

1. Attendance and Apologies

Members

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

Shaun Eastment, Lennox Head Residents Association
Lyn Walker, Ballina Environment Society
Lou Wilson, Lennox Head Surf Life Saving Club
Monica Wilcox, Lennox Head Residents Association
Debbie Smith, Lennox Head Chamber of Commerce
Lorraine Leuckel, Marine Rescue Ballina

Observers

Nil

Council Staff

John Truman, Group Manager Civil Services
Craig Brown, Manager Community Facilities

Apologies

Cr Jeff Johnson
Cr Keith Williams
Steve Barnier, Group Manager Strategic and Community Facilities
Darel Vidler, Lennox Head Combined Sports Association
Fran Byrne, Coastcare
Alan Veacock, Ballina Heights Residents Action Group
Zaine Peart, Lennox Head Chamber of Commerce

The apologies were accepted.

2. Declarations of Interest

Nil.

3. Confirmation of Minutes

A copy of the Minutes of the "B" Ward Committee held 18 September 2017 were distributed.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the "B" Ward Committee held 18 September 2017 to be taken as read and confirmed. (Shaun Eastment / Monica Wilcox)

4. **Deputations**

Nil

5. **Outstanding Business**

a) **Sharpes Beach Pandanus**

The information provided in the staff report was noted.

b) **Landscaping – Marine Rescue Tower**

Lorraine noted that the landscaping contractor had been on site however the Marine Rescue were concerned that the works were insufficient.

John Truman advised the site was still under a maintenance contract and the feedback above would be provided to staff.

6. **Business with Notice from Members**

Nil

7. **Council Documents on Exhibition**

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

New Policy - Concealed Water Leaks.

The Committee was provided with a summary of the new direction of Council set out in the policy. This direction seeks to achieve the best overall balance between ensuring consumers are responsible for managing their water supply while recognising financial hardship can be an issue in circumstances where large leaks are identified. The Committee was also advised of the Council's wireless meter program and there was interest in further promotion of this opportunity for residents.

Draft Economic Development Strategy

The Committee noted this strategy will be of particular interest to the Chamber of Commerce.

Draft Asset Management Plan for Foreshores Assets.

The information in the agenda was noted. John Truman advised the plan did not propose any changes to the infrastructure already existing in B Ward and the focus of the strategy was to understand the renewal requirements for this infrastructure.

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

The information in the agenda was noted.

8. Business Without Notice

- **Shaun Eastment – Planting out of the Bora Ring | Plant Lists**

Shaun advised that Mick Smith the CEO of Jali Lands Council had authorised maintenance works for the Bora Ring.

The full results of this work will not be realised for four years.

Shaun reported Landcare have been working for 18 months on plant lists to assist home owners with different soils types etc. and they have also been propagating various plants, the intention being to make them available them at the local markets.

- **Lorraine Leuckel – The New Marine Rescue Tower**

Lorraine praised the new marine rescue tower building and congratulated the Council on the Institute of Public Works Australasia industry award recently presented to Council.

- **Lyn Walker – Sand Mining Compliance | Lake Ainsworth Access**

Lyn noted her concerns in relation to the findings reported to Council for the November meeting in respect of the compliance review matter regarding the operation of the sand mine at Newrybar Swam Road.

Lyn also discussed her preference for the Lake Ainsworth Upgrade Project to include a direct pedestrian connection from Gibbons Street through the caravan park to the Lake.

John Truman advised the use of Council's road reserve for this purpose had been considered, however due to concerns in respect of affecting the viability of the caravan park this option was not pursued.

Staff have prepared a planning application based on the concept plan approved by Council and this is about to be lodged and assessed.

Therefore no changes would be made to this proposal at this point in time.

- **Debbie Smith – Change in Lennox Head Chamber of Commerce President**

Debbie has been an executive for three years and is now stepping back. Zaine Peart has now replaced Debbie as Chamber President.

Debbie also advised that the Flavours of Lennox Head would be held soon.

- **Lou Wilson – Surf Club Membership | Liquor Accord**

Lou advised that although Surf Club membership numbers had significantly reduced during the previous season, numbers of nippers and patrolling members had remained static this year when compared to last year's figures.

Lou also inquired about Council's policies in respect of the social consumption of alcohol in public spaces such as the park areas adjacent Lake Ainsworth.

John Truman advised two different sets of regulations applied. The Council implements Alcohol Free Zones for the CBD areas which prohibit the consumption and carrying of alcohol in these zones. Council also applies a prohibition on the consumption of alcohol in our parks and reserves after 10 PM at night.

The Committee expressed its support for the prohibition to be extended for a 24 hour period for Australia Day at Lake Ainsworth. The Committee also supported a temporary road closure at this location for Australia Day.

- **Monica Wilcox – CWA Hall Roof**

Monica expressed concern of the number of youth jumping on the roof of the Lennox CWA Hall roof. Monica was advised reporting all incidents to the Police is important so that data is developed in their resourcing systems.

Monica also asked about Graffiti removal from private property. John Truman advised Council can lawfully remove graffiti from private property, however at this point in time Council's position was this is a responsibility for the landowner to manage.

Monica was encouraged to report graffiti to Police via the Richmond Area Command web site.

- **Coastcare Representative Change**

Craig Brown reported Fran Byrne has notified Council that she had resigned her position as B Ward Coastcare representative at their 7 November 2017 annual meeting and that David Griffiths had accepted the position. She thanked everyone for the congenial meetings and wishes B Ward to become a better place for all.

9. Next Meeting

Monday 19 March 2018 at 4.30 pm

10. Meeting Closure

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 6.15 pm.