

**Minutes of the 'A' Ward Committee Meeting
Held 14 November 2017
In the Committee Rooms, 40 Cherry Street, Ballina**

Time Commenced

The meeting commenced at 4.00pm.

1. Attendance and Apologies

Attendance

Cr Nathan Willis	Councillor
Cr David Wright	Mayor
Cr Stephen McCarthy	Councillor
Margaret Hains	Ballina Day View Club
David Felsch	Ballina Peninsular Residents Association
Stephen Wills	Ballina Bears Cricket Club
Yvonne Scarrabelotti	Ballina CWA
Ross Pickering	Ballina & District Citizens & Ratepayers Association
Fiona Folan	Ballina Environment Society

Council Staff in Attendance

John Truman	Group Manager Civil Services
Joanne Cordery	Secretary - Civil Services Group

Observer

Andrew Dougherty	Ballina Lighthouse & Lismore Surf Lifesaving Club
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Apologies

Cr Phil Meehan	Councillor
Narelle Besseling	Ballina Chamber of Commerce & Ballina Retail Action Group
Marilyn McIntosh	Ballina Evening View Club (apology received after meeting)

2. Resignations/Changes to Memberships

It was noted that Yvonne Scarrabelotti is the new President of the CWA and is now the CWA's A ward representative.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Deputations

Nil

5. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 12 September 2017 were accepted as a true and correct record.

Cr Stephen McCarthy/Fiona Folan

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6. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Request for Correspondence to be sent to Crown Lands re Issues on South Ballina Beach

The information in the staff report was noted.

Request for Changes to Start/Stop lights near 848 River Drive

The information in the staff report was noted.

David Felsch asked if the overlap time between lights could be checked.

John Truman advised he would forward to Council's technical staff for their review.

7. General Business

NA

8. Council Documents on Exhibition

The list of previously advertised documents was noted by the Committee.

9. Business Without Notice

i) Ballina CWA

Yvonne Scarrabelotti advised the Committee of the delays in relation to their Crown Land lease renewal.

ii) Chickiba Wetlands

Fiona Folan discussed issues with the Chickiba wetlands, including boulders that have washed away and saltwater penetration – refer attached photos.

Fiona was invited to discuss these issues directly with James Brideson.

iii) BES Representative

Fiona Folan advised that this was her last meeting as she was travelling next year. BES will advise their replacement representative shortly.

iv) River Drive

David Felsch advised that a section of the bank had eroded between the ferry and Keith Hall Lane. David to will confirm the location details by emailed following the meeting.

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David advised that the bank erosion was adjacent to 1054 River Drive.

John Truman has arranged for staff to inspect and determine what action is required.

v) Danns Lane

David Felsch advised that there is a sink hole in Danns Lane, 10m south of the sign on the edge of the bitumen.

Post Meeting Note

A customer request has been forwarded to staff for inspection and repair.

vi) Boat Ramp Contract

David Felsch asked for an update on the South Ballina boat ramp contract.

John Truman advised that the designs were being advance by the contractor. Council's Engineering Works Manager, Paul Busmanis will forward David further details regarding the design and the program.

vii) Dual Axle Trailers/Caravans

David Felsch advised that dual axle trailers and caravans were doing uturns at the ferry entrance when they realised the costs. He suggested that the ferry is losing revenue because of the high fees.

John Truman replied that the ferry drivers had advised him they have noticed this is an issue. A report is being presented to the Council in November on the quarterly budget review of the ferry figures and this will provide the Council an opportunity to authorise a change in the fees.

viii) Ferry Loading

David Felsch advised that he believed the ferry drivers are still not loading the ferry to capacity during peak times.

John Truman noted a response to this issue had previously been provided to the Committee, including a report containing collated data. In light of this, staff will not take further action without a significant direction from Council.

ix) Ferry – Line Marking

David Felsch advised that lines had been painted on the ferry preventing vehicles parking near the ferry drivers and this had removed two carspots.

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Staff will review this feedback.

x) South Ballina Community Library

David Felsch advised that the grand opening for the new community library, including a sausage sizzle, was scheduled for the coming weeks.

xi) West Ballina Pedestrian Crossing

Stephen Wills advised the Committee that there had been three incidents of pedestrians being hit by cars in the previous six days. Also cars are using the road verge as a second lane, causing further issues for pedestrians, particularly near the BP.

xii) Issue at Fripp Oval

Stephen Wills advised that the public liability claim had been resolved and he was appreciative of the information provided by Council staff regarding the new draft Crown Lands Act and the lease for the Fripp Oval Clubhouse.

xiii) Container Deposit Scheme

Stephen Wills asked why Ballina Council was not participating in this scheme.

John Truman advised that Ballina was supportive and would participate, however it had been agreed that Lismore City Council will be the coordinator for the region.

xiv) Lions Park Path

Ross Pickering asked for an update on Lions Park path.

Post Meeting Note

Note from previous minutes - Staff have reinspected the area and cannot identify any issues that require immediate attention. The area will be monitored and any changes that require action will be attended to.

Staff have advised that they continue to monitor this area.

xv) Lions Park Path

Ross Pickering asked for an update on the Western Arterial Road.

John Truman provided information to the Committee in respect of Council's s94 Developer Contribution Plan. Under this plan, Plateau Drive and Ballina Heights Drive have recently been constructed.

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The next major priorities under the plan are Hutley Drive, North Creek Road realignment and the duplication of Kerr and River Streets (West). The Western Arterial is scheduled to follow these projects. However, due to the significant funds required, this program will take many years to complete.

Further details of the works program and costs are available on Council's website.

10. Next Meeting

The next meeting is to be held at 4.00pm on Tuesday 13 March 2018.

11. Meeting Close

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 4.45pm.

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CHIKIBA WETLANDS PROJECT - IMPACT ON SURROUNDING AREAS



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Name	Business	Signature
Cr Nathan Willis	Ballina Shire Council	
Cr Phil Meehan	Ballina Shire Council	Apology
Cr Stephen McCarthy	Ballina Shire Council	St Michaels
Cr David Wright	Ballina Shire Council	
Yvonne Scarrabelotti	Ballina CWA	
Ms Elaine Ballard	Ballina CWA	_____
Mr George Young	Ballina Lions Club	_____
Mr Michael Young	Ballina Chamber of Commerce & Ballina Retail Action Group	_____
Ms Narelle Besseling	Ballina Chamber of Commerce & Ballina Retail Action Group	Apology
Martin Corkery	Ballina Chamber of Commerce & Ballina Retail Action Group	_____
Ms Margaret Hains	Ballina Day View Club	✓ M. Hains
Ms Marilyn McIntosh	Ballina Evening View Club	_____
Ms Mary O'Brien	Lighthouse Day Club	_____
Mr David Felsch	South Ballina Community Association	
Dr Ann Mulder	South Ballina Community Association	_____
Mr Stephen Wills	Ballina Bears Cricket Club	
Mr Ross Pickering	Ballina & District Citizens & Ratepayers Association	
Ms Fiona Folan	Ballina Environment Society	
Ms Aurora McTigue	St Andrews Nursing Home	_____
Mr John Truman	Group Manager Civil Services	
Ms Joanne Cordery	Civil Services Group	✓ Joanne Cordery
Andrew Behan		