

1. **Attendance and Apologies**

Apologies

Jim and Marilyn Hahn

2. **Declarations of Interest**

3. **Deputations**

4. **Confirmation of Minutes 14 September 2017**

A copy of the minutes of the previous meeting held 14 September 2017 was distributed.

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 14 September 2017 be accepted as a true and correct record.

5. **Business Arising from Minutes – 14 September 2017**

(a) **Vandalism in Toilet – Crawford House**

Council's staff have been tasked to undertake the requested repairs.

(b) **Leasing Arrangements for Wollongbar Hall**

A draft lease was forwarded to the Wollongbar Progress Association on Friday 15 September 2017.

(c) **Public Liability Insurance for Public Halls**

Council's Insurer is compiling options for Council consideration. However, for the Insurer to be able to provide us with costings, they would require the following information:

- A current list of committees (committee name & ABN if registered) including their activities and location of hall
- Information surrounding insurance history from each hall committee / applicant
- Clarification if this enquiry is specific to public liability or extends to contents insurance and personal accident insurance for members/volunteers

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.

- **Policy as per below**

New Policy - Concealed Water Leaks, closing date 15 November 2017.

- **Ballina Local Environmental Plan 2012 - Planning Proposal BSCPP 17/006 – 17 Bath Street, Wardell, closing date 17 November 2017**

Council has prepared a planning proposal to amend the Ballina Local Environmental Plan 2012. It is proposed to rezone the subject site from rural (RU2) to residential (R2), apply a 600m² minimum lot area requirement, and to remove the Strategic Urban Growth Area and associated buffer affections. 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).

- **Draft 2018/19 to 2026/27 Ballina Shire Council Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan (PAMP), closing date 24 November 2017**

The Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan (PAMP) is a framework developed by the Roads and Maritime Services of NSW (RMS) to assist councils in providing a comprehensive and integrated framework for developing coordinated, convenient and safe pedestrian networks within towns and villages.

The draft Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan sets out priorities for extending and improving the pedestrian network within the Shire over the next 10 years.

The Draft Plan has been developed from community consultation and identifies future pedestrian needs.

- **Draft Asset Management Plan - Foreshore Assets, closing date 29 November 2017**

A resolution was passed at the Ordinary Council meeting of 29 July 2016 that Council receive a report that provides a draft strategic asset management program for viewing platforms, walkways and beach access points within the coastal reserve.

In response to this motion, a draft Foreshore Asset Management Plan has been prepared. This asset management plan is small compared to others (in terms of total value of the assets) however these assets are unique in terms of the service provided and these assets are considered important as beach access is highly valued and utilised by many residents and is a primary support to our attraction as a tourist location.

The resolution was proposed in response to complaints about the maintenance of some of our viewing platforms. Many of these platforms have been acquired over time from miscellaneous grants and the industry of dune care groups.

- **Draft Economic Development Strategy**, closing date 19 January 2018

The Council, at its Ordinary Meeting held on 24 September 2015, resolved as follows:

That Council prepare an economic development strategy for Ballina Shire, including a review of Council's existing economic development activities and identification of opportunities to enhance economic outcomes for the Ballina Shire community.

A Draft Economic Development Strategy for Ballina Shire has been prepared on the basis of analysis of global trends, regional influences and local circumstances as well as stakeholder input.

The draft strategy has the following key elements:

- Background and planning context
- Key economic data
- SWOT analysis - strengths, weaknesses, opportunities & threats
- Economic Development Strategies
- Implementation and Resources

The draft strategy is underpinned by a philosophy of Council being an 'enabler' of economic activity that is driven by entrepreneurs and business people.

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

8. **General Business**

9. **Next Meeting**

Thursday 8 March 2018 at 5.00 pm

1. **Attendance and Apologies**

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

Les Wiles - Alstonville Lions Club
Doug Lipscomb – Wollongbar Progress Association
Marilyn Perkins - Wollongbar Progress Association
Steve Miller – Rous Mill Ratepayers
Tyrone McGillick – Alstonville Asphalt Watch
Lois Wright - Plateau Seniors
Jim Hahn – Probus Club of Alstonville
Wayne Garrard – Alstonville Cricket Club
Ron Birch - Wollongbar Progress Association
Mary Birch – Wollongbar Progress Association
Richard Lutze – Alstonville/Wollongbar Chamber of Commerce
Pat Carney – Wardell Progress Association
Jane Gardiner – Alstonville Plateau Historical Society
Barry Jeffress – Tuckombil Landcare
Richard Lutze – Alstonville/Wollongbar Chamber of Commerce

Others in Attendance

Marilyn Hahn - Visitor
Paul Worth – Visitor

Staff in Attendance

Peter Drew – Senior Planner Development and Environmental Health.

Apologies

Cr Ben Smith
Elva Fitzell – Rotary e-Club of NextGen
Malcolm Johnson - Ballina Environment Society
Narelle Walker – Alstonville Community Preschool

The apologies were accepted.

