

1. Attendance and Apologies

Councillor Ben Smith (Chair)
Cr Eoin Johnston
Cr David Wright (Mayor)
Councillor Sharon Parry

Lois Wright - Plateau Seniors
Mary Birch – Wollongbar Progress Association
Jim Hahn – Probus Club of Alstonville
Marilyn Hahn – Probus Club of Alstonville
Steve Miller – Rous Mill Ratepayers
Elva Fitzell – Rotary e-Club of NextGen
Tyrone McGillick – Alstonville Asphalt Watch
Ron Birch – Wollongbar Progress Association (part time)
Barry Jeffress – Tuckombil Landcare
Malcolm Johnson - Ballina Environment Society
Russell Priddle – Alstonville Football Club
Wayne Garrard – Alstonville Cricket Club

Others in Attendance

Melissa Underwood, Director – Wollongbar Community Preschool
Doug Lipscomb
Marian Meider, Macadamia
Jeffrey Gibbs, Northern Lights

Staff in Attendance

Andrew Smith, Acting Group Manager, Development and Environmental Health Group

Apologies

Jane Gardiner – Alstonville Plateau Historical Society
The apology was accepted.

2. Declarations of Interest

Nil

3. Deputations

Nil

4. Confirmation of Minutes 10 May 2018

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 10 May 2018 were confirmed as a true and correct record (Wayne Garrard/Cr Eoin Johnston).

5. Business Arising from Minutes –10 May 2018

(a) Wollongbar Sports Fields – Entry Road – Road Rehabilitation Cost Recovery

The information provided in the agenda was noted. Cr Wright provided commentary on the progress of the matter and noted that a follow up on signage is required.

(b) Bulwinkel Park – Tree Limbs Overhanging Power Lines

The information provided in the agenda was noted. Malcolm Johnson provided comment on his discussions with Essential Energy and will follow up with James Brideson about the sequencing and timing around tree removal and powerline works.

(c) Freeborn Park – Trees Causing Pavers to Be Raised

The information provided in the agenda was noted.

(d) Blocked Stormwater Inlets – Geoff Watt Oval area/Panorama Estate

The information provided in the agenda was noted.

(e) Dalwood Road – Linemarking

The information provided in the agenda was noted.

(f) Grass Cutting on Rural Roads

The information provided in the agenda was noted.

(g) Mowing – Sneaths Lane

The information provided in the agenda was noted.

(h) Weeds along the Bruxner Highway – Morning Glory

The information provided in the agenda was noted.

(i) Alstonville Pool Works – Pipe

The information provided in the agenda was noted.

6. Council Documents on Exhibition

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

7. Presentation by Andrew Smith, Manager Development Services

Andrew Smith gave a presentation to the Committee on the core services provided by the Development Services Section and some of the larger development projects around the Shire.

Malcolm Johnson asked if objections can be made to Council about the use of white netting on farms.

Andrew Smith advised that structures associated with agricultural land uses do not necessarily require the consent of Council depending on their size and land zoning.

Cr Parry enquired as to the progress of the Wollongbar Skate Park DA 2017/554.

Andrew Smith advised that the additional information requested of the applicant had now been submitted and that the proposal was under active assessment and would be reported to Council for determination at an upcoming Ordinary Council Meeting (possibly in August).

8. South Ballina Beach/Patchs Beach – Correspondence from Gabrielle Upton MP

The information provided in the agenda was noted.

Cr David Wright and Elva Fitzell departed the meeting at 5.52pm.

9. Items raised by members of the Committee

(a) Resource Recovery Facility (North Coast Recycling), 19-21 Northcott Crescent, Alstonville

Melissa Underwood expressed concerns about the above referenced business and invited Mr Gibbs of Northern Light Candle Company, whose business adjoins the Resource Recovery Facility, to outline his concerns. Mr Gibbs presented photos and raised concern about the Resource Recovery Facility not operating in accordance with its consent, serious dust pollution affecting his business and the broader plateau and that Council had undertaken illegal activity by dropping off waste at the facility.

Andrew Smith provided an update on the investigation of complaints and the current status of DA 2017/600.

(b) Spraying Around Children's Play Areas

Tyrone McGillick requested Council not spray glyphosate near children's play areas.

(c) Notification of Upcoming Events

Cr Smith mentioned the upcoming Alstonville Business Chamber Awards, the Rous Public School's Bonfire Night and the opening of the Alstonville and Ballina Swimming Pools.

10. General Business

Nil

11. Reporting of Safety Related Matters

The information provided in the agenda was noted.

12. Next Meeting

Thursday 13 September 2018 at 5.00 pm

Meeting Closure

6.25pm