

1. **Attendance and Apologies**

2. **Declarations of Interest**

3. **Confirmation of Minutes – 10 March 2011**

A copy of the minutes of the previous meeting held 10 March 2011 was distributed.

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 10 March 2011 be accepted as a true and correct record.

4. **Business arising from Minutes – 10 March 2011**

(a) **Relocation of Mosaic in Freeborn Park**

This work is programmed for relocation when staff and machinery are available - after bypass is open and work resumes on the reconstruction of Main Street and northern footpath works.

(b) **Elizabeth Ann Brown Park Masterplan**

In accordance with the recommendation from the last committee meeting, a meeting was conducted by Council staff with representatives from the C Ward service clubs. The purpose of the meeting was to explore the potential of further community partnerships to advance the implementation of the Masterplan.

The meeting was conducted on Wednesday 20 April 2011 with the following attendees.

Bob Wilson - Alstonville RSL
Richard Lutze - Service Clubs
Brian Hill - Alstonville RSL
Corahahe Gooding - Alstonville RSL
Elva Fitzell - Rotary
John Sim - Alstonville Plateau Historical Society
Les Wiles - Chamber of Commerce
James Brideson – Ballina Council

The meeting indicated it the priority for works was the actions relating to the RSL infrastructure including the new war memorial walls, wheelchair ramp, flagpoles. RSL grants may be available to assist.

The meeting expressed an interest in building an all weather open air shelter for groups/bands involved in ceremonies/events adjacent to the circular grassed area where the number 10 is marked on the Concept Plan. This project is not currently included in the Masterplan.

They meeting also requested for Council to consider including the upgrade to the carpark steps and pathways in the CBD upgrade program.

5. Alstonville Main Street Upgrade - Update

The following response is provided to the request for Council to examine options to manage the Cedar Tree in Freeborn Park to reduce any issues to public health and safety from tree litter and the bird population.

Council's arborist advises that pruning of the tree is not recommended. In addition to negative impacts on the tree, including reducing its expected lifespan, realistically the pruning can only achieve a 10-15% reduction of the canopy and this would not address the issue.

Removal of the tree is also not recommended given the park's design has accommodated the tree and the cedar tree is very old and reflective of the area.

Staff are investigating some bird fright options that would be undetectable to the public and other fauna.

Further to this, the Council has provided an additional \$38,000 in its budget for cleaning and maintenance of the pavers in Alstonville. The pavers under the tree will be recognised as a priority within the cleaning program.

In respect of the pedestrian crossing on Wardell road, as agreed, Council staff have been able to implement some additional pavement markings as a further warning or reminder to pedestrians using the crossing.

6. Alstonville Carparking

A report will be circulated prior to the meeting.

7. Council Documents on Exhibition

The following is a list of recent documents that have been placed on exhibition in the period since the last meeting.

- Draft Amendment No.1 to the Coastal Reserve Plan of Management - closing date 29 May 2011
- Draft Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy - closing date 28 April 2011
- Draft Financial Assistance - Rates, Annual Charges and Fees Policy - closing date 28 April 2011

- Draft Fire Asset Protection Zones - Private Use of Public Land - closing date 28 April 2011
- Draft Busking Policy - closing date 28 April 2011
- Draft Amendment No.6 - Community Land POM - closing date 29 April 2011
- Draft Amendment No.5 - Community Land POM - Porter Park - closing date 2 May 2011

8. General Business

9. Items raised by members of the Committee

10. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday, 14 July 2011 at 7.30 pm