

1. **Attendance and Apologies**

An apology has been received from Cr Jeff Johnson.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

3. **Confirmation of Minutes**

A copy of the Minutes of the "B" Ward Committee held 16 May 2011 were distributed.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the "B" Ward Committee held 16 May 2011 be taken as read and confirmed.

4. **Deputations**

5. **Outstanding Business**

(a) **Earth Mound Removal - Lake Ainsworth Caravan Park**

A development application is required to obtain approval to remove the mound. As there has been no private sector interest in acquiring the material, at no cost, no action will be taken until Council either has an interested private sector party to remove the mound or Council allocates funding to remove the mound.

(b) **Additional Sporting Fields for Lennox Head**

There are three activities occurring in respect to the provision of additional sporting fields for Lennox Head.

1. Pacific Pines - Council continues to pursue the Bank of Scotland and Price Waterhouse Coopers (PWC), as the financiers and receivers for the Petrac Land, to finalise the development of the land that is already in Council name. It is understood that the Bank and PWC are awaiting State Government approval of an amended master plan prior to undertaking those works. This approval should be forthcoming in the near future.
2. Council has purchased land adjoining the Skennars Head Fields. This land will be used to expand those fields. No funding has been allocated in the short to medium term budget for the works needed as Council's main priority remains the Pacific Pines fields. Nevertheless Landpartners Pty. Ltd. is currently preparing a masterplan for this expanded area and that masterplan will be subject to community consultation and Council review.

3. Barrett Land - Any rezoning of the Barrett land to the west of Lennox Head will include the dedication of land for sporting fields. One rezoning proposal in respect to this land has now been terminated, however the Lennox Head Structure Plan confirms that any rezoning of this land will result in an allocation of sports fields.

(c) Ian Avenue, Lennox Head - Parking Prohibition

Information on the emergency evacuation plan for Barrett Estate, Lennox Head 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.

Council's Civil Services staff advise as follows:

An assessment of Ian Avenue indicates that a No Parking Zone could be applied in Ian Avenue. The preferred side of the street for this proposal is the northern side. This proposal would result in the loss of five car parking spaces. From a parking demand point of view this can be managed, although it is noted that the adjacent property owners may not support the associated loss in amenity and convenience. Parking for these properties would have to be on site or across the road.

As this is a regulatory control, referral to the Local Traffic Committee is required. Should the B Ward Committee remain of the view that the proposal is desirable, the Group Manager Civil Services will advise the properties of the Council's intention and refer the matter to the Committee.

(d) Strategic Road Planning for Lennox Head area

It was agreed that basic information concerning Council's strategic road planning for the Lennox Head area would be presented to the next meeting.

Council's Civil Services staff will be in attendance at the meeting to discuss this matter.

(e) Alleged Sampson Post – Angels Beach

Further to previous advice given on 21 March 2011, Council has corresponded with a number of expert bodies regarding the alleged Samson-lifter post at Angels Beach.

To assist Council's significance assessment, and to make recommendations regarding best practice heritage management of this item, the following advice regarding the item has been sought:

1. verification that the item is indeed a samson-lifter post and from the British steamship the *Limerick*;

2. in the case that the item is a valued relic from the *Limerick*, what conservation options exist for its management into the future given its nature and existing location

It is expected that the item's assessment and options for its management will be finalised in the coming few months.

6. Items raised by members of the Committee

Lennox Head Residents Association

Handrail on Shared Pathway at Lennox Head

The Lennox Head Residents Association requests that Council not proceed with the handrail being installed on the new foreshore shared pathway on the basis that there has been strong community opposition to the aesthetic affect on the foreshore and the wide held belief that the handrail is unnecessary. Regular users have pointed out that there was never a need for a handrail before concreting, even though the previous pathway was used by both walkers and cyclists.

Another criticism of the handrail is the way in which it angles inwards causing a restriction on the width of the usable pathway. The inward angle could also be a safety hazard, particularly where the handrail begins, if a cyclist veered into it.

A comparison with this pathway with the one at Fawcett Park has been made and it is understood that Council justifies its failure to install railings there by a resolution to restrict that pathway to pedestrian use. Observation indicates that cyclists regularly ignore this resolution.

Council's Civil Services staff advise as follows:

Council has requested a report on this matter and the report will be presented to the July meeting of Council.

Knockrow Newrybar Residents Group

1. Newrybar Village Plan

Newrybar is a historic country village that is undergoing major changes. The village centre is very concentrated and was previously residential with some rural business. It is now becoming an increasingly popular visitor destination and due to its strategic location an increasing transit point for traffic from the coast to points in the immediate hinterland. These changes have led to deteriorating traffic and parking problems within the village. While these issues need to be addressed we believe we now have an opportunity to improve both the visual amenity and practical infrastructure in the village for the benefit of all our residents and visitors. We need a master plan for the village.

The residents have already held planning meetings in this regard. As the core of our issues at this early stage involves traffic and parking we have had discussions with Civil Services. We would like to thank John Truman and his team for the assistance they are giving Newrybar.

We would like to advise council that we intend to continue working with Council staff to develop our plan over the next few months. It is our intention to arrive at an outcome that is acceptable to both the residents and council and to present it to council in consideration for funding in 2012/2013. We would also welcome council support to obtain funding as required from additional sources such as NSW Dept of State and Regional Development under their Enterprising Regions Program.

We request B Ward to support our plans.

2. Newrybar Fire Station

We are advised that the Newrybar fire brigade will be moving to new premises in the future. We are aware that the building is owned by Council and they will be the final arbiters of its future use.

The residents in the village are of the view that the old fire station building could be a beneficial community asset within the scope of our proposed improved village plan. We therefore request that Council consult with Newrybar before they make a final decision on the future use of the building.

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.

- Policy - Contributions for Dust Sealing of Roads - closing date 6 June 2011.
- Draft Ballina Shire Combined Development Control Plan - Policy Statement No. 20 - Coastal Grove Lennox Head - Amendment No. 13 - closing date 6 June 2011.
- Draft Budget 2011/2012 - closing date 10 June 2011.
- Draft Fees and Charges 2011/2012 - closing date 10 June 2011.
- Draft Operational Plan 2011/2012 - closing date 10 June 2012.
- Draft Delivery Program 2011/2012-2014/2015 - closing date 10 June 2011.
- Policy - Entrepreneurial Property Activities and Financial Reserve - closing date 13 June 2011.
- Henderson Farm Planning Proposal - closing date 13 July 2011.
- Policy - Backyard Burning - closing date 30 June 2011.
- Amendment No. 5 - Community Land POM - Porter Park
- Draft Amendment No. 6 - Generic Plan of Management for Community Land
- Heavy Haulage Contributions Plan 2011 - closing date 8 August 2011.

8. Other Business

(a) Update on Lennox Head Landslip

We have now completed the review of the various engineering solutions and their cost, time to construct etc and settled on a preferred option. Another major task that is nearing completion is the preparation of environmental approval documentation. We expect to formally make our submission for approval to the Council's Regulatory Services Group next week.

We have also commenced negotiations with the RTA in respect of our funding claim, although we are yet to reach a final agreed position.

We are also in the process of preparing a Council report to be presented in July. In addition to providing formal advice regarding the project, the purpose of that report is to respond to a specific inquiry of the Council's in respect of traffic management during the works.

Subject to environmental approval and agreement with the RTA, we have scheduled a works commencement in August and expect a three month construction period.

9. Next Meeting

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, 19 September 2011 at 4.30 p.m.