

**Minutes of the 'A' Ward Committee Meeting  
Held 12 May 2020  
Via Online Zoom Meeting**

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**Time Commenced**

The meeting commenced at 4.00pm.

**1. Acknowledgement of Country**

In opening the meeting Cr Meehan provided an Acknowledgement of Country.

**2. Attendance and Apologies**

*Attendance*

Cr David Wright	Mayor
Cr Phil Meehan	Councillor
Cr Stephen McCarthy	Councillor
Margaret Hains	Ballina Day View Club
Geoff Jacobs	Ballina Bears Cricket Club
David Felsch	Ballina Peninsular Residents Association
Marilyn McIntosh	Ballina Evening View Club
Andrew Playford	Ballina Coast High School
Rod Fayle	West Ballina Quays Consultative Group

*Council Staff in Attendance*

John Truman	Director Civil Services Division
Joanne Cordery	Secretary - Civil Services Division

*Apologies*

Cr Nathan Willis	Councillor
Elaine Ballard	Ballina CWA
Susan Meehan	Ballina Chamber of Commerce & Ballina Retail Action Group
John Bout	Summerhill Residents Group
George Young	Ballina Lions Club

**3. Resignations/Changes to Memberships**

**4. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**5. Deputations**

Nil

**6. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 10 March, 2020 were accepted as a true and correct record.

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**7. Business Arising from Previous Minutes**

Subsidence in River Drive, South Ballina

The information in the staff report was noted.

Danns Lane Respiratory Issue

The information in the staff report was noted.

Solar Light – Deadmans Creek Road

The information in the staff report was noted.

David Felsch suggested tilting the solar panel further towards the east may assist.

John Truman advised he would forward the suggestion to staff.

**8. Update on COVID-19**

John Truman provide an update on COVID-19.

Andrew Playford congratulated staff on the Business Connect Initiative and asked how successful it had been.

John Truman advised that over 70 businesses are participating in the program.

**9. Delivery Program and Operational Plan 2020/2021 – 2023/2024**

Phil Meehan provided an update on the Delivery Program and Operational Plan for 2020/2021 – 2023/2024 and reminded the Committee of the Community Donations program.

John Truman advised that as Council could not hold public meetings at present, livestream presentations were being held Tuesday 12 and Thursday 14 May as part of the public exhibition of the draft documents.

**10. General Business**

NA

**11. Council Documents on Exhibition**

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

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**12. Business Without Notice**

*i) Fripp Oval Car Park*

Geoff Jacobs asked if Council could do some maintenance work on the carpark at Fripp Oval as there were a number of potholes.

John Truman advised that he would arrange for staff to investigate.

*ii) Parking Issues Dolphin Drive/Kalinga Street*

Geoff Jacobs advised that vehicles were parking on the road close to the corner causing issues when trying to turn from Dolphin Drive into Kalinga Street, could Council investigate.

John Truman advised he would ask staff to look at options to resolve this issue.

*iii) Meldrum Park - Fence*

Marilyn McIntosh asked if Council could do some maintenance work on the fence at Meldrum Park as some railings required repaired near the walkway and the children's playground.

John Truman advised he would arrange for staff to investigate.

*iv) Submissions for Policy Review*

Rod Fayle asked about the submission process for the policy review on Private Structures within Council Owned Waterways.

Cr Meehan and John Truman both provided information on the submission process and explained that a late submission would be considered up until the time the report was being finalised. Rod reported his proposed submission will discuss a number of matters including insurance and a further commitment in respect of maintaining the canal on a regular basis.

*v) Parking Issues near Missingham Bridge*

Andrew Playford discussed the issue of cars parking on the reserve area near Commemoration Park on the eastern side of the road.

John Truman advised he would ask staff to investigate.

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vi) Shelly Beach Cafe

Andrew Playford asked for an update on the Shelly Beach Café site.

John Truman advised that Council owns the land and is currently undertaking stormwater improvements. The land has been leased to an operator who will be building a restaurant on the site which planned to be operating by December.

vii) Ferry Fees

David Felsch thanked Council for the trailer concession fees for next year.

viii) South Ballina Beach & 4WD Access

David Felsch asked when the 4WD access would be reopened at South Ballina.

John Truman advised a decision to open 4WD access to the beaches will be taken in consultation with Police and will be subject to the rollback of the terms of the public health order.

ix) Bruxner Highway - Wollongbar

David Felsch raised his concern over the short left turning lane off the highway into Wollongbar.

Cr Wright agreed and advised that the highway was designed and managed by Transport for NSW.

x) Update from Mayor

Cr Wright discussed how Ballina Council has continued to operate and provide assistance to the community during COVID-19. Also that we now had six flights between Ballina and Sydney and commented what a wonderful job our police force were doing

xi) Question from George Young

An email was received from George Young after the meeting closed. He asked "Could you ask for the results of the ferry road drainage from last year, with the new flood valve. Will the programme continue and when."

*Post Meeting Response*

John Truman reports the results from the trail have been very good and funds are allocated in this year's budget for further work. We have also made grant applications and if successful this will allow us to expand the program.

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**13. Next Meeting**

The next meeting is to be held at 4.00pm on Tuesday 14 July 2020.

**14. Meeting Close**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 5.05pm.

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A Ward Meeting Attendance Sheet – 12 May 2020		
Name	Business	Signature
Cr Nathan Willis	Ballina Shire Council	Apology
✓ Cr Phil Meehan	Ballina Shire Council	Attended
✓ Cr Stephen McCarthy	Ballina Shire Council	Attended
✓ Cr David Wright	Ballina Shire Council	Attended
Yvonne Scarrabelotti	Ballina CWA	Apology
	Ballina CWA	_____
✓ George Young	Ballina Lions Club	Apology
✓ Susan Meehan	Ballina Chamber of Commerce & Ballina Retail Action Group	Apology
✓ Margaret Hains	Ballina Day View Club	Attended
✓ Marilyn McIntosh	Ballina Evening View Club	Attended
✓ Mary O'Brien	Lighthouse Day Club	_____
✓ David Felsch	South Ballina Community Association	Attended
	South Ballina Community Association	_____
✓ Geoff Jacobs	Ballina Bears Cricket Club	Attended
✓ Ross Pickering	Ballina & District Citizens & Ratepayers Association	_____
✓ Andrew Dougherty	Ballina Lighthouse & Lismore Surf Lifesaving Club	_____
Joanne McIntosh	Ballina Lighthouse & Lismore Surf Lifesaving Club	_____
✓ Andrew Playford	Ballina Coast High School	Attended
Mary Burton	Ballina Environment Society	_____
✓ Rod Fayle	West Ballina Quays Consultative Group	Attended
✓ John Bout	Summerhill Residents Group	Apology
John Truman	Director Civil Services Division	Attended
Joanne Cordery	Civil Services Division	Attended