

1. Attendance and Apologies

Cr Ben Smith (Chair)
Cr Paul Worth
Cr David Wright (Mayor)

Jane Gardiner – Alstonville Plateau Historical Society
Ina le Bas- Alstonville Plateau Historical Society
Elva Fitzell- Alstonville Rotary Club
Mary Birch- Wollongbar Progress Association
Ron Birch- Wollongbar Progress Association
Lois Wright- Plateau Seniors
Les Wiles- Alstonville Lions Club
Malcolm Johnson- Ballina Environment Society
Belinda Cordery- Alstonville Chamber of Commerce
Debbie Chapman- Alstonville Chamber of Commerce

Others in Attendance

Therese Crollick- visitor

Staff in Attendance

Vince Hunt – Acting Group Manager Development and Environmental Health

Apologies

Cr Keith Johnson

The apologies were accepted.

2. Declarations of Interest

Nil

3. Confirmation of Minutes 12 May 2016

That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 12 May 2016 be accepted as a true and correct record.

4. Deputations

Nil

5. Business arising from Minutes – 12 May 2016

(a) Tree Removal – South and Green Streets, Alstonville

The issue of tree removal was raised and request made for Council staff to look into replacing the trees removed from the footway with suitable plants.

Mr Hunt advised the matter will be referred to Council's Civil Services Group Open Spaces Officer, James Brideson.

(b) Container Deposit Scheme

Malcolm Johnson again raised the issue, citing successful schemes in Vancouver, Canada, particularly with charity group participation in raising funds. Cr Ben Smith advised he would take up the matter further with Council's Civil Services Group Manager, John Truman in providing depository centres, particularly at the BSC Waste Management Facility.

The Mayor advised there is now provision for the disposal of disused paint and batteries at the BSC Waste Management Centre.

The matter will be referred to Council's Group Manager of Civil Services, John Truman for comment.

(c) Disabled Parking in Main Street Alstonville CBD

Matter raised by Elva Fitzell. The Mayor advised that in consultation with Council's Civil Service Group Manager, John Truman, that it is not feasible to provide satisfactory disabled parking in the main CBD area due to the camber, slope and other physical constraints with the existing street system.

6. Council Documents on Exhibition

The Committee were advised of the following documents that are currently on exhibition:

- Draft Policy Water Metering closing 8 June 2016
- Draft Policy Investments closing 8 June 2016
- Draft Asset Management Plans closing 8 June 2016
- Alstonville Swimming Pool Redevelopment closing 8 June 2016
- Ballina Swimming Pool Redevelopment closing 9 June 2016
- Rezoning Planning Proposal Greenwood Place/Blue Horizon Drive Lennox Head closing 1 July 2016
- Alstonville Futures Strategy 2016- 2035 Survey available on Council's web page July- Sept 2016

Therese Crollick raised her concerns with the upgrading of Council's swimming pools. M/s Crollick advised she has a background in swimming pool coaching and competition and is concerned the proposal to install 16 metre warm up/cool down pools does not meet with regional and state competition events, and they need to be a minimum 25 metres in length and 4 lanes width.

The Mayor explained the process of community consultation that has occurred including the preparation of the design for the Part V applications.

Council's staff involved in the pool design proposals are to be advised of M/s Crollick's concerns and provide comment.

Cr Ben Smith requested that both pool redevelopment applications be referred to the full Council for determination. Accordingly, Council's Development Services Section have been advised of this request.

The matter will be referred to Council's Jordan Robinson (pools) for comment. Council's Manager Development Services has been advised of request to report applications to the full Council.

7. Items raised by members of the Committee

Nil

8. General Business

(a) Tibouchina Club

Les Wiles raised concerns over the increase in lease fees of the Alstonville Entertainment Centre for the above not for profit Club. The Club has approximately 50-60 members.

The Mayor advised there are considerable costs in running the centre, however any concerns should be submitted in writing to Council (Jordan Robinson).

Tibouchina Club was advised to submit a request in writing to Council. Council's Jordan Robinson has been advised.

(b) Bullwinkel Park

Malcolm Johnson raised the issue of demolition of the existing shed due to damage by floodwater inundation. He has been liaising with Council's Civil Services Group (James Brideson), where it has been determined to demolish the shed, leave the existing concrete slab and replace with seating.

It was discussed that the playground and carparking areas need to be relocated clear of the floodway. Cr Worth advised that carpark and other drainage maintenance works are proposed where discussions have been held with Council's Civil Services Group Manager.

Mr Johnson was advised the matter will be referred to Council's Civil Services Group Manager, John Truman for comment.

(c) Business Awards

Belinda Cordery advised that the business awards night is to be held on the 23 July 2016, details were given.

(d) School Signage Freeborn Park

Belinda Cordery advised that the Chamber had been approached by one of the local schools about providing a signage board, adjacent the "blue board" in Freeborn Park. Suggestion was for a coreflute type sign for school event postings.

Council's Development and Environmental Health and Civil Services Groups are to investigate options, including funding.

(e) Alstonville Futures Strategy Survey

Cr Ben Smith advised of the current survey that is available on Council's web page (July- September 2016), where all should encourage the community to contribute.

There was some discussion regarding the recent workshop held in the CBD, that it was rather low key, and that another be held with a more prominent display and attendance.

Council's Strategic and Community Facilities Group have been advised.

(f) Alleged Tree Poisoning

Ron Birch advised of an alleged fig tree poisoning on the public footway outside Wollongbar Pre-school. He has advised Council's Amy Cahill who is investigating the matter as the tree is within Council's leased area.

Council's Amy Cahill has been advised and is to provide comment.

(g) Ina le Bas

Ina le Bas advised of proposed maintenance works to Crawford House with the written scope of works distributed. The works include, pest management, asbestos review by Council, installation of lighting, internal painting quotes, carpet quotes. Graffiti has recently been removed from the storeroom door.

(h) Councillor Retirement - Keith Johnson

A specific mention of Cr Keith Johnson's imminent retirement from the Committee and full Council was given by Cr Ben Smith and Mayor David Wright.

Cr Johnson was thanked for his significant contribution to the community over many years, where he has always demonstrated a sharp mind and in particular, his contribution to the sound financial management of Council.

Les Wiles also thanked the Mayor and Cr Ben Smith for their positive contributions to the Committee and operations of Council in general.

(i) Councillor nominees

The Mayor and Cr Smith encouraged anyone wishing to nominate themselves as a Ballina Shire Councillor, attend the information evening next Wednesday 20 July 2016 at the Kentwell Community Centre.

9. Next Meeting

Given that the Local Government election is to be held on Saturday 10 September 2016 it has been decided that the next meeting of C Ward will be held on **Thursday 10 November 2016** at 5.00 pm.

MEETING CLOSURE

6.00 pm