

1. **Attendance and Apologies**

2. **Declarations of Interest**

3. **Deputations**

Tyrone McGillick from the Alstonville Asphalt Watch Group – will speak to the Committee on the operations of Boral Asphalt at the Tuckombil Quarry.

4. **Confirmation of Minutes 10 March 2016**

A copy of the minutes of the previous meeting held 10 March 2016 was distributed.

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 10 March 2016 be accepted as a true and correct record, with a notation that Malcolm Johnson was in attendance at the meeting.

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1. Attendance and Apologies

Cr Ben Smith (Chair)
Cr Paul Worth

Belinda Cordery – Alstonville/Wollongbar Chamber of Commerce
Debbie Chapman – Alstonville/Wollongbar Chamber of Commerce
Eoin Johnston - Rous Mill Ratepayers
Geoff Limbert – Alstonville & District Citizens & Ratepayers Association Inc
Ina le Bas – Alstonville Plateau Historical Society
Jane Gardiner – Alstonville Plateau Historical Society
Lois Wright – Plateau Seniors
Mary Birch – Wollongbar Progress Association
Pat Carney - Wardell Progress Association
Ron Birch – Wollongbar Progress Association
Wayne Garrard – Alstonville Cricket Club
Susanne Gilshenan – Alstonville Plateau Historical Society
Gerri White – Wollongbar Progress Association

Others in Attendance

Kathleen Thompson – concerned citizen
Michael Hogan - resident
27 local residents concerned about the Wollongbar Skatepark project

Staff in Attendance

Rod Willis – Group Manager Development and Environmental Health

Apologies

Cr David Wright (Mayor)
Cr Keith Johnson
Elva Fitzell - Alstonville Rotary Club
Sheila Aveling - Tintenbar School of Arts Inc

The apologies were accepted.

2. Declarations of Interest

Nil

3. Confirmation of Minutes 12 November 2015

(Pat Carney/Malcolm Johnson)
That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 12 November 2015 be accepted as a true and correct record, with it being noted that Eoin Johnston had raised concern about the boundary fence of Alstonville Pool being moved.

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4. **Deputations**

Nil

5. **Business arising from Minutes – 12 November 2015**

(a) **Landcare Group – Wollongbar Residential Estates**

The information provided in the agenda was noted.

(b) **Bulwinkel Park – unanswered emails**

The information provided in the agenda was noted.

(c) **RMS and Council's maintenance boundaries - Alstonville Bypass**

The information provided in the agenda was noted.

(d) **Narrow Carriageway of roadway at that part of Freeborn Park parallel to the swimming pool lanes**

The information provided in the agenda was noted.

(e) **Crawford House – Lease Renewal**

The information provided in the agenda was noted. Jane Gardiner asked whether or not other Council leases to groups such as sporting clubs and preschools are also limited to three year periods.

Cr Ben Smith undertook to advise Ms Gardiner.

(f) **Apex Park Playground Equipment**

The information provided in the agenda was noted.

5. **Council Documents on Exhibition**

The list of Council documents which have recently been exhibited for public comment was noted.

6. **Items raised by members of the Committee**

(a) **Eoin Johnston** – thanked Council for repairing the potholes he had raised with the Civil Services Group.

(b) **Malcolm Johnson** – advised that there were still periodical issues with Alstonville High School students at the shelter shed in Bulwinkel Park but that following contact with the school the situation had improved.

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- (c) **Jane Gardiner** – reported that vandalism had occurred recently at the rear of Crawford House.
- (d) **Michael Hogan** – requested that Council look at and advise on the need for provision of both Disabled Parking and a Loading Zone in the Alstonville CBD. Mr Hogan also submitted a list of roads where trees were impeding traffic, for Council's attention.
- (e) **Geoff Limbert** – requested that Council's Road Safety Officer include a pedestrian education program in her work planning following a series of incidents involving bad pedestrian behaviour in Alstonville.
- (f) The Committee sought information about the speed limiting of gopher vehicles used on the footpath network.
- (g) **Belinda Cordery** – advised that the Alstonville/Wollongbar Chamber of Commerce is seeking a more substantial effort from the Council in respect of Christmas decorations of street trees and structures in Alstonville and Wollongbar Village Centres this year. The Chamber will make representations to the Council. The Chamber was advised that the Council was entering its annual financial planning period and that any submission should be made soon.
- (h) **Ina le Bas** – advised that the Historical Society would be holding a wedding exhibition at Crawford House on 20 March 2016.
- (i) **Pat Carney** – raised concerns that Council staff did not return telephone calls in accordance with Council's service standards. An undertaking was given that his matter would be attended to.

7. **General Business**

- (a) **Wollongbar Skatepark** – 27 local residents of Wollongbar attended the meeting to raise concerns about the Wollongbar Skatepark project.

