

**Minutes of the 'A' Ward Committee Meeting  
Held 8 September 2020  
In the Committee Rooms, 40 Cherry Street, Ballina**

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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
George Young	Ballina Lions Club
Geoff Jacobs	Ballina Bears Cricket Club
David Felsch	Ballina Peninsular Residents Association
John Bout	Summerhill Residents Group

*Council Staff in Attendance*

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

*Apologies*

Cr Nathan Willis	Councillor
Mary O'Brien	Lighthouse Day Club
Marilyn McIntosh	Ballina Evening View Club
Debbie Grant	Ballina Chamber of Commerce
Sue Eaton	East Ballina Lions Club

**3. Resignations/Changes to Memberships**

Information noted.

**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 14 July, 2020 were accepted as a true and correct record. It was agreed to amend the minutes by noting the apology from John Bout.

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**7. Business Arising from Previous Minutes**

*Footpath near Skatepark*

The information in the staff report was noted.

*Erosion at Lighthouse Beach*

The information in the staff report was noted.

*Moylans Lane Maintenance*

The information in the staff report is noted.

**8. Update on COVID-19**

John Truman provided an update regarding Council's response to the COVID-19 pandemic and Cr Wright provided an update on the efforts to reduce the impact to residents and businesses from the border closure.

**9. General Business**

*Lennox Head Cultural Centre and Alstonville Cultural Centre (renaming)*

The information in the staff report was noted.

**10. Council Documents on Exhibition**

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

**11. Business Without Notice**

*i) Shelly Beach Restaurant*

George Young asked for an update on the Shelly Beach Restaurant.

John Truman advised that a tender had been awarded to a new lease holder and that building was underway. Cr Wright advised that the business planned to be operating by Christmas this year.

*ii) Proposed Communal Solar Farm*

Margaret Hain asked for information regarding this proposal.

John Truman advised that Council was not involved in this project and we are therefore not familiar with what is proposed.

*iii) Carrs Bridge*

David Felsch asked about the schedule for works on the bridge.

John Truman to provide information in the minutes.

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The current program for the project is under review. On 14 September 2020 staff were advised that the date for completion of cane harvesting north of Carrs Bridge will be delayed. The completion of harvesting north of Carrs Bridge is critical to allow sufficient time for bridge demolition and completion of bridge reconstruction before the Christmas break. We are seeking confirmation of the forecast delay period from the Lower Richmond River Cane Harvesting Co-op (LRRCHC). At this stage the verbal advice of a two week delay will only allow commencement mid-November, and this will place a significant added risk to project completion before the Christmas break. Subject to confirmation from LRRCHC it is now preferred to commence the bridge replacement project after the Christmas and New Year period, in early January 2021."

iv) Moylans Lane

David Felsch advised that the pipe crossings have sunken on Moylans Lane and further investigation is required.

This information will be reported to staff to assess.

v) Ferry - Turning Circle on Southern Side

David Felsch advised that a turning circle on the southern approach to the ferry was still needed.

John Truman advised that this matter had been reported to Council previously and a copy of the resolution from the meeting would be included in the minutes.

*Resolution from 28 July 2016*

*That Council notes the information regarding the provision of a turnaround area to service the southern ferry approach during periods when the ferry is not operating, with no further action to be undertaken on this proposal on the basis of cost, demand for other works with an assessed higher priority, and the uncertainty of whether or not regulatory approval could be achieved for the project.*

No action is proposed without further direction from Council.

vi) Cyclists – Burns Point Ferry

David Felsch advised that there was still no designated platform for cyclists on the approaches to the Ferry.

John Truman advised that this matter had been previously reported to the Committee at the 12 March 2019 meeting and would provide the information in the minutes.

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*Cyclists – Burns Point Ferry*

*There is no formal Council policy for cyclists using the Burns Point Ferry. Passengers on bicycles are expected to abide by the Roads Act and Regulations, the signposted passenger information, and to take direction and instruction from the Ferry operator as necessary.*

*There have been no incidents and near misses reported by the Ferry operators with regard to the conduct of cyclists waiting for or leaving the Ferry. The operators did not raise undue concern with cyclist behaviour when consulted on this matter.*

*There are pedestrian and cyclist passenger information signs on both approaches to the Ferry ramps, and in the pedestrian / cyclist waiting area on deck. The signs suggest cyclists (and pedestrians) remain within the marked travel path when entering the lift ramp, that cyclists walk on and off the Ferry, and that they allow vehicles to exit the Ferry before proceeding.*

*The passenger information sign on the South Ballina approach is positioned adjacent to the boomgate, and a “stop line” is marked underneath the gate. It is unlikely the operator would lower the lift ramp if a cyclist was waiting in front of the boomgate.*

*The passenger information sign on the Ballina approach is positioned approximately 9m in front of the “stop line”, and approximately 4m behind the boomgate. Cyclists are expected to wait at the stop line but must keep behind and clear of the boomgate. The position of the passenger information sign will be reviewed as part of the upgrade to all the Ferry signs, with a view to positioning it closer to the “stop line”.*

*vii) Danns Lane – Maintenance*

David Felsch asked why Council did not maintain all of Danns Lane.

John Truman advised the extent of the road network to be maintained by Council is contained in a Council policy. The final segment of Danns Lane is not maintained by Council in accordance with the policy. Residents are able to request Council complete the works under a private works agreement (at their cost) or they can apply to Council for approval to undertake the work.

*viii) Cricket Net Grant Funding*

Geoff Jacobs advised the Committee that Council had submitted a grant funding application on their behalf.

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*ix) Council Tip Free Day*

John Bout asked why Council did not provide a Tip Free day for residents.

Cr Meehan advised that he had previously raised this matter in a notice of motion and that the majority of Councillors did not support it due to the projected costs and because the proposal was inconsistent with our recycling and resource recovery programs.

*x) Airport Road Project*

Cr Wright discussed what a great opportunity these works were for the community providing more industry and employment.

**12. Next Meeting**

The next meeting is to be held at 4.00pm on Tuesday 10 November 2020.

**13. Meeting Close**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 4.47pm.

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A Ward Zoom Meeting Attendance Sheet – 8 September 2020		
Name	Business	Signature
Cr Nathan Willis	Ballina Shire Council	Apology
Cr Phil Meehan	Ballina Shire Council	Have Zoom
Cr Stephen McCarthy	Ballina Shire Council	Have Zoom
Cr David Wright	Ballina Shire Council	Have Zoom
Yvonne Scarrabelotti	Ballina CWA	_____
Laine Ballard	Ballina CWA	_____
George Young	Ballina Lions Club	Zoom
Debbie Grant	Ballina Chamber of Commerce	Apology
Margaret Hains	Ballina Day View Club	Zoom
Marilyn McIntosh	Ballina Evening View Club	Apology
Mary O'Brien	Lighthouse Day Club	Apology
David Felsch	South Ballina Community Association	Zoom
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Geoff Jacobs	Ballina Bears Cricket Club	Zoom
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	_____
Mary Burton	Ballina Environment Society	_____
Sue Eaton	East Ballina Lions Club	Apology
John Bout	Summerhill Residents Group	Zoom Have
John Truman	Director Civil Services Division	Zoom Have
Joanne Cordery	Secretary Civil Services Division	Zoom Have