

1. Attendance and Apologies

Members

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

Alan Veacock, Ballina Heights Residents Action Group
Debbie Smith, Lennox Head Chamber of Commerce
Lorraine Leuckel, Marine Rescue Ballina
Lou Wilson, Lennox Head Surf Life Saving Club
Fran Byrne, Coastcare
Kelly Saunderson, Lennox Head Landcare
Fiona Folan, Ballina Environment Society
Shaun Eastment, Lennox Head Residents Association
Darel Vidler, Lennox Head Combined Sports Association

Observers

Council Staff

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

Apologies

Jason Dwyer, Lake Ainsworth Sport and Recreation Centre
Lyn Walker, Ballina Environment Society
Jim Gilchrist, Preserving Lake Ainsworth Association
Monica Wilcox, Lennox Head Residents Association
Cr Keith Williams

The apologies were accepted.

2. Declarations of Interest

Nil

3. Confirmation of Minutes

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the "B" Ward Committee held 17 July 2017 be taken as read and confirmed. (Lorraine Leuckel/Lou Wilson)

4. Deputations

Laurence Keane, Lennox Head Lions Club and Doug Stinson, Cancer Council – provided an overview of a proposal for community funds to be generated for the installation of shade sails above the children's play equipment in Lions Park, Rutherford Street and the skate park in Park Lane, Lennox Head.

In general terms, members of the committee indicated their support for the project whilst recognising the likely significant costs involved.

It was agreed that the meetings which are convened from time to time between representatives of the Cancer Council and Council's staff to discuss skin cancer mitigation strategies will provide an opportunity to scope out this project in greater detail.

Mr Keane and Mr Stinson were thanked for their deputation and seeking to positively respond to an important community issue.

5. Outstanding Business

(a) Bitou Bush at Shelly Beach

The information provided in the staff report was reviewed and noted.

Committee members strongly support attempts by Council to have the lessee of the former Shelly Beach Café site undertake weed eradication works within the leased area pending site redevelopment.

6. Special Rate Variation

Information contained in the staff report to the committee was considered by members. This information was supplemented with additional printed material distributed at the meeting which explained in greater detail the Council's position in seeking a special rate variation.

Committee members were encouraged to consider Council's proposal and the reasons for it, discuss the matter with their respective community and business groups and make representations to Council through the various means available.

7. Business with Notice from Members

Nil.

8. Council Documents on Exhibition

The list of Council documents which have recently been exhibited for community feedback was noted.

9. Business Without Notice

(a) Shaun Eastment – Lake Ainsworth Reserve Upgrade

Congratulated Council on its commitment to the provision of access into Lake Ainsworth and through the adjacent reserve for people with mobility limitations.

(b) Lorraine Leuckel – New Gardens Next to the Marine Rescue Tower

Advised that the groundcover plantings in the new gardens are doing well, however the recently planted trees have died.

Mr Truman advised that he would ask staff to look into the matter.

(c) Fran Byrne – Angels Beach Four Wheel Drive Access

Enquired as to whether there has been any recent change in regard to the provision of four wheel drive access to Angels Beach.

Mr Truman informed the committee that the Council is to further consider the matter at its September Ordinary Council meeting.

(d) Fran Byrne – Parking Issues

Noted that vehicles, other than cars, are being parked for extended periods within the road reserve of Pacific Terrace in the vicinity of the Belle General Café on Shelly Beach Road. Is this lawful?

It was acknowledged that vehicles, if registered and parked in accordance with the locational requirements, may be stored in the road for extended periods.

(e) Darel Vidler – Recreational Grounds, Lennox Head

Noted that the current extended period of dry weather is causing stress to playing fields in Lennox Head. Mr Vidler also advised other members that he had been consulted about two other matters which would likely involve the use of Williams Reserve, these being the touring Scottish Bravehearts rugby union side in October 2018 and the Australian Naturopathic Group which is holding its national conference in Lennox Head in 2018.

(f) Darel Vidler – Use of Property on Coast Road

Enquired about the status of the encampment which has been established on heathland within the northern part of the shire. Mr Vidler's particular concern related to motorist safety adjacent to the site.

The meeting was advised that Council and Jali Local Aboriginal Land Council (as the land owner) are continuing to work collaboratively to address a number of matters.

(g) Kelly Saunderson – Don Apps Memorial Seat

Conveyed her group's appreciation to Council for the timely delivery and placement of this memorial seat.

(h) Kelly Saunderson – Boomerang Bags Project

Thanked Council for its support of the current project, which is being very well received within the Lennox Head community.

(i) Kelly Saunderson – Lake Ainsworth Environmental Issues

Lennox Head Landcare notes the possibility of an imminent blue green algal event in Lake Ainsworth, given the prevailing very dry weather conditions. They are also keeping a close watch on hyacinth and salvinia increases in the lake.

(j) Fiona Folan – Shark Mitigation Strategy

Expressed disappointment at the NSW Government's decision to once again deploy shark nets on local beaches.

The meeting was advised that information concerning the decision and the monitoring program more broadly can be accessed on the Department of Primary Industry website.

(k) Fiona Folan – Sharpes Beach

Thanked Council for completing works to address local drainage issues adjacent to the coastal recreation pathway behind Sharpes Beach.

Ms Folan also noted the root system of the pandanus palm located adjacent to the 4WD access to Sharpes Beach is quite exposed, and might benefit from the placement of some soil.

Mr Truman will have staff inspect.

(l) Fiona Folan – Ballina Environment Society

Was pleased to advise that the 30th anniversary of the incorporation of Ballina Environment Society is soon to be celebrated.

(m) Debbie Smith – Local Events

Reported that the recent Lennox Head Business Awards were a great success.

Lennox Head Chamber of Commerce has commenced planning the annual Lennox Head Carols by Candlelight with the Lennox Head Combined Sports Association.

Also noted that preliminary planning is underway, involving the Chamber, Combined Sports Association and the Lennox Head Residents Association, for Lennox Head centenary celebrations in 2022.

(n) Alan Veacock – Various Matters

Outlined the numerous matters which the group is currently continuing to pursue, as discussed at previous committee meetings.

Thanked Council for arranging the recent weed removal along Ballina Heights Drive.

Stressed the reluctance of local residents to utilise the Ballina Heights Estate children's play equipment, due to the lack of shade structures. Mr Truman provided an overview of the Council's policy approach regarding playground shading.

(o) John Truman – Drainage Issues, Lennox Head

Provided information and photographic images of work recently undertaken by Council staff in Dodge Lane, Lennox Head. The work involved the removal of a mature paperbark tree, the roots of which had penetrated and substantially blocked an adjacent stormwater drainage pipe.

Whilst Council did receive some negative community feedback relating to the tree removal, the work was essential to reinstate the designed drainage arrangement in this locality.

10. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Monday 20 November 2017 at 4.30 pm.

11. Meeting closure

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