The main issues raised were:

- Why would the Council want to locate a facility that residents saw as being a sports facility in a residential area?
- Why was the current site chosen over the new sports complex as the new sports grounds were away from residences?
- Concerned that the Council's normal maintenance regime for its parks and reserves wasn't good enough to keep a skatepark in their residential area safe and well presented.
- Concern that local residents would end up having to maintain surveillance of the park and respond to anti-social behaviour, drug use and vandalism as neither the Police nor Council would be able to adequately resource this.
- Noise.
- Road Safety in the local street.
- Parking will be on Avalon Avenue.

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- People purchased land from the Council but weren't told that there was going to be a skatepark in the park.
- No toilets are being provided.
- People who made electronic submissions to Council were given the same weighting as people who attended the exhibitions and detailed their concerns in person.
- Residents of Tecton Place would particularly become responsible for overseeing the park.
- Security issues arising from low Police surveillance.
- The facility won't be kept clean and maintained.

The residents were advised that, while this C Ward Committee Meeting wasn't the right venue to make submissions about the park, their concerns would be recorded in the Minutes and C Ward Councillors would be aware of their concerns and issues when dealing with Council's project.

8. **Next Meeting**

Thursday 12 May 2016 at 5.00 pm

MEETING CLOSURE

6.15 pm

5. Business arising from Minutes –10 March 2016

(a) Consideration of disabled parking and loading zone in Alstonville CBD and list of trees impeding traffic

A response to this item will be provided at the meeting.

(b) Consideration of a pedestrian education program in Road Safety Officer work plan

Council is committed to improving pedestrian safety on local roads.

Council's Road Safety Strategy (2014/15 – 2023/24) acknowledges that people are vulnerable (as pedestrians and other road users), and that road safety is a shared responsibility. Pedestrians (especially adults aged 60 years and over, and children aged 5 to 16 years) are identified as 'at risk' groups in our Shire. The Strategy outlines a number of key actions to improve the safety of pedestrians, including:

- Promoting current Transport for NSW resources for pedestrian safety; and
- Local education activities to raise awareness of the vulnerability of pedestrians, and encouraging the rights and responsibilities of all road users.

Council currently undertakes the following targeted and responsive education actions as part of the Road Safety Strategy.

- Talks and distribution of information about safety around schools and in traffic;
- Promoting the 'Kids Need a Hand in the Traffic' pamphlet on the Council website;
- Promoting pedestrian safety through the 'Top 10 Misunderstood Road Rules' (Council website and Road Rules Awareness Day, February 2016);
- Talks to road user groups over 60 years old (focusing on driving, pedestrian and scooter safety);
- Distribution of information about footpath and shared path safety to cycling groups and community hubs (such as libraries, cafes and the Council website);
- Promoting the new 'Go Together' rules for cars, bikes and pedestrians (with planned community banners, flyers and media);
- Including road rule reminders in Council's Community Connect newsletter (with a focus on pedestrian and cycle safety in December 2015, and April 2016);
- Media releases highlighting issues around driving, cycling and pedestrian safety;
- Promoting safe road use for all around peak holiday periods (such as Christmas, Easter, and Anzac Day);
- Promoting pedestrian safety around public transport (such as at Public Transport Information Day, planned for 21 April 2016); and
- Planned road safety messages (including pedestrian safety) and events for May 27 2016 (Fatality Free Friday).

Council is pleased to take new and ongoing opportunities to raise community awareness and improve safety on and around the roads.

(c) Enquiry re speed limiting of gopher vehicles on footpaths

A response to this item will be provided at the meeting.

6. Council Documents on Exhibition

The following is a list of recent documents that have been placed on exhibition in the period since the last meeting.

- **Draft Policy - Risk Management, closing date 11 May 2016**
- **Draft Policy – Fraud and Corruption Control, closing date 11 May 2016**
- **Draft Policy – Social Media, closing date 11 May 2016**
- **Draft Policy - Fire Asset Protection Zones – Private Use of Public Land, closing date 11 May 2016**
- **Draft Policy - Weddings on Public Land, closing date 11 May 2016**
- **Draft Policy - Cemetery Management, closing date 11 May 2016**

The above draft policies have been reviewed as part of Council's normal program of reviewing policies.

- **Planning Proposal BSCPP 14/002 – Reservoir Hill, Lennox Head, closing date 13 May 2016**

Council has prepared a planning proposal to amend the Ballina Local Environmental Plan 2012 (Ballina LEP 2012) in respect to Lots 1 and 2 DP 517111, North Creek Road, Lennox Head. The planning proposal also incorporates certain public road reservations which adjoin these lots.

The planning proposal proposes to rezone part of the site from RU1 Primary Production zone to facilitate future residential development. A mixed R2 Low Density Residential and R3 Medium Density Residential zoning regime, together with a minimum lot size of 600m², has been applied to areas proposed to be rezoned.

