

1. **Attendance and Apologies**

Apologies have been received from Elva Fitzell and Bob Cooper.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

3. **Confirmation of Minutes – 15 September 2011**

A copy of the minutes of the previous meeting held 15 September 2011 was distributed.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 15 September 2011 be accepted as a true and correct record.

4. **Business arising from Minutes –15 September 2011**

(a) **Lumley Park**

Council's understanding is that that these items are owned by the Richmond River Historical Society.

Alstonville community and Ballina Shire Council however have an interest in these items as they pertain to our history and are now part of the park's history. Council staff will write to the Richmond River Historical Society suggesting collaborating to apply for funding to complete a significance and preservation needs assessment for these items. This funding is available annually from the National Library of Australia.

(b) **Alstonville Plateau Historical Society - Website Links**

Council's Manager of Information Services advises as follows:

The request for a link to the proposed Alstonville Plateau Historical Society website from Council's website is not supported as it does not meet criteria outlined in Council's Website - Direct Links Policy.

At present Shire Community Groups are represented on Council's website by way of inclusion in a document titled "Ballina Shire Community Directory" - this document can be found in Community and Lifestyle > Community Directory. I note that the Historical Society does not currently have an entry in that document.

Strategic & Community Services will shortly be releasing a web-based community services directory that may provide the service the Historical Society has requested.

c) Mosaic Panels in Freeborn Park

Verbal advice from the project landscape architect (Sheryn Da-Re, Design Team Ink) is that originating artist (Ruth Park) is satisfied with the current mosaic location. Sheryn recommended further discussion with Ruth.

Council's Manager Engineering Works, Paul Busmanis and Cr Wright attended the Alstonville Wollongbar Chamber of Commerce meeting on 4 October 2011. The operators of the Blue Cafe indicated they will pursue outdoor dining in the park, with access via east wall of the building. Nature of business has changed due to by-pass ie less take away.

(d) Linemarking at Rous

Staff have inspected Rous Road and will arrange the requested extension of the line marking at the intersection. This will be done on the next round of line marking.

Generally it is Council's preference not to mark the centre line unless there is a specific hazard to address. In addition to the maintenance cost of the line marking itself, on rural roads line marking tends to direct drivers closer to the edge of the bitumen which creates a safety hazard and maintenance problem. The staff assessment is that the additional line marking above is the extent of new line marking required for Rous Road at this time.

Staff will continue to monitor the performance of the road including any changes in crash history that would suggest changes to the engineering or traffic management treatments are required.

**5. Alstonville Main Street Upgrade - Update**

Staff will be present at the meeting to provide an update on the main street program and respond to questions.

**6. Elizabeth Ann Brown Park Masterplan**

A report on this matter is being submitted to Council's 24 November Ordinary meeting.

**7. Alstonville Car Parking**

A report was previously presented to the Committee. The report was prepared as a draft discussion paper and further feedback on the range of issues to be considered was requested. The Committee has recorded that the Chamber of Commerce will review the draft and provide feedback to Council's staff.

**8. Daley Street Road Crossing**

At previous meetings the Committee has raised community concerns in regards to the new pedestrian crossing on Daley Street. In particular the Committee requested that a marked pedestrian crossing be installed.

Staff advice to the Committee was that it was not possible to meet the warrant (a recognised standard in relation to the installation of marked pedestrian crossings) and that additional signage would be placed at the location and the performance of the site monitored. It was noted that no accidents had been reported to Council and the defining a crossing location was an improvement to the previous arrangements.

Further to this advice the Council's Civil Services Group has prepared a report for consideration of the Local Traffic Committee. In preparing the report traffic and pedestrian data was collected and analysed.

The data analysis confirmed that pedestrian data did not meet the criteria set out in the warrants relating to marked pedestrian crossings. This included a review of a special warrant which has criteria in response to local conditions that are more easily achieved.

The report also examined an option for a 10 km/hour shared zone. The data concluded that the ratio of pedestrians to vehicles was not sufficiently in proportion to meet the guidelines for this option to be recommended.

The report however did recommend that consideration be given to the extension of the 40km/h High Pedestrian zone in Daley Street so that it is closer to the intersection of Daley Street - Wardell Road. The LTC and Council have endorsed this recommendation and approval will now be sought from the RTA to enable the proposal to be implemented.

This report is provided for the information of the Committee.

**9. 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.

- Heavy Haulage Contribution Plan - closing date 8 August 2011
- Assessment of the Environmental Impact of the Reconstruction of the Coast Road at Landslide North-West of Pat Morton Lookout, Lennox Head - closing date 12 September 2011
- Ballina Shire Council Drawings, Excavation Contours & Cross Sections
- Geotechnical Report by Shaw Urquhart
- GHD Review of Environmental Factors - August 2011
- Minutes Council Meeting 28072011 - The Coast Road Landslide Reconstruction
- Amendment No. 114 - Community Land POM - closing date 19 September 2011
- Weddings on Public Land Policy Review - closing date 27 October 2011
- Website - Direct Links Policy Review - closing date 27 October 2011

- Protected Disclosures Policy Review - 27 October 2011
- Property Investment & Development Policy Review - closing date 27 October 2011
- Naming of Public Places, Roads and Bridges Policy Review - closing date 27 October 2011
- Monuments & Memorials on Public Land Policy Review - closing date 27 October 2011
- Financial Assistance Rates, Charges and Fees Policy Review - closing date 27 October 2011
- Drinking Water Quality Policy - closing date 27 October 2011
- Donations - Community Halls Capital Works Assistance Policy Review - closing date 27 October 2011
- Annual Financial Reports - June 2011 - closing date 16 November 2011
- Untaken Sick Leave Policy Review- closing date 1 December 2011.

**10. Items raised by members of the Committee**

Elva Fitzell (Alstonville Rotary) - Disabled car parking in the main street. For example, how many places will be designated for disabled parking? I see a number of elderly residents who's heart conditions for example would not allow them to walk up the hill to the Main street from the now designated parking behind Il Postino etc. As there are services in the main street such as the Newsagency , and two banks, chemist, hairdresser, butcher etc that these people may have preferences for , I can see the Main Street become a non option for them. This is not the intention of our village atmosphere. They are the very people we would like to see come out of their houses and enjoy 'our place' and give it 'character' .

Staff will be present at the meeting to discuss the disabled parking assessment and options for the new street scheme.

**11. General Business**

**12. Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday, 15 March 2012 at 7.30 pm