3. **Declarations of Interest**

Nil

4. **Deputations**

Nil

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5. Confirmation of Minutes 13 July 2017

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 13 July 2017 were confirmed as a true and correct record. (Les Wiles/Wayne Garrard)

6. Business Arising from Minutes –13 July 2017

(a) In-kind support – Rural Fire Shed

The information provided was noted.

(b) Ballina Local Environmental Plans (LEP'S) 1987 and 2012

The information provided was noted.

(c) BBQ at Bulwinkle Park, Alstonville

Les Wiles acknowledged the information provided in relation to the expected cost associated with the provision of suitable electricity supply to a BBQ at Bulwinkle Park. He indicated he was pleased with the upgrade and would instead focus on the provision of tables, seats etc.

(d) Overgrown Footpath – The Avenue, Alstonville

Cr Wright advised he had inspected the location and confirmed that this area had been mowed. He indicated that Council does not have the budget to maintain footpaths adjacent to residential properties.

6. Special Rate Variation

Cr Wright explained the background to Council's application for the special rate variation.

Peter Drew distributed Council's information fact sheet 'Asset Renewal and Healthy Waterways proposed special rate Variation - September 2017' to attendees for their information.

Cr Wright also advised that the majority of residents who participated in a recent phone survey were generally supportive of the intent behind the special rate variation (ie funds for renewal of assets and the Healthy Waterways Program).

7. Council Documents on Exhibition

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

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Cr Wright recommended that committee members watch Council's new promotional video (available on at www.discoverballina.com.au) which features Killen Falls.

Cr Wright acknowledged Pat Carney's submission in relation to Planning Proposal BSCPP 17/008 Rural Area Detached Dual Occupancy.

8. Items raised by members of the Committee

a) Festival Funding

Pat Carney advised that festival funding was originally intended to be made available for committee groups to use for 'start-up' purposes. However, other events have been receiving this funding on an ongoing basis.

Richard Lutze indicated that it is reasonable to use this funding for both event 'start-up' and to keep events going.

b) Vandalism in Toilet

Jane Gardiner indicated that some vandalism had occur to the toilet at Crawford House (specifically three fly screens had been damaged).

Cr Wright indicated that Council would be unlikely to claim insurance due to minor nature of damage. However, arrangements will be made for Council's maintenance staff to fix the damage fly screens.

Peter Drew advised that the matter will be referred to Council's Civil Services Group for investigation and action.

c) Public Liability Insurance – Council Halls

Marilyn Hahn raised concerns over the cost of public liability insurance for individual community halls. It was put to the chair that it may be beneficial to look at amalgamating policies for all halls to reduce costs.

d) Leasing arrangements for Wollongbar Hall

Mary Birch indicated that the lease period for the Wollongbar Hall had ended. Peter Drew advised that he would make enquiries with Council's Strategic & Community Facilities Group.

Peter Drew advised that the matter will be referred to Council's Strategic and Community Facilities Group for investigation and response.

e) Policing resources in Alstonville

The committee discussed the issue of Police resourcing for Alstonville and current levels of anti-social behaviour in the area.

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f) Paddy Bugden Centenary

This year marks the centenary of the death of Alstonville's Paddy Bugden, and the awarding of the World War I Digger's posthumous Victoria Cross. The centenary commemorations of his death and the awarding of the VC will be held on 16 September. Barry Jeffress will confirm times of events for the day.

g) Council's DAs Online - Tyrone McGillick

Tyrone McGillick asked whether Council had ceased publishing the information on individual development applications on Council's DAs online. Peter Drew confirmed that Council has recently moved to a new DAs online program, however there has been no change to the nature of information which is made available to the public ie DA lodgement documents and development consent, for recent application should be available via the site. Tyrone was advised to contact Council's Development & Environmental Health Section if specific documents were unavailable.

Richard Lutze suggested that there may have been an issue with the program during the changeover period.

h) Tuckombil Quarry & Asphalt Plant

Cr Parry suggested that Council should request an independent assessment of the impacts of the Quarry activities, as any assessment undertaken by the operator would not be independent.

Cr Wright indicated that it is common practice for developers/operators to engage qualified experts to undertake such assessments and that in this case the quarry assessments would be reviewed by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Peter Drew advised the committee that Council has sent a number of letters to EPA in relation to this matter. The EPA has advised that:

- A prevention notice was issued under the PEOA which requires the operator to develop a Bitumen Odour Management Plan (BOMP) and Noise Impact Assessment (NIA).
- EPA does not undertake independent monitoring of the quarry and the monitoring program is a key component of the BOMP and NIA.
- EPA advised that since receiving Council's letter on 31 July 2017 the EPA has received several calls to the Environment Hotline regarding the premises. In the two month period prior, there were no records of calls to the hotline. No other detail was provided.

Tyrone McGillick suggested that the conditions of consent should be reviewed by Council. Peter Drew advised that Council does not have the legislative power to modify any condition of consent without an application being lodged. Any complaints relating to pollution (noise and air) should be directed to the EPA via the Environment Hotline.

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9. **General Business**

Nil

10. **Next Meeting**

Thursday 9 November 2017 at 5.00 pm

Meeting Closure

5.59 pm