

1. Attendance and Apologies

Councillor Sharon Parry
Councillor Ben Smith (Chair)

Pat Carney – Wardell Progress Association
Mary Birch – Wollongbar Progress Association
Jim Hahn – Probus Club of Alstonville
Wayne Garrard – Alstonville Cricket Club
Jane Gardiner – Alstonville Plateau Historical Society
Barry Jeffress – Tuckombil Landcare
Steve Miller – Rous Mill Ratepayers
Alan Bruce – Alstonville Lions Club and Landcare
Russell Priddle – Alstonville FC

Others in Attendance

Marilyn Hahn – Probus Club of Alstonville
Marilyn Perkins – Wollongbar Progress Association

Staff in Attendance

Matthew Wood - Director Planning and Environmental Health Division
Tara McGready – Manager Strategic Planning (part time)

Apologies

Councillor David Wright (Mayor)
Councillor Eoin Johnston
Tyrone McGillick – Alstonville Asphalt Watch
Malcolm Johnson - Ballina Environment Society
Des Burke – Alstonville Lions Club

The apologies were accepted.

2. Declarations of Interest

Nil

3. Deputations

Nil

4. Confirmation of Minutes 9 May 2019

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 9 May 2019 were confirmed as a true and correct record with the following changes (Pat Carney/Mary Birch):

- The reference to 'several' in section 8(d) be changed to 'some' to better reflect the meeting discussion.
- The reference to Finn Ball be changed to reflect that he was the Northern NSW/QLD State champion and attended Geelong for the National Youth of the Year final.

5. Presentation by Ballina SES on SES Awareness

SES staff made a presentation to the Committee on SES Awareness.

A brochure addressing Tsunami's was provided to members of the committee.

6. Presentation by Council Staff

Tara McGready, Manager Strategic Planning made a presentation to the Committee on the role of the strategic planning section.

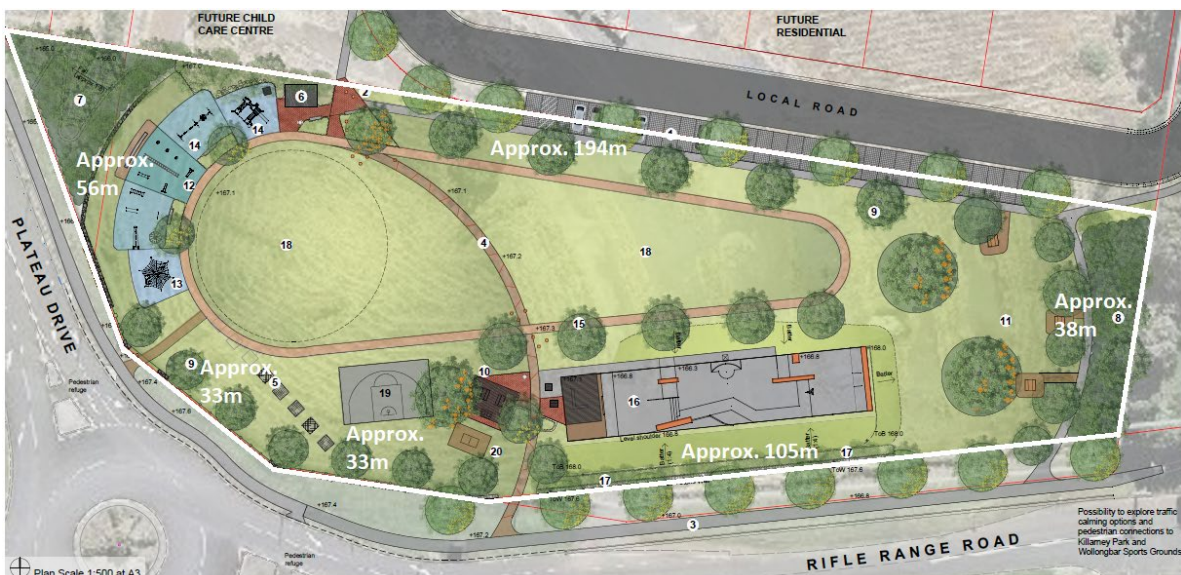
Tara outlined that the section operates in the areas of land use planning, urban design, plans of management/master planning, economic development, social planning and disability access, culture and heritage, environmental management and sustainability, community education and environmental education.

Jane Gardiner asked how many lots meet the criteria for the Alstonville dual occupancy development planning proposal.

Post meeting note – there are estimated to be 414 lots in Alstonville that meet the criteria for dual occupancy development as proposed under the draft LEP amendment. It is important to keep in mind that this figure is a best estimate at this point. Whether a lot is suitable for an attached dual occupancy will only be able to be determined at Development Application stage when more detailed land surveys and constraints investigation can occur.

Mary Birch asked whether the dimensions for the Wollongbar District Park can be made available to the community.

Post meeting note – the dimensions of the Wollongbar District Park are as follows:



7. Resignation from the Committee

Recommendation

That the Committee thanks Ms Wright for her contribution to the Committee (Councillor Parry/ Mary Birch).

8. Business Arising from Minutes – 9 May 2019

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

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

(b) Footpath/Pathway Connections on the Plateau

The information contained in the agenda was noted. Councillor Smith suggested this could be further considered as a long term project through the long term financial plan starting with some initial community engagement.

(c) Bulwinkel Park Shelter

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

(d) Roundabout Vegetation – Teven Road

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

Marilyn Hahn indicated dissatisfaction with the response provided. Councillor Parry suggested a key issue might be speed and driver behaviour.

The Committee suggested that this matter, including changing the speed limit to 50km/hour and examination of sight lines, be referred to the local traffic committee (Sharon Parry/Jim Hahn).

(e) Condition of Youngmans Creek

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

Steve Miller noted his thanks for the work done by the Council officer who reviewed this matter. Steve tabled a submission relating to water extraction on the Plateau.

(f) Recognition – Finn Ball

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

(g) Community Grants – Crawford House

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

Jane Gardiner asked that Council make a link on its website to the community grants voting.

7. Council Documents on Exhibition

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

8. Items raised by members of the Committee

(a) Wollongbar District Park

Marilyn Perkins asked whether the playground at Killarney Park could be rationalised given the new equipment proposed at the district park site. Councillor Smith indicated the removal of the equipment is something that would need to be considered in relation to future land use for the park. Matthew Wood noted that Council has a playground management program that might be a framework to consider this in future.

(b) Roundabout in Main Street

Jane Gardiner raised concern about the plantings on the roundabout located at the entry to the Alstonville Plaza. The grasses have been removed in favour of pine chips. Landscape plantings are preferred. Matter to be referred to Open Space and Reserves and Engineering Works sections for review.

(c) Hydroponic and Greenhouse Development in Rural Areas

Jane Gardiner raised the issue of hydroponic and greenhouse development in rural areas which results in large built structures in green spaces.

Matthew Wood advised that this is a matter is under consideration but no specific action is proposed at present.

(h) Teven Park Plantings

Barry Jeffress noted further theft of plants from Teven Park.

9. General Business

Nil.

10. Reporting of Safety Related Matters

The information provided in the agenda was noted.

11. Next Meeting

Thursday 12 September 2019 at 5.00 pm

Meeting Closure: 6.45 pm