

**1. Attendance and Apologies**

Cr Eoin Johnston  
Cr David Wright (Mayor)  
Cr Sharon Parry

Jane Gardiner – Alstonville Plateau Historical Society  
John Sim – Alstonville Plateau Historical Society  
Les Wiles- Alstonville Lions Club  
Malcolm Johnson - Ballina Environment Society  
Geoff Limbert – Alstonville & District Ratepayers Association  
Russell Priddle - Alstonville & District Football Club  
Doug Lipscomb – Wollongbar Progress Association  
Marilyn Perkins – Wollongbar Progress Association  
Steve Miller – Rous Mill Ratepayers  
Tyrone McGillick – Alstonville Asphalt Watch  
Martin Hayden – Alstonville Asphalt Watch  
Lois Wright- Plateau Seniors

Others in Attendance

Jim Hahn – Visitor (Alstonville Probus Club)  
Elva Fitzell - Visitor  
Marilyn Hahn – Visitor  
Terry Prendergast – Visitor

Staff in Attendance

Rod Willis – Group Manager Development and Environmental Health/Acting  
General Manager (arrived at 5.20 pm)

Apologies

Cr Ben Smith (Chair)  
Wayne Garrard – Alstonville Cricket Club  
Mary Birch – Wollongbar Progress Association  
Richard Lutze – Alstonville/Wollongbar Chamber of Commerce

The apologies were accepted.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

Nil

**4. Deputations**

Nil

**5. Confirmation of Minutes 9 March 2017**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 9 March 2017 were confirmed as a true and correct record. (Cr Sharon Parry/Cr Eoin Johnston)

**6. Business Arising from Minutes –9 March 2017**

**(a) Bulwinkel Park**

The information provided was noted.

**(b) Tuckombil Quarry & Asphalt Plant – Tyrone McGillick**

The Committee and Mr McGillock were advised that a letter would be posted to Mr McGillick responding to his Group's questions on 12 May 2017. Members would also be provided with copies as part of these Minutes. A copy is attached to these minutes.

**(c) Johnsons Road Water Treatment Plant**

The information provided was noted.

**(d) Community Halls**

The information provided was noted.

**(e) Rous Mill Road**

The Committee was advised that Council's staff had inspected the area and it is agreed some re-work is required. It is programmed to occur by the end of May.

Steve Miller explained his concerns with the drainage and was advised that Council staff will discuss his particular concerns with him before proceeding with work.

**(f) Management Plans Tosha Falls – Project Update**

The Councillors explained where the preparation of a draft management plan was up to and the Committee was advised that a draft would be going out for public exhibition and comment in the near future.

Mr Terry Prendergast again enquired about the process and this was explained to him and the Committee.

**7. Council Documents on Exhibition**

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

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

**(a) Tyrone McGillick – Alstonville Swimming Pool Redevelopment**

Mr McGillick enquired about the design of the wading pool in the Alstonville Pool redevelopment. He suggested that the design be reviewed to include a shallow water edge surround to improve its use by toddlers.

Mr McGillick and the Committee were advised that the pool contract had been let for the approved design, and alterations to the design may not be able to be accommodated.

**(b) Tyrone McGillick – Discharge Drain, Crawford Park**

The Committee asked that maintenance be looked at for the discharge length of the drain south of the new preschool in Crawford Park. Concern was raised that it had eroded over time and that there was ponding and gouged pools.

**(c) Tyrone McGillick – Pathways at Rear of Wollongbar Hall**

Council was asked to look at the concrete pathways at the back of the Wollongbar Hall. They were covered in mould and were slippery when it was wet.

**(d) Les Wiles – Special Rate Variation Application**

Les Wiles enquired about Council's special rate variation application. The Mayor explained about the temporary approval granted by IPART.

Mal Johnson asked about the environmental levy (Healthy Waterways) and the Ozfish project. The Committee was advised that Council had allocated up to \$20,000 to contribute with other local government bodies and State Government agencies.

**(e) Les Wiles – Heating Fans at ALEC**

Les Wiles asked whether it was planned to return the heating fans to the ALEC. The Mayor explained that there was no plan to do so and that they had been used as a temporary 'fix' for stopping condensation on the previous floor that presented a slip hazard. With the replacement of that floor the fans were no longer needed.

