

1. Attendance and Apologies

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

Pat Carney – Wardell Progress Association
Lois Wright - Plateau Seniors
Mary Birch – Wollongbar Progress Association
Jim Hahn – Probus Club of Alstonville
Malcolm Johnson - Ballina Environment Society
Des Burke – Alstonville Lions Club
Richard Lutze – Alstonville Wollongbar Chamber of Commerce
Wayne Garrard – Alstonville Cricket Club (part time)
Jane Gardiner – Alstonville Plateau Historical Society
Barry Jeffress – Tuckombil Landcare
Tyrone McGillick – Alstonville Asphalt Watch
Ron Birch – Wollongbar Progress Association
Steve Miller – Rous Mill Ratepayers

Others in Attendance

Marilyn Hahn – Probus Club of Alstonville

Staff in Attendance

Matthew Wood - Director Planning and Environmental Health Division
Kerri Watts - Manager Public and Environmental Health (part time)

Apologies

Elva Fitzell – Rotary e-Club of NextGen.

The apologies were accepted.

2. Declarations of Interest

Nil

3. Deputations

Nil

4. Confirmation of Minutes 14 March 2019

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 14 March 2019 were confirmed as a true and correct record.

(Richard Lutze/Sharon Parry)

5. Presentation by Council Staff

Kerri Watts, Manager Public and Environmental Health, made a presentation to the Committee on the role of Council's Public and Environmental Health Section. Aspects of the portfolio outlined included Ranger responsibilities (animals, camping, parking), food surveillance program, skin penetration premises inspections, drinking water monitoring, beachwatch, mosquito monitoring program, on site sewage management, environmental compliance, healthy waterways program, Lake Ainsworth coastal management program, Shaws Bay upgrade program.

Pat Carney asked how often premises might be visited in relation to food inspections. Kerri Watts advised that poor performers might be visited up to four times per annum and that staff follow up where rectification action is required. All premises are inspected at least once per year. Mr Carney also enquired about whether Council identifies that premises have been inspected through a notice at the premises. Kerri advised this is not the case but business owners are encouraged to participate in scores on doors.

Pat Carney and Councillor Johnston enquired about how external site issues might be addressed (such as building condition). Kerri advised that various parts of Council engage with the issues depending on the issues arising.

6. Business Arising from Minutes –14 March 2019

(a) OSSM Inspection Fees

The information provided in the agenda was noted.

(b) Rifle Range Road Speed Sign Location

The information provided in the agenda was noted.

Mary Birch thanked Peter O'Keefe for his action in relation to this item.

(c) Elizabeth Ann Brown Memorial Park – Public Art and Disabled Parking Space

The information provided in the agenda was noted.

Richard Lutze asked whether there are any other options for the provision of a disabled car parking space near Elizabeth Ann Brown Park or whether the plan previously submitted can be actioned at some time in the future (recognising works are not in the current program). To be referred to Council's Engineering Works Section for further comment.

(d) Street Lighting in Alstonville Main Street

The information provided in the agenda was noted.

(e) Access to Teven Park

The information provided in the agenda was noted.

(f) Car Parking – Commercial Road, Alstonville – intentions for Council's vacant land

The information provided in the agenda was noted.

(g) Tosha Falls Management Plan

The information provided in the agenda was noted.

(h) Footpath/Pathway Connections on the Plateau

The information provided in the agenda was noted.

Richard Lutze noted that the provision of the pathways should continue to be considered and discussed additional to the existing pathway programs. Councillor Smith indicated one way to address this might be for the Council to develop a plan in relation to provision of this infrastructure.

(i) Rescue Equipment – Dirty Wheels Mountain Bike Site

The information provided in the agenda was noted.

Malcolm Johnson suggested that the demand on emergency services is such that Alstonville should have a specific ambulance/paramedic service within the village.

(j) Water Filling Station – Airport

The information provided in the agenda was noted.

(k) Rural Fire Service Access

The information provided in the agenda was noted.

(l) Planning Proposal – Dual Occupancy at Wardell

The information provided in the agenda was noted.

(m) Stormwater Infrastructure – Panorama Drive – possible trip hazard

The information provided in the agenda was noted.

7. Council Documents on Exhibition

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

Jane Gardiner enquired about rating for Crawford House both in relation to the process for seeking rate relief and also seeking clarity on when rates are payable. To be referred to Council's Community Facilities Section for review.

8. Items raised by members of the Committee

(a) Bulwinkle Park Shelter

Malcolm Johnson raised further concern about the retention of the shelter at Bulwinkle Park on the basis of safety and condition. To be referred to Council's Open Space and Reserves section for further consideration.

(b) EPA Presentation on Boral Asphalt Plant

Tyrone McGillick advised the EPA attended a meeting regarding the plant. Mr McGillick reported that the EPA encouraged residents to report impacts experienced and concerns to the EPA.

(c) Landcare Group Activities at Teven

Barry Jeffress advised water cubes and plants have been stolen from the Landcare works site.

(d) Wollongbar Skate Park Proposal

Mary Birch asked the Committee whether members would be happy if a skate facility was to be built in close proximity to their home. Several committee members gave a viewpoint.

(e) Victoria Park

Marilyn Hahn thanked the Council for maintenance of Victoria Park. Matthew Wood indicated it is most likely NPWS maintaining the land.

(f) Rous Mill Slashing

Steve Miller thanked the Council for the slashing program undertaken at Rous Mill.

(g) Roundabout Vegetation

The Committee discussed a concern with the landscaping on the Teven Road roundabout creating an obstruction to traffic. To be referred to Council's Engineering Works Section for review.

(h) Youngmans Creek

Steve Miller noted that Youngmans Creek stopped flowing at the causeway earlier this year. Mr Miller indicated this is the first time this has happened since the millennium drought. Large volumes of algae

is also present in the creek. Condition of the creek to be referred to Council's Environmental Health Section for review.

Water drawing compliance issues should be referred to the Office of Water or NRAR.

Mr Miller also suggested Council should consider agricultural land use permissibility in relation to water use. Matthew Wood gave a brief overview of the LEP in relation to agriculture and previous consideration of the regulation of agricultural land uses.

(i) Finn Ball

Des Burke recognised a presentation of Finn's in Geelong (State youth Lions event) as of the highest quality.

Mr Burke requested Council's recognition of Finn's achievement. Indicated information in this regard has been submitted to Council. To be referred to Council's Communications Section for review.

(j) Wollongbar District Park

Mary Birch encouraged members to make comment on the Wollongbar District Park during the engagement process that is underway.

(k) Community Grant Crawford House

Jane Gardiner asked the committee to consider supporting a community grant proposal for a new timber fence at Crawford House. The grant process involves public voting.

9. General Business

10. Reporting of Safety Related Matters

The information provided in the agenda was noted.

11. Next Meeting

Thursday 11 July 2019 at 5.00 pm

Meeting Closure

6.15 pm