

1. Attendance and Apologies

Members

Cr David Wright (Mayor)
Cr Sharon Cadwallader (Chair)
Cr Keith Williams
Cr Jeff Johnson

Alan Veacock, Ballina Heights Resident Action Group
Fran Byrne, Coastcare
Sheila Aveling, Tintenbar School of Arts Inc
Darel Vidler, Lennox Head Combined Sports Assoc
Graham Shaw, Lennox Head Residents Association
Lorraine Leuckel, Marine Rescue Ballina
Lyn Walker, Ballina Environment Society

Observers

Mary Birch, Member C Ward Committee
Ron Birch, Member C Ward Committee

Council Staff

John Truman, Group Manager Civil Services
Steve Barnier, Group Manager Strategic and Community Facilities

Apologies

Shaun Eastment, Lennox Head Landcare
Ian Duncan, Knockrow/Newrybar Residents Group

2. Declarations of Interest

Nil.

3. Confirmation of Minutes

That the Minutes of the "B" Ward Committee held 16 May 2016 be taken as read and confirmed. (Mr Veacock/Mr Shaw).

4. Deputations

Nil

5. Outstanding Business

Nil

6. Business with Notice from Members

Note: The following items had been submitted by Mr Veacock on behalf of BHRAG but unfortunately were not received prior to the Committee agenda for this meeting being finalised and distributed to members.

Mr Truman had provided a written response in relation to each matter raised. Mr Truman's comments were sent to Mr Veacock and distributed to each Committee member at the meeting.

Each item was discussed as follows:

a) Cumbalum Interchange

The two key issues here relate to, firstly, heavy rainfall events causing part of Tamarind Drive and the roundabout to become unserviceable from time to time and secondly, the desire for additional ramps to access the Pacific Highway Ballina Bypass at this location.

Mr Truman confirmed that the RMS is currently investigating options to address the road inundation issue and information will be distributed when these investigations are further advanced.

In regard to the provision of additional access ramps to the highway, Committee members endorsed the Council's current actions seeking the State Government to commit to this project.

b) West Ballina

Mr Truman advised that Council is continuing with its negotiations with RMS to assess the practicality and viability of using Flathead Lane as an interim measure to connect Tamarind Drive and the Teven Road/Pacific Highway interchange.

BHRAG will be kept informed when further substantive information is to hand.

c) Deadmans Creek Road Roundabout Redevelopment

The information was noted.

d) Developer Contributions

Members appreciated receiving information concerning the operation of S.94 Developer Contributions Plans for provision of infrastructure associated with new development.

Council's inability to access developer contributions beyond the current State Government cap was noted.

7. Council Documents on Exhibition

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

8. Business Without Notice

(a) Sheila Aveling – Tintenbar Hall and Tintenbar Oval

Ms Aveling noted that the current access into the Tintenbar Hall has substantially deteriorated due to recent heavy rainfall.

She also advised that maintenance work on the pavilion within the public reserve is nearing completion.

(b) Graham Shaw – Residential Building Heights

Mr Shaw indicated he is aware of views by some Lennox Head residents that the residential building height provisions contained within Council's Local Environmental Plan should be amended to preclude construction of buildings greater than two storeys.

Mr Barnier noted that the Council had very recently considered a proposal as suggested, but had declined to take such action.

(c) Graham Shaw – Lennox Head Commercial Centre Upgrade

Mr Shaw enquired about the status of this project.

Mr Truman advised that the matter is under consideration. However, available staff resources are currently deployed on projects within the work program which have higher priority.

(d) Graham Shaw – Proposed Bicycle Track, Ocean Breeze Reserve

Mr Shaw enquired about the status of this project.

Mr Truman indicated he is endeavouring to report the matter to either the July or August Ordinary Council Meeting.

(e) Graham Shaw – Proposed Ski Jump Facility, Lake Ainsworth Sport and Recreation Centre

Mr Shaw enquired about the status of this matter.

No further information is to hand, beyond the Government's recent media announcements concerning the project.

(f) Lyn Walker – Activities of Ballina Environment Society

Dr Walker noted that the main interests of the Society currently relate to the Government's review of Far North Coast councils' E Zones within their local environmental plans, also reviewing the Government's draft biodiversity legislation and review of Crown Land administration.

Dr Walker also provided comment about the proposed infrastructure at the Lake Ainsworth Sport and Recreation Centre in regard to environmental impact assessment and management of stormwater/drainage discharge.

(g) Lyn Walker – Waste Management Adjacent to Lake Ainsworth

Dr Walker urged Councillors to advocate for waste receptacles not being provided in the Lake Ainsworth foreshore master planning. She suggested that those responsible for generating waste should be responsible for removing it.

Initiatives of this kind should be promoted as part of a broader environmental management strategy within this precinct.

(h) Darel Vidler – Proposed Community Garden, Ocean Breeze Reserve

Mr Vidler enquired about the status of this proposal.

Mr Truman indicated he is aware of some interest in this project. He will be seeking to address it as part of the reporting to the Council (refer to item (d) above).

(i) Darel Vidler – Megan Crescent Improvements

Mr Vidler expressed his appreciation to Councillors for their support in the recent allocation of grant funds to enable these improvement works to proceed. Commencement is expected shortly.

He also enquired about Council policies concerning the placement of commercial advertising signage within the shire's sporting grounds.

Council considers signage of this nature on a case-by-case basis, having regard for location, scale and advertised content.

(j) Fran Byrne – Pathway Construction, Beachfront Parade, East Ballina

Ms Byrne enquired about the project and was advised that it is a matter which is currently under Council's consideration.

Provision is currently made in Council's Pedestrian and Mobility Plan (PAMP) for this infrastructure, and it is also being proposed in Council's recently exhibited draft Bike Plan.

Community representations concerning this matter are currently being received and considered by the Council.

(k) Lorraine Leuckel – Marine Rescue Tower

Ms Leuckel acknowledged the progress being made with the construction of the new facility. She also enquired about the potential for mobile coffee vending facilities being provided for, adjacent to the new building.

Staff advised that authorised itinerant coffee vending operators may choose to service this area, subject to their vehicles not giving rise to pedestrian/cyclist safety concerns or traffic obstruction.

(l) Lorraine Leuckel – Shelly Beach Café

Ms Leuckel enquired about the status of the café development proposal.

Staff advised that a conditional consent is in place for the redevelopment and the tenant is currently adhering to his lease obligations.

Although the Council and the community are very keen to see the redevelopment commence, no timeframe is currently available for this to occur.

9. Next Meeting

Due to the scheduling of the Local Government election on Saturday 10 September 2016, the next meeting of the B Ward Committee has been deferred until Monday 21 November 2016 at 4.30 pm.

10. Meeting Close

Prior to the closure of the meeting, the Mayor, Councillors and members expressed mutual appreciation for the operation of the Committee and indicated that this forum continues to provide an excellent means of exchanging views and information between Ward Councillors and the community.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 6.00pm.