

**Minutes of the 'A' Ward Committee Meeting
Held 8 November 2011
In the Committee Rooms, 40 Cherry Street, Ballina**

Time Commenced

The meeting commenced at 4.00pm.

1. Attendance and Apologies

Attendance

Cr Robyn Hordern	Councillor
Cr Sue Meehan	Councillor
Cr Alan Brown	Councillor
Glenn Costello	Ballina Chamber of Commerce & Ballina Retail Action Group
Margaret Hains	Ballina Day View Club
Mary O'Brien	Lighthouse Day Club
Paul Kennedy	Ballina Probus Club
Andrew Playford	Ballina High School & East Ballina Lions Club
Dr Lee Andresen	Ballina Environment Society
Lorraine Leuckel	South Ballina Community Association
Sheila Aveling	Paradise FM

Council Staff in Attendance

John Truman	Group Manager Civil Services
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Apologies

Betty Barwick	Ballina CWA
Allan Hart	Paradise FM
Hazel Elliott	Ballina Evening View
Pip Carter	St Andrews Ballina

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Deputations

There were no deputations.

4. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 13 September 2011 were accepted as a true and correct record.

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5. Business Arising from the Previous Minutes

Indian Myna Bird Traps

The response from staff was noted with a further inquiry regarding whether those registered for trapping are required to hold any qualifications, training or conditions of use.

John Truman advised he would include a further note in the minutes and if questions were still outstanding a staff member could attend the next meeting.

Note from Staff

Ballina Council has recently had constructed 65 extra Indian Myna Traps for the public to use as a part of its Indian Myna Community Trapping Program. The traps were built by the Yamba Mens Shed. Traps are currently being handed out to residents who register themselves with Council to trap on private property. Council provides information to those joining the register regarding the use of the traps and the euthanasia of the birds.

Whilst the RSPCA prefers that all trappers are suitably qualified for euthanising the pest species birds once caught, no resources for suitably qualified personnel for euthanising birds was made available as a part of the program. Therefore community trappers are expected to euthanise the birds using the information supplied with the trap or source a qualified euthanasia source.

6. Items raised by Members of the Committee

Andrew Playford

• *NSW Awards for Regional Events*

Andrew reported that the East Ballina Lions Club was awarded third place in the NSW Awards for Regional Events.

• *Summer Markets*

Andrew expressed concerns that the Thursday evening market was additional competition to existing markets and queried about the profits.

In response the Committee was advised that:

- The purpose of the markets was to promote economic development in the Ballina CBD.*
- The risks and profit were for Council.*
- The summer period is a trial*

It was agreed to report the outcomes of the trial to the Committee for feedback. A suggestion was noted that any profits could be used to support the Ballina Community Garden.

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- Australia Day Breakfast

Andrew requested that the East Ballina Lions Club be approved to host an Australia Day Breakfast in Ballina now that the main event was being held in Lennox Head for 2012.

Council did not raise objection to this proposal.

- Roller Door

Andrew requested Council provide a roller door to support East Ballina Lions Club.

Council advised that it did not hold anything suitable and the club should seek confirmation of costs and could apply to Council for a donation.

Sheila Aveling noted that Paradise FM could ask its audience for donations of a roller door.

- Children of Courage Awards

Andrew advised that the Children of Courage Awards will be held 24 November 2011.

- Youth of the Year

Andrew advised that Youth of the Year judging will occur 25/2/12 and 1/3/12. Also requested interest from Committee members to assist with judging.

- Junior Chamber of Commerce

Andrew complimented the Chamber of Commerce for its support to the Junior Chamber of Commerce and in particular for the efforts to support the Relay for Life.

- Ballina Bypass Opening

Andrew queried whether it was realistic that the Ballina Bypass Opening celebration would attract 7000 people.

Council confirmed that based on the experience at Alstonville, that estimation was potentially achievable.

Glenn Costello

- Relay for Life

Glenn also extended congratulations to Council and others for the support of the Relay for Life.

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- Ballina Bypass Opening

Glenn provided details regarding the Ballina Bypass Opening Celebrations and encouraged attendance by the Committee members.

- Main Street Seating

Glenn noted that BRAGG representatives were requesting seating similar to the main block should be included in the upgrade project for River Street.

John Truman confirmed that seating was included.

- Wigmore Arcade Toilets

Glenn requested that soap dispensers be reinstalled at the Wigmore Arcade Toilets.

Paul Kennedy

- Streetlighting

Paul tabled a request for the street light in Norton Street to be relocated in response to shading from trees.

- Big Prawn

Paul expressed his support for the incorporation of the big prawn into the redevelopment of the former West Ballina Service Centre site.

Lee Andresen

- Access to Markets

Lee inquired whether or not Council regulation prohibited market stalls for political or social purposes.

John Truman advised that a copy of the Council's Market Policy would be circulated with the minutes and that this item could be discussed at the next meeting after members were familiar with the policy.

Alan Brown

- Fishery Creek and Canal Bridges Approaches

Alan requested that maintenance be undertaken on the bridge approaches to correct resonance which was causing noise issues for nearby residents.

