

1. Attendance and Apologies

Members:

Cr Ben Smith (Chair)
Cr David Wright (Mayor)
Cr Eoin Johnson (via Zoom)

Jane Gardiner – Alstonville Plateau Historical Society (via Zoom)
Pat Carney – Wardell Progress Association (via Zoom)
Mary Birch - Wollongbar Progress Association (via Zoom)
Des Burke – Alstonville Lions (via Zoom)
Tyrone McGillick – Alstonville Asphalt Watch (via Zoom)
Malcolm Johnson – Ballina Environment Society (via Zoom)
Steve Miller – Rous Mill Ratepayers Association (via Zoom)

Council Staff:

Matthew Wood, Director Planning & Environmental Health
Janelle Snellgrove, Executive Support Officer

Others in Attendance

Marilyn Perkins – Wollongbar Progress Association (via Zoom)

Apologies

Cr Sharon Parry
Wayne Garrard - Alstonville & District Cricket Association
Jim Hahn – Probus Club of Alstonville
Russell Priddle - Alstonville & District Cricket Association

Recommendation:

That the apologies be accepted (Des Burke / Jane Gardiner).

2. Declarations of Interest

Nil.

3. Confirmation of Minutes 9 July 2020

Recommendation:

That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 9 July 2020 be accepted as a true and correct record (Pat Carney / Steve Miller).

4. Business Arising from Minutes – 9 July 2020

a) Removal of Camphor Laurel Trees and Widening of Footpath

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

b) Bird Feeding

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

Jane Gardiner affirmed concern about bird feeding out the front of the UPA building, 101-103 Main Street, Alstonville.

Matt Wood advised that Council discourages the feeding and if it presents as an ongoing issue again Council will follow up.

c) Devils Elbow Roadworks (Marom Creek)

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

d) Water Mining

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

e) Wardell Highway Signage

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

f) Wardell War Memorial Site Maintenance

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

5. Update on COVID-19

Matt Wood provided an update with respect to COVID 19 and Council's operations. The information provided was noted.

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

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

b) Alstonville Boral Asphalt Quarry

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

c) Wardell Toilet Replacement

Pat Carney requested a further update on the replacement of Wardell Toilet at the next C Ward Committee meeting.

Action: Referred to Open Spaces

d) Maintenance on Tables near Wardell Tennis Courts

Pat Carney requested a status update on repairing/replacement of the tables at Wardell tennis courts as they are in a poor state.

Action: Referred to Open Spaces.

e) Playground Improvements

Pat Carney enquired if there was funding allocated in the 2021/22 budget toward improvements for Wardell children's playgrounds.

Mr Carney was provided with additional information post issue of the agenda. The update confirmed funding has been allocated in the 2021/22 budget for playground improvements in Fitzroy Park. This information was noted.

f) Tuckombil Landcare Update

Mal Johnson advised Tuckombil Landcare has planted over 100 trees to replace stolen trees. Tuckombil Landcare extend their gratitude to Council for the provision of some trees, particularly to Paul Brown and nursery staff. Also grateful to James Brideson for the supply of wire for tree guards and stakes. The Teven project is continuing with the aid of grants received.

Action: Referred to Open Spaces.

g) Bulwinkle Park

Mal Johnson enquired about improvements to Bulwinkle Park and raised concern about slow progress. Mr Johnson requested an update on status from Council.

Matt Wood advised that a heritage advisor has been engaged. Bulwinkle Park is a heritage item and this has made planning for improvements a lengthier process. Council will arrange a formal response on the matter to Landcare.

Des Burke advised the Alstonville Lions Club has \$4,400 to contribute to Bulwinkle Park when works commence.

Action: Referred to Open Spaces.

h) Landcare Group Public Liability

Matthew Wood confirmed Council is investigating the possibility of consolidated insurance for landcare groups.

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

i) Wollongbar Community Hall

Mary Birch enquired whether it is necessary to register the Wollongbar Community Hall's Covid 19 plan in the same way businesses are required to register their plans.

Matt Wood advised the matter will be referred to Community Facilities to make contact with the WPA direct.

Action: Referred to Community Facilities

j) Crawford House

Jane Gardiner also enquired whether it is necessary to register Crawford House's Covid 19 plan.

Matt Wood advised the matter will be referred to Community Facilities to make contact with Crawford House direct.

Action: Referred to Community Facilities.

k) Wollongbar Rural Fire Brigade Fire Station Access

Malcolm Johnson advised that with the former tennis court site now being a private business, there are now difficulties for fire trucks in relation to access at the RFS site.

Mr Johnson indicated there was a previous agreement with Council that Council would provide a new entrance and turning circle. A standpipe site to fill up at station is also requested, instead of going to the top end of the estate.

Matt Wood advised Council is aware of this issue and the matter has been forwarded to appropriate staff member.

Action: Referred to Commercial Services.

l) Alstonville Pool Upgrade

Tyrone McGillick commended Council on the Alstonville Pool amenities upgrade.

Action: Referred to Community Facilities.

m) Wollongbar District Park

Marilyn Perkins commented on the progress at the Wollongbar District Park and enquired if the issues raised previously about the park in submissions had resulted in changes to the works to be carried out.

Matt Wood advised that the submissions were considered by Council at the time the development application was determined. No specific changes were made to the plans at the time of the Council granting approval. Staff are proceeding to implement the adopted plan.

n) Crawford House

Jane Gardiner advised the new fence around Crawford House is around half way completed.

o) Wardell Highway Signage

Pat Carney and other members of the committee expressed their approval of the Wardell highway signage.

Action: Referred to Communications.

p) Devils Elbow Roadworks (Marom Creek)

Steve Miller requested Council install Guard rails.

Action: Referred to Civil Services.

q) Alstonville Boral Asphalt Quarry

Tyrone McGillick requested a copy of the air quality report for Alstonville Boral Asphalt Quarry and commented the odour from the Alstonville Boral Asphalt Quarry has reduced.

Matt Wood advised the report can be made available.

Action: Referred to Public and Environmental Health.

8. General Business

Nil.

9. **Next Meeting** - Thursday 12 November 2020 at 5.00pm

10. **Meeting Closure** - The meeting closed at 5.54pm