following a competitive process. Council has engaged a specialist consultancy to assist with the feasibility assessment and to prepare environmental planning documentation.

xx) *West Ballina – Parking for Circus*

Cr Wright asked about the parking for the circus.

Parking arrangements form part of the event assessment.

xxi) *The Spit*

Pamela Steel asked whether Council could place an article in the Community Connect about collecting Dog Poo, particularly in the off leash area at the Spit.

Pamela also asked about weed control in this area and who was actually responsible as she has been advised that it is Crown land.

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xxii) Brighton Street/Pine Avenue

Pamela Steel asked for an update on this matter.

John Truman advised that a report was being presented to the November 2015 Council meeting.

xxiii) Multilit Reading Program

Pamela Steel advised the committee about a reading program being undertaken at Ballina Primary School. This involves volunteers reading with children who are having difficulties. Pamela asked the members to spread the word regarding volunteering.

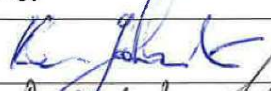
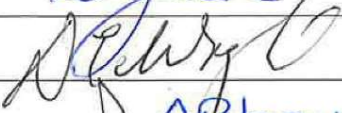
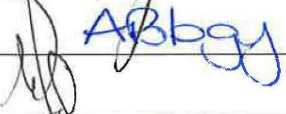



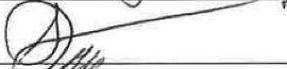

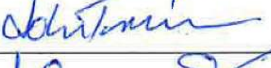

**10. Next Meeting**

The next meeting is to be held at 4.00pm on Tuesday 8 March 2015.

**11. Meeting Close**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 5.50pm.

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A Ward Meeting Attendance Sheet – 10 November 2015		
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Cr Robyn Hordern	Ballina Shire Council	Apology
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	Apology
Ms Margaret Hains	Ballina Day View Club	M/H Hains
Ms Sheila Aveling	Paradise FM	Sheila Aveling
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	
Mr David Felsch	South Ballina Community Association	
Ms Pamela Steel	Ballina Coastal Country Musical Festival	Pamela Steel
Mr Stephen Wills	Ballina Bears Cricket Club	
Mr John Leon	Ballina Rugby Union Club	
Mr Ross Pickering	Ballina & District Citizens & Ratepayers Association	apology.
Mr John Truman	Group Manager Civil Services	
Ms Joanne Cordery	Civil Services Group	
Ms Jeanabellett	CWA	J. Scavalett



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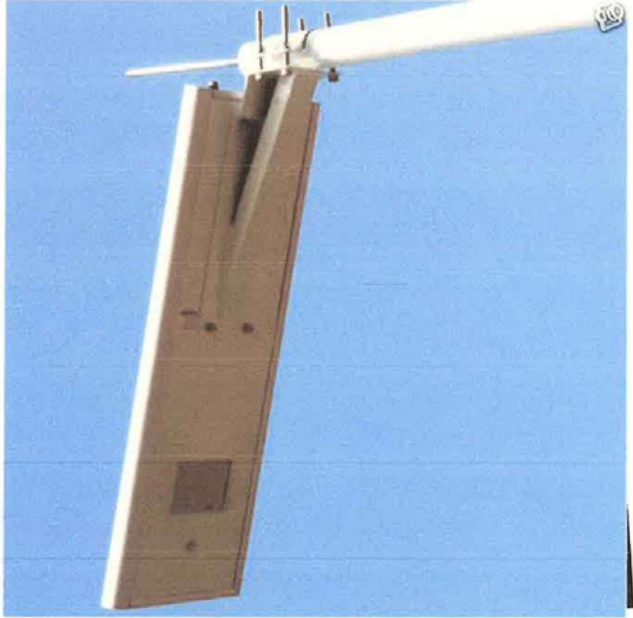
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