**(f) Mal Johnson – Waste Management Strategy/Container Deposit Scheme**

Mal Johnson asked if the Council was going to change its waste management strategy when the 'Cash for Cans' legislation comes into effect and separate bottles and cans. The Mayor advised that this hadn't been considered to date.

**(g) Les Wiles – Community Events in Alstonville**

Les Wiles outlined to the committee the extensive list of community events coming up in Alstonville over the next four months.

**(h) Jane Gardiner – Wild Dog Issues**

Jane Gardiner asked about wild dog issues. Cr Johnston explained his interest in the matter and provided an outline of the information he had obtained, and particularly about the situation with peri-urban areas that are typical around Alstonville. Cr Johnston also advised that the Council had, at his investigation resolved to take the matter up with various State Government agencies.

**9. General Business**

Nil

**10. Next Meeting**

Thursday 13 July 2017 at 5.00 pm

**Meeting Closure**

6.00 pm

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10 May 2017

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Dear Tyrone

**Re: Tuckombil Quarry & Boral Asphalt Plant – Enquires via the C Ward meeting**

Thank you for your interest in the management and operation of Tuckombil Quarry and Boral Asphalt plant. I have received your queries following the C Ward Meeting on the 9 March 2017.

The management and operation of the Council owned quarries is in accordance with the adopted Delivery Program and Operation Plan 2016/17 - 2019/20. This includes the following priorities and strategies:

- PE2.2 Promote and facilitate a range of business activities
  - PE2.2.1 Maximise opportunities and benefits to be gained from Council dredging and quarrying activities
- EL2.1 Proactively pursue revenue opportunities, cost savings and/or efficiencies
  - EL2.2.3 Ensure sufficient return on quarries

Tuckombil Quarry can currently operate under its existing development consent. The consent allows the quarry to operate with an extractive rate of 150,000 tonnes per annum.

The long term lease for the operation of the site was terminated late 2016. Council is now requesting proposals to engage a suitably qualified contractor to operate the quarry on our behalf. This will be a short term operational contract under the existing development consent.

As per the forecasted financial results published in the Delivery and Operational Plan, and due to the termination of the previous lease, it is anticipated that the operating revenue of Tuckombil and Stokers Quarry will be up to \$31,000. Previous financial data is available on our website within the Delivery Plan or our Annual Financial Statements.

These quarries are reaching their final stages of extraction, as permitted under their consents. For this reason, Council has been reviewing strategic options in regards to the future operation of these sites.

In July 2013, Council considered a report on the strategic options for Tuckombil and Stokers Quarry. Based on the information presented, Council endorsed the recommendation to continue the extraction from both sites and for budget to be allocated to undertake the relevant planning works.

Quarry Development Plans were prepared for both quarries for a proposed quarry expansion. These were prepared by a quarrying specialist who undertook field investigations, drilling and resource estimates to present plans for the future expansion of these sites.

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In November 2016, Council considered the development plans to determine if further funds were committed to progress the future expansion of Tuckombil and Stokers Quarry. These funds would allow for specialist assessments to be prepared, included in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), along with the preparation and submission of the development application.

Details of the extent of assessments required for this new development application is understood, as the Secretary of the Department of Planning and Environment has provided the Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) for this proposed development.

Council endorsed the recommendation to allocate the required funds for the preparation of the planning documentation for the expansion. The recommendation initially requires the development and implementation a community engagement strategy for the purpose of proactive community consultation during the preparation of the planning application. Council is looking request the services of suitably qualified consultants to commence this community engagement. It is emphasised the Council's decision at this point in time is to assess the environmental implications and community response before making a final decision. We expect the community consultation will include the formation of a reference group of interested residents and key stakeholders.

Council is currently consulting in respect of the Alstonville Strategic Plan and this process will be informed by Council's current position in relation to the quarry.

Regarding the lease that the Boral Asphalt Plant have with Council, this land lease is not specific about the location where material is sourced however it does require the lessee to comply with the conditions of the Development Consent at all times.

The current rent for the land lease is \$24,920.64 + GST. Council has recently agreed for a second lease on part of the Tuckombil Quarry site to be issued to Boral with will commence with a rent of \$20,000 + GST.

Traffic management, which includes truck movements, from the quarry operations and the Boral land lease is to comply with their respective development consents.

If you have any enquiries in regard to this matter please contact myself on 6686 1236.

Yours faithfully



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