

**Attendance and Apologies**

Cr David Wright (Mayor)  
Cr Eoin Johnson (via Zoom)

Jane Gardiner – Alstonville Plateau Historical Society (via Zoom)  
Pat Carney – Wardell Progress Association (via Zoom)  
Des Burke – Alstonville Lions (via Zoom)

**Others in Attendance**

Nil.

**Staff in Attendance**

Matthew Wood – Director Planning and Environmental Health  
Janelle Snellgrove – Executive Support Officer

**Apologies**

Jim Hahn – Probus Club of Alstonville  
Tyrone McGillick – Alstonville Asphalt Watch  
Wayne Garrard - Alstonville & District Cricket Association  
Malcolm Johnson – Ballina Environment Society  
Cr Ben Smith  
Cr Sharon Parry

**1. Declarations of Interest**

Nil.

**2. Deputations**

Nil.

**3. Confirmation of Minutes 14 May 2020**

That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 14 May 2020 be accepted as a true and correct record subject to the following amendments (Des Burke / Jane Gardiner):

Cr Eoin Johnston be recorded as an apology for the previous meeting on 14 May 2020 as his Zoom meeting technology failed.

Steve Miller be recorded an apology for the previous meeting on 14 May 2020 as he didn't receive notification of the meeting.

**4. Business Arising from Minutes – 14 May 2020**

Nil.

**5. Update on COVID-19**

Matt Wood provided an overview of Council's operations in relation to COVID-19. In particular, Matt noted that a number of customer service functions have been reintroduced having regard for the public health orders in NSW.

**6. Council Documents on Exhibition**

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

**7. Items raised by members of the Committee**

**a) Bullwinkle Park Improvements**

Des Burke made enquiries as to whether Council has engaged a landscape architect.

Matt Wood advised that it is likely Council will involve a landscape architect to provide guidance in relation to planning for the park.

**8. General Business**

**a) Rent Relief for Crawford House**

Jane Gardiner thanked Council for rent relief assistance during Covid-19.

**b) Removal of Camphor Laurel Trees and Widening of Footpath**

Jane Gardiner raised concerns about the removal of the trees along the path and loss of amenity and shade. Jane enquired as to whether these trees can be replaced. To be referred to Council's Engineering Works Section for consideration.

**c) Essential Energy Notification – Tree Removal**

Jane Gardiner raised concerns about the tree being removed from out the front of the United Protestant Association building and enquired as to whether it will be replaced.

Matt Wood advised these works are being undertaken on private land by Essential Energy and Council is not aware of any plan to replace the tree.

**d) Boral Asphalt Plant Closure**

Jane Gardiner enquired about the closure of the Boral Asphalt Plant.

Matt Wood advised that Council had been advised by Boral Asphalt that the company plans to 'mothball' the Alstonville facility. It is understood that the facility will continue to operate in the short term to utilise supplies currently on site.

Post meeting note: The Gap Road asphalt plant is subject to a development approval so it is possible for the facility to commence operating again post closure.

**e) Boral Asphalt Plant Environmental Testing**

Cr Eoin Johnson enquired about the status of the environment testing being undertaken by Council in relation to the Boral Asphalt Plant (noise and air quality).

Matt Wood advised that the noise sampling was on hold and the air quality monitoring had commenced and will proceed through its first phase. Following the first phase, it is intended that air quality monitoring will be placed on hold.

**f) Bird Feeding**

Jane Gardiner raised concerns about the neighbour to the UPA site feeding Ibis' which nest in the Norfolk Pine Tree out the front of the UPA Building at 101-103 Main Street, Alstonville.

To be referred to Council's Public and Environmental Health Section to confirm any previous action taken and consider options for further action.

**g) Devils Elbow Roadworks (Marom Creek)**

Steve Miller commended Council for the roadworks at Devils Elbow. Steve requested council extend the works a further 100 meters.

Steve also requested that while the machinery is at Devils Elbow that Council consider regrading Crawfords Lane.

Both matters to be referred to Council's Engineering Works Section for consideration.

**h) Water Mining**

Steve Miller commended Council on its position and controls in relation to water mining. Requested Council consider approaching Lismore City Council to encourage introduction of similar provisions to Ballina given the aquifer partly lies within the Lismore local government area.

To be referred to Council's Strategic Planning Section to make enquiries of Lismore City Council in relation to its approach to this matter.

**i) Water Extraction/Pumping from Creeks on the Plateau**

Steve Miller enquired as to the existence of any planning being undertaken by Council in conjunction with Rous Water Council to monitor or regulate extraction/pumping of water from creeks and bores on the plateau.

Matt Wood advised that Council has a limited role in this field as water extraction (bores and creeks) is regulated by State Government agencies (Water NSW and the Natural Resources Access Regulator (NRAR)). Council provides information to these departments when issues arise and approval (integrated development) is required from these agencies in some instances in conjunction with a development application.

**j) Patches Beach Closure**

Pat Carney commended Council for the Patches Beach 4WD access closure.

**k) Wardell Highway Signage**

Pat Carney enquired about the status of the Wardell Highway Signage.

To be referred to Council's Communications Section to provide an update on the project.

**l) Wardell Toilet Replacement**

Pat Carney enquired about the status of the Wardell Toilet replacement.

Matt Wood advised that there is no start date confirmed as yet but the works are in Council's 2020/21 program.

**m) Wardell Tennis Court Lighting**

Pat Carney enquired about the status of the Council grant request for the Wardell Tennis Court lighting replacement.

Matt Wood advised that the grant request is to be reported to July Ordinary meeting as part of reporting to seek Council's decision on the various grant requests received by Council for the 2020/21 year.

**n) Wardell Clean Up**

Cr Eoin Johnson raised concerns about the quality of maintenance work and open space management in Wardell (e.g. whipper snipping).

Mayor advised he has raised this issue with the Manager Open Space and the works approach is being reviewed.

**o) Wardell War Memorial Site Maintenance**

Pat Carney requested that Council carry out general site maintenance around the Wardell War Memorial when crews are present in Wardell doing work in the vicinity of the memorial.

To be referred to Council's Open Space Section for consideration.

**p) Roadworks Grant Approval – Wardell Road to Dalwood Road**

Cr Eoin Johnson advised the committee that a grant for improvement works to Wardell Road to Dalwood Road has been received by Council.

**9. Next Meeting** - Thursday 11 September 2020 at 5.00pm

**10. Meeting Closure** - The meeting closed at 5.50 pm