The planning proposal also makes provision for the realignment of North Creek Road and Hutley Drive through the site.

Council has been given delegation by the Department of Planning and Environment to undertake the processes for finalisation of the planning proposal (should it proceed to completion).

- **Notification of Alcohol Free Zones - Lennox Head and Alstonville, closing date 13 May 2016**

Council resolved on 24 March 2016 to undertake a consultation program to consider a proposal to re-establish the Alcohol Free Zones (AFZ) in Lennox Head and Alstonville.

- **Ballina Shire Council Planning Proposal BSCPP 14/001 – Teven Road Transport and Logistics Precinct, West Ballina and Draft Voluntary Planning Agreement, closing date 20 May 2016**

Council has prepared a planning proposal to amend the Ballina Local Environmental Plan 2012 (Ballina LEP 2012) so as to permit with development consent *freight transport facilities, warehouse or distribution centre* on certain land located at Teven Road, West Ballina. A draft Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA) is proposed between the owners of the land and Council.

The draft VPA includes requirements relating to when the development may take place on the land, the fill levels required to be achieved for future development and which parts of the site cannot be developed.

- **Ballina Shire Council Planning Proposal BSCPP 14-004 – 16 Tara Downs, Lennox Head, closing date 20 May 2016**

Council has prepared a planning proposal to amend the Ballina Local Environmental Plan 2012 (Ballina LEP 2012) in respect to Lot 12 DP 813210 known as 16 Tara Downs, Lennox Head.

The planning proposal proposes to rezone the rear part of the site from RU2 Rural Landscape zone to facilitate future residential development. A R2 Low Density Residential zone has been applied to the area proposed to be rezoned together with a minimum lot size of 1200m². A 600m² minimum lot size is proposed to be applied to those parts of the site with frontage to Tara Downs and already zoned R2 Low Density Residential.

Council has been given delegation from the Department of Planning and Environment to undertake the processes for finalisation of the planning proposal (should it proceed to completion).

- **Private Structures within Council Owned (Public) Waterways (Draft Policy), closing date 27 May 2016**

The policy relates to the regulatory, tenure and fee requirements with respect to private structures (including jetties/pontoons and boat ramps) located within the following Council owned (public) waterways:

- Ballina Quays Canals
- Banyanda Lake
- Endeavour Lake.

- **Delivery Program and Operational Plan – 2016/17 to 2019/20, Fees and Charges for 2016/17 – Exhibition and Public Meetings, closing date 6 June 2016**

Council has prepared its draft Delivery Program for the four year period from 2016/17 to 2019/20. This document, which also includes the draft Operational Plan for 2016/17, outlines items such as:

- proposed rates and charges for 2016/17

- details of the services and actions planned by Council for 2016/17 to 2019/20
- an overview of the capital works planned for 2016/17 to 2019/20; and
- details of the discretionary and legislative fees proposed to be charged by Council for 2016/17.

In respect to the rates, charges and fees proposed for 2016/17 items of note include:

- CPI increases in waste collection charges
- CPI increases in water access and consumption charges
- 5.34% increase, on average, in land rates. The percentage increase amount above CPI will fund increased expenditure for capital works on community infrastructure, with the first priority being the redevelopment of the Alstonville and Ballina swimming pools
- 7% increase in wastewater (sewer) access and usage charges. Following the completion of a \$70million upgrade to our wastewater capacity and processes, increases above CPI are needed to finance the loan repayments relating to the upgrade
- increase in the on-site sewage management charge from \$45 to \$50. This charge is payable on all non-sewered properties that have improvements (eg a septic tank). The revenue raised from this increase will fund extra staff resources to accelerate the rate at which Council is undertaking inspections
- new fee to be levied on Development Applications (DA) to recover costs associated with record keeping, software licencing and DA tracking. The fee is to be set at 0.07% of the estimated value of the development.

The draft documents are now on exhibition and as part of the exhibition process Council will hold two public meetings to discuss the document contents. The dates and venues for these meetings are as follows and members of the public are encouraged to attend.

7pm Tuesday 17 May 2016	Lennox Head Cultural & Community Centre, Meeting Room
7pm Wednesday 18 May 2016	Wardell Memorial Hall

- **Financial Assistance for Community Groups and Community Halls**

Every year Ballina Shire Council allocates a significant amount of money to assist community organisations in the Ballina Shire.

Applications are now being called for those organisations that may require funds for the next financial year.

To apply for one of the programs, application forms are available on Council's website and need to be submitted by Monday 6 June 2016.

For more information on the financial assistance programs visit ballina.nsw.gov.au.

7. **Items raised by members of the Committee**

8. **General Business**

9. **Next Meeting**

Thursday 14 July 2016 at 5.00 pm