

1. **Attendance and Apologies**

Members

Cr Phillip Silver

Cr Peter Moore

Cr Sharon Cadwallader

Sheila Aveling Tintenbar School of Arts

Ian Duncan Newrybar

Louise Owen Lennox Head Chamber of Commerce

Fran Byrne Ballina Coastcare

Lyn Walker Ballina Environment Society

Fred Goodman Lennox Head Residents Association

Darel Vidler Lennox Combined Sports Association

Graham Shaw Lennox Lions

Council Staff

Jillian Pratten

Steve Barnier

Paul Hickey (Chair)

Apologies

Cr Jeff Johnson

Malcolm Milner Lennox Head Landcare

Observer

Brian Smith

2. **Declarations of Interest**

Nil

3. **Confirmation of Minutes**

Resolved (Ms Owen/Ms Aveling)

That the Minutes of the "B" Ward Committee held 21 March 2011 be taken as read and confirmed.

4. **Deputations**

Nil

5. **Outstanding Business**

(a) Process for Road Naming - Tamarind Drive - Notification to Landowners

Noted.

(b) Illegal removal of trees from Beachfront Parade, East Ballina

Some members expressed concern that the report did not adequately address the range of options available to Council to respond to unauthorized clearing works.

The Committee was advised of Councillor Cadwallader's intention to present a notice of motion to a future Council meeting regarding this matter.

(c) Commercial Use of Footpaths - Review of Methodology applied

Members noted the report which had been provided, but expressed concern about the proposed fee structure. It was suggested that Council should dispense with all charges for footpath usage.

Motion: (Mr Goodman/Ms Owen)

That this committee asserts that charges for the commercial use of footpaths should be consistently applied across the shire.

This motion was lost.

(d) Newrybar Public Toilets – Update

The committee noted the work being implemented by Council. Mr Duncan advised that a concept plan for improvements to the village is being prepared and will be presented to Council for consideration.

(e) Asset Management Planning

Noted.

(f) Adequacy of Vehicle Barriers at end of Ross Park in Lennox Head

Noted.

(g) Lake Ainsworth Reserve Master Plan

Members expressed their disappointment that a representative of the Land and Property Management Authority had declined an invitation to attend the meeting.

The committee was advised of Cr Cadwallader's intention to present a notice of motion regarding this matter to the next Council Meeting.

(h) Damage to Shaws Bay Escarpment caused by inappropriate use

Noted. Ms Byrne asked if Council staff could monitor the escarpment area in respect of erosion. Further, that the installation of steps in an appropriate location be considered as an erosion mitigation measure.

Jillian Pratten confirmed that this is and would continue to be monitored by Council staff.

(i) Notification to adjoining owners of cycleway extension near Amber Dr

Noted.

(j) Intrusion of Koy Carp within sections of Emigrant Creek

Noted.

6. Items raised by members of the Committee

Lennox Head Landcare

Update on timing of North Creek Road footpath / cycleway construction.

Information noted.

Ballina Coastcare

Shire-Wide Indigenous Heritage Study

Information noted.

Lennox Head Chamber of Commerce

1. Painted car spaces in Park Lane and Ballina St.

It was noted that this work is being implemented.

2. Skate park mural painting

Mr Hickey advised of the requirement for public art as part of the Lennox Head Cultural and Community Centre, and the proposal to seek expressions of interest for this work.

Ms Owen advised of her discussions with some users of the skate park with a view to fostering respectable behaviour.

Ballina Environment Society - Lyn Walker

Lake Ainsworth Master Plan

Concern was expressed about the adequacy of existing measures for protection of the lake and surrounding reserve.

Recommendation: (Ms Walker/Ms Owen).

That Council revisit the idea of increasing the publicly accessible area of the reserve to include all land between (the extension of) Stewart Street and Pacific Parade.

It was agreed that members of the committee would meet and discuss options to move forward on the Lake Ainsworth Management Plan and Master Plan.

Lennox Head Residents Association Inc

Emergency Evacuation Plan for Barrett Estate, Lennox Head

The information was noted. Mr Hickey indicated he would ask Council's Civil Services group to consider a parking prohibition in Ian Avenue and report to the next meeting.

7. Council Documents on Exhibition

The committee noted the documents that have been recently exhibited for public comment.

8. Business Without Notice

Ms Owen:

1. Expressed concern about the escalation of anti-social behaviour which has coincided with the opening of the skate park. It was acknowledged that these were issues for the Police. Council is making arrangements for the provision of park furniture near the skate park, including seating and waste receptacles. Bubblers will be installed when resources are available.

It was agreed that the anti-social behaviour was a whole of community issue and all members needed to work together to identify solutions and to work towards improving the behaviours.

2. Enquired about the time frame for rectification of the Coast Road landslip. Mr Hickey advised it is his understanding that the partial closure of the road is likely to remain for at least a further six months.

As part of the discussion of this item, it was agreed that basic information concerning Council's strategic road planning for the Lennox Head area would be presented to the next meeting.

3. Advised the committee of plans to acknowledge the first anniversary of the tornado.

Mr Shaw:

1. Congratulated Council on work done to date with the coastal shared path extension. He indicated that Lennox Lions are willing to work with Council in the provision of furniture/infrastructure to complement the new path
2. Congratulated Council on the imminent finalization of the Lennox Head Cultural and Community Centre. Further, he acknowledged Council's intention to provide a diversity of services within the centre following the initial settling in period.

1. Enquired about the arrangements for replacement of the Lennox Head service organisation signs. Mr Hickey advised that this will be attended to as soon as possible.
2. Enquired about funding for studies for the replacement of the Lennox Head Surf Club. Mr Hickey confirmed that funding for the surf club was not in the short to medium term financial plan for Council. Alternative funding options will need to be sought such as land sales. The use of loan funds and / or bonds was also discussed.

Mr Vidler:

1. Enquired about planning for the provision of additional sports fields to service Lennox Head. A report concerning this item will be presented to the next meeting.
2. Advised of progress concerning renovations to the Williams Reserve clubhouse.

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the B Ward Committee is scheduled for Monday 18 July 2011, at 4.30pm.

MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 6.40 pm.