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Lorraine Leuckel

- Bin at South Ballina Ferry Departure

Lorraine expressed dissatisfaction with the staff response to the request for the bin.

John Truman noted that the primary reason staff declined the request was based on the inability of the collection truck to safely service the site. John offered to meet Lorraine on site to review the staff assessment.

- Toilet South Ballina Beach

Lorraine requested Council provide a letter of support to the Association's submission to NPWS for the installation of a toilet at South Ballina Beach.

Council agreed to provide the letter of support.

- Ferry Maintenance

Lorraine inquired why the ferry slippage was 10 days.

John Truman explained that there was additional work to replace one of the ramps.

- Tree Retrieval

Lorraine tabled a complaint regarding the removal of a tree from the road near the Ferry Approach (copy attached).

John Truman advised the matter would be investigated.

Sheila Aveling

- Paradise AGM

Sheila noted the 11th Paradise FM AGM would be held 9 November 2011.

Mary O'Brien

- Richmond Room

Mary thanked Council for the improvements to the Richmond Room.

Sue Meehan

- Community Garden

Sue advised the committee of the great work by the volunteers to establish the community garden.

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Robyn Hordern

- West Ballina House Maintenance

Robyn reported complaints regarding the standard of yard maintenance at some houses in West Ballina.

John Truman advised Robyn to refer the specific details to the Regulatory Services Group for their review.

- Main Street Upgrade

Robyn reported interest in the options for tree species for the upgrade.

John Truman advised that many of the species identified by residents as preferred trees were not able to be successful in this unique urban environment. John advised the tree selection was being reviewed and would be referred to Council for its determination.

- Cemetery Path

Robyn forwarded a request from a resident for a path to be constructed on the eastern side of the cemetery.

- Shelley Beach Debris

Robyn reported a complaint regarding a tree that had been left washed up on Shelley Beach.

7. General Business

Code of Conduct

To ensure all members are familiar with the requirements of the Council's Code of Conduct the following information was presented to the Committee.

Code of Conduct and Community Representatives on Committees

All community members of Council's Ward Committees are being reminded that they need to comply with Council's Code of Conduct. A copy of this Code is on our web site at the following link.

www.ballina.nsw.gov/Your Council/Policy Documents

The core principles of the Code are to ensure that members treat each other with respect and act in an ethical manner.

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The Code also asks members to declare to the meeting when they have a conflict of interest. If a Committee is "wholly advisory" (has no delegated authority) then members are exempt from the pecuniary interest provisions of the Act (section 446). This means that there is no automatic requirement for members to leave the meeting when a matter is being discussed that may have a direct financial benefit to the member, or a relative or friend of that member. The Ward Committees are "wholly advisory".

However even if a matter could have been a pecuniary interest, or if a non-pecuniary conflict of interest arises due to a community member having a private interest in a specific item of the committee's business, community representatives will be expected to comply with the conflict of interest provisions of the Code of Conduct. This requires that, as a minimum, community representatives disclose the nature of any conflict. For example, this may be an item that specifically relates only to the street where they live or a business they are involved in and not to a broader issue.

This update has been provided for the information of members.

In addition to this a copy of the Code was included in the agenda. Copies are also available from the Council's website.

8. Council Documents on Exhibition

The list of previously advertised documents were discussed. This information was noted by the Committee.

