

**Minutes of the 'A' Ward Committee Meeting  
Held 12 July 2011  
In the Committee Rooms, 40 Cherry Street, Ballina**

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**Time Commenced**

The meeting commenced at 4.00pm.

**1. Attendance and Apologies**

*Attendance*

Cr Sue Meehan	Councillor
Cr Phillip Silver	Mayor
Glenn Costello	Ballina Chamber of Commerce
George Young	Ballina Lions Club
Sheila Aveling	Paradise FM
Betty Barwick	Ballina CWA
Dr Lee Andresen	Ballina Environment Society
Lorraine Leuckel	South Ballina Community Association
Andrew Playford	Ballina High School & East Ballina Lions Club

*Council Staff in Attendance*

John Truman	Group Manager Civil Services
Steve Barnier	Group Manager Strategic & Community Services Group

*Apologies*

Cr Robyn Hordern	Councillor
Cr Alan Brown	Councillor
Margaret Hains	Ballina Day View Club
Allan Hart	Paradise FM
Alex Smith	Ballina Retail Action Group
Hazel Elliott	Ballina Evening View
Paul Kennedy	Ballina Probus Club

**2. Declarations of Interest**

Sheila Aveling (Paradise FM) - declared a non-pecuniary interest (Small Business Operator) in respect of Item 6 Woolworths Masters rezoning Request.

**3. Deputations**

There were no deputations.

**4. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 10 May 2011 were accepted as a true and correct record.

**5. Business Arising from the Previous Minutes**

**Paradise FM Site - Security**

Discussions were held with Paradise FM staff regarding security and other issues. Council trades staff to carry out maintenance on windows and doors and to arrange for SNP to patrol the building when they are patrolling the administration centre and gallery.

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The above response was noted.

**6. Items raised by Members of the Committee**

Betty Barwick

- Missingham Shared Path - Noted the condition of the shared path is deteriorating from sand and root intrusion.

John Truman advised that drainage works ha recently been completed. In addition to this it is proposed to prepare a concept plan for discussion purposes. The purpose of the concept plan is to examine opportunities to enhance the amenity, function and maintenance of the site. An idea being considered is to relocate the shared path further away from the sand dunes, provide a circulating sealed driveway and parking, central open space and market provisions.

Lorraine Leuckel

- CPR Defibrillation Education Seminar - Lorraine advised that the South Ballina Community Association, in conjunction with the Ballina Marine Rescue will conduct a free public training day on the use of the defibrillator. The training is to be held on 17 July (10.00am to 12.00 noon) and committee members are encouraged to promote the initiative to the members of their own organisations.
- Defibrillator Signage - Lorraine indicated that a request had been made to Council for signage to identify the location of the defibrillator.

John Truman advised that he would review the request and respond.

George Young

- Service Club Signs - George sought an update on the project to provide signage for the community service clubs.

John Truman advised that he would provide a response.

- Tweed Street - George advised the committee of his request for tweed Street to be sealed.

John Truman advised in response that the project was not included in the three year road rehabilitation program adopted by Council. This program is prepared from a list of identified works and priority recommendations made to Council in response to the budget allocation. John did however undertake to request staff to inspect the street to see if any appropriate maintenance treatments can be applied.

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- Revetment Wall - Richmond River - George also reported that the revetment wall at the Tweed Street location and adjacent areas required attention.

John Truman advised that there was no current program for these works.

Glenn Costello

- NAIDOC Week - Glenn offered the Chamber's congratulations to Council for its contribution to the NAIDOC week celebrations.
- Wedding Policy - Glenn reported that the current policy prohibits weddings being conducted on Captain Cook and Fawcett parks. The Chamber would like to see that aspect of the policy reviewed as weddings at those locations would be a good support to business. The Committee endorsed the proposal to review the policy.
- Clarke Street - Glenn reported that the Chamber was writing to the Council to seek amendments to the traffic arrangements at Clarke Street.
- Ballina CBD - Glenn advised that the Chamber was looking forward to working with Council as it delivers the main street program. The Chamber has decided not to express a view at this juncture about staging if the budget was not available for all of the work. Therefore the Chamber was not opposed to the selection of Cherry Street to Martin Street as the preferred stage to be completed ahead of Moon to Grant Streets.

John Truman confirmed the construction and communication arrangements established to reduce the impact to business during the construction phase.

Lee Andresen

- Shaws Bay - Lee noted the current public discussions regarding the balance between public amenity and the environment. Lee noted that Council's policy and actions were consistent with the adopted management plan and recognised this as the appropriate response to this challenge, however he recommended that the Management Plan be reviewed given its age to allow any new science or policy to inform the plan and guide Council's future actions.

John Truman advised that there was an internal staff working group that managed the implementation of the plan and that he would refer the BES recommendation to them.

- NORTEC Volunteers Expo - Lee provided details for information regarding the NORTEC volunteers expo.
- LEP Exhibition - Lee noted that the LEP will be re-exhibited to assist the management of the submissions and subsequent changes.

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Andrew Playford

- Added his congratulations regarding NAIDOC week.
- Commended Council for the Junior Council Program.
- Thanked Council for the grounds maintenance for the Ballina markets.
- Noted the markets will be held on the Sunday following the meeting.
- Thanked Council for the Swift Street fencing and requested that the program be continued as funds allow.

Sheila Aveling

- Paradise FM Anniversary - Thanked Council for its donation and reported the success of the celebrations and that the raffle proceeds were \$10,000.
- Woolworths Masters Proposal - Sheila expressed concerns regarding the impacts to small business from the proposal.

Steve Barrier provided a background briefing about the proposal and the planning context.

The Committee noted that the Council had deferred making a decision in response to the rezoning request and had requested a workshop to further examine this matter. A further report will be presented to Council following the workshop.

**7. General Business**

Welcome to new Member

Mrs Lorraine Leuckel of the South Ballina Community Association was welcomed as a new member to the Committee.

(Note - John Truman to forward Meeting Code of Information).

**8. Council Documents on Exhibition**

The report regarding Council documents that had been on exhibition was noted.

**9. Next Meeting**

The next meeting to be held at 4.00pm on Tuesday 8 November 2011.

**10. Meeting Close**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 5.45pm.