9. Business Without Notice

Nil

10. Next Meeting

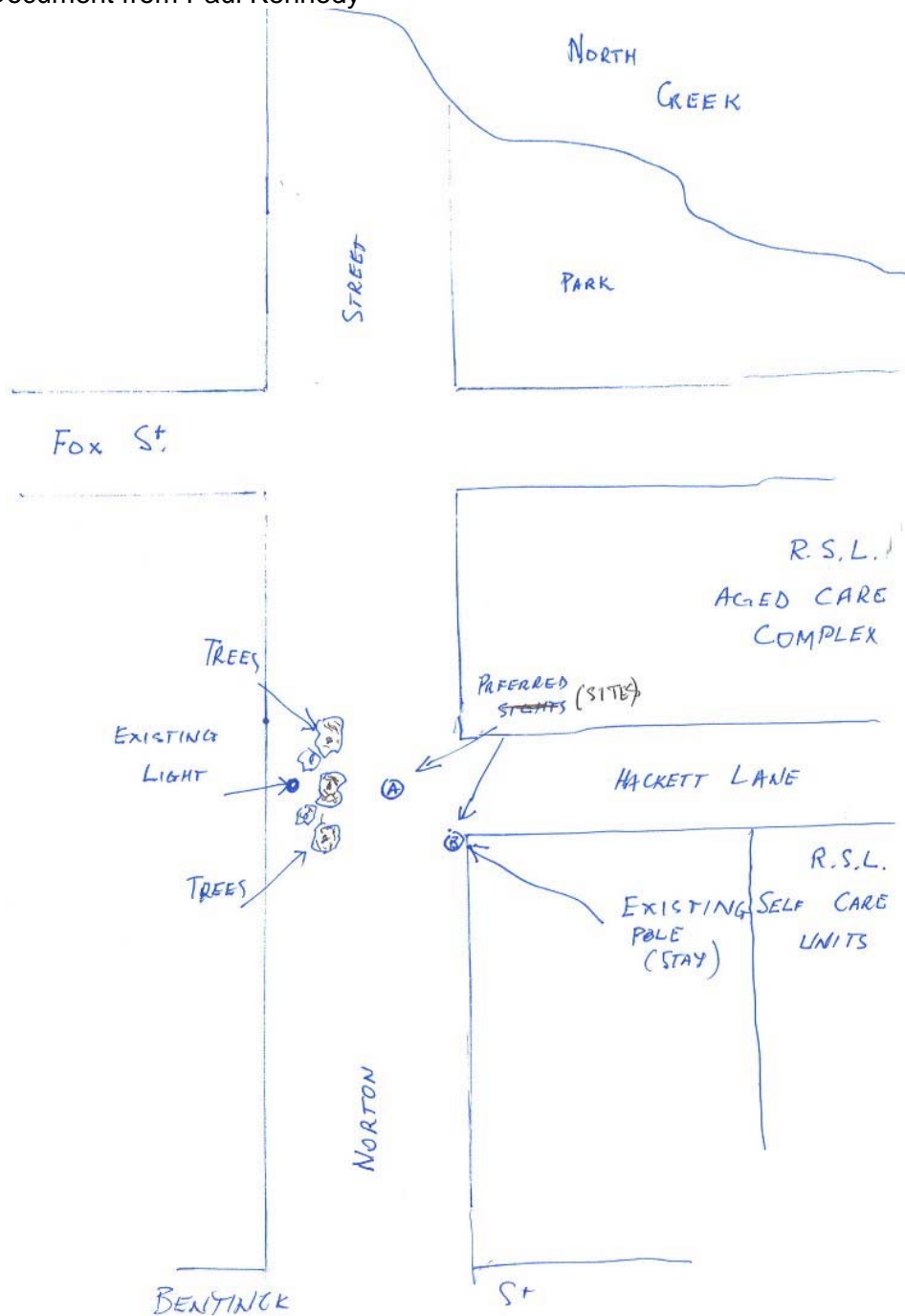
The next meeting to be held at 4.00pm on Tuesday 13 March 2012.

11. Meeting Close

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 5.30pm.

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Document from Paul Kennedy



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Document from Lorraine Leuckel

BALLINA SHIRE COUNCIL

A WARD COMMITTEE MEETING

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South Ballina Community Association is very disappointed with the Council making the decision in not allowing a rubbish bin on the South side of the ferry. We are sure that a bin could be put there if some more thought could be put into the emptying of a bin the same as is on the North side.

In regards to having Public Toilets on or near the South Ballina Beach Car Park we have been advised by NPWS to contact DPI Crown Lands to discuss our request for the provision of public toilets. This we will do at our next meeting.

The annual maintenance for the Ferry is to take place from the 14th November to the 23rd of November that is ten days. Prior to last year the Ferry was only out of action for a week annually. We were lead to believe that the ten days last year was necessary for a major overhaul. Does this apply again this year?

Early in October after one of our usual downpours an extremely large log was washed onto the South side ramp of the Ferry. We as an Association are very concerned that the large log was dragged out of the way of the ramp by a tractor some chainsawing was done and just left on the side of the road in amongst the Mangroves. The

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photo will show you the size and placement of the log. Is it possible for the council to please remove it? It would make a huge amount of mulch and also not be a danger when we have king tides this Christmas.

Lorraine Louckel



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A Ward Meeting Attendance Sheet - 8 November 2011		
Name	Business	Signature
Cr Sue Meehan	BSC	<i>S. Meehan</i>
Cr Robyn Hordern	BSC	<i>R. Hordern</i>
Cr Alan Brown	BSC	<i>A. Brown</i>
Cr Phillip Silver		
Ms Betty Barwick	Ballina CWA APOLoaY	
Mr George Young	Ballina Lions Club	
Mr Glenn Costello	Ballina Chamber of Commerce	<i>Glenn Costello</i>
Dr Lee Andresen	Ballina Environment Society	<i>L. Andresen</i>
Ms Margaret Hains	Ballina Day View Club	<i>M. M. Hains</i>
Mr Alex Smith	Ballina Retail Action Group	→ do resigned.
Mr Allan Hart	Paradise FM	APOLoaY
Mr Andrew Playford	Ballina High School & East Ballina Lions Club	<i>Andrew Playford</i>
Mr Paul Kennedy	Ballina Probus Club	<i>P. Kennedy</i>
Ms Hazel Elliott	Ballina Evening View	
Ms Mary O'Brien	Lighthouse Day Club	<i>M. O'Brien</i>
Mr Pip Carter	St Andrews Ballina	
Mr John Truman	Group Manager Civil Services	<i>J. Truman</i>
Mrs Lorraine Leuckel	South Ballina Community Association	<i>L. Leuckel</i>
SHEILA AUZING	PARADISE	<i>Sheila Auzing</i>