

**MINUTES OF THE FACILITIES COMMITTEE COMMITTEE MEETING
OF BALLINA SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, BALLINA,
ON 12/12/11 AT 4.00 PM**

Attendance

Cr B C Smith (Chair), Cr P W Silver (Mayor), S L Cadwallader, B C Smith, K H Johnson, D E Wright, J L Johnson (arrived at 4.27 pm), A J Brown and S M Meehan.

Paul Hickey (General Manager), John Truman (Civil Services Group Manager), Steve Barnier (Strategic Services Group Manager) and Sandra Bailey (Secretary) were in attendance.

There were 7 people in the gallery at this time.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cr Peter Moore and Cr Robyn Hordern. Cr J Johnson was not in attendance at this stage.

RESOLVED

(Cr David Wright/Cr Susan Meehan)

That such apologies be accepted.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.
ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Moore, Cr Hordern, Cr J Johnson

2. Declarations of Interest

- **Cr Silver** – declared an interest in Item 4.2 – Swimming Pools – Redevelopment. (Nature of Interest: non-significant non-pecuniary – he is a Patron of Alstonville Swimming Club). He will be remaining in the meeting while the matter is discussed and voting on the matter.

3. Deputations

- **Anne Marchment** – spoke in favour of Item 4.2 – Swimming Pools – Redevelopment.
- **Noel Warr** – spoke in favour of Item 4.2 – Swimming Pools – Redevelopment.

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4. Committee Reports

4.1 Ballina Sports and Events Centre - Options and Site Review

RECOMMENDATIONS

(Cr Keith Johnson/Cr Sharon Cadwallader)

1. That Council notes the contents of the Site and Design Options Review prepared by PDT Architects, as attached to this report.
2. That Council endorses, for further consultation purposes, Kingsford Smith Reserve as the preferred location for the proposed sports and events centre, with the old depot site, ranked second.
3. That Council authorises the General Manager to commence discussions with the Land and Property Management Authority in respect to the use of Kingsford Smith Reserve or the old depot site, as the preferred sites for the Centre.
4. That Council authorises the General Manager to commence discussions with the Ballina Seagulls Rugby League Club to assess what opportunities there are to integrate the proposed sports and events centre with the existing clubhouse and amenities.
5. That Council endorses, for the purposes of further examination and consultation purposes, design option two as the preferred plan for the proposed Centre. This preference is based on the need for the Centre to cater for both sports and events. If this option is ultimately to be progressed, any approvals should allow for the addition of a third stadium, as funding becomes available.
6. That Council receive a further report on options to amend the existing Section 94 Community Facilities Plan to improve Council's overall ability to finance the proposed Centre.
7. That Council write to the Minister for the North Coast seeking options for NSW State Government funding assistance in respect to the construction of the proposed Coastguard Tower.
8. That Council receive a report providing revised forward cash flows that identify potential funding options for the re-development of the Lennox Head Surf Clubhouse.

Cr J Johnson arrived at 04:27 PM

FOR VOTE - Cr Silver, Cr Cadwallader, Cr K Johnson, Cr Smith, Cr Wright, Cr J Johnson, Cr Brown

AGAINST VOTE - Cr Meehan

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Moore, Cr Hordern

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4.2 Swimming Pools - Redevelopment

RECOMMENDATIONS

(Cr Phillip Silver /Cr Sharon Cadwallader)

1. That Council endorses the following components as the preferred program of works for the Ballina and Alstonville swimming pools.

Phase 1

- a) Address all safety related matters and essential maintenance works
- b) Ensure adequate disabled access
- c) Provide adequate shading and seating
- d) Provide heating across both pools
- e) Extend the existing training pools to larger pools for enclosure training and other uses

Phase 2

- f) Provide contemporary toddlers' facilities
- g) Upgrade the 50 m pools to eight lanes

2. That Council confirms that its short to medium term community infrastructure priorities are as follows:

- a) Ballina and Lennox Head Surf Clubs
- b) Ballina and Alstonville Swimming Pools – Redevelopment Phase 1
- c) Coastal Pathway
- d) Sports and Events Centre
- e) Ballina Coastguard Tower
- f) Wollongbar Sports Fields
- g) Skennars Head Sports Fields – Expansion
- h) Ballina and Alstonville Swimming Pools – Redevelopment Phase 2

3. That Council hold a Finance Committee meeting, or workshop, to consider our options to fund the works outlined in points one and two. This meeting is also to consider other planned major infrastructure projects such as improvements to the road network and the Ballina Aviation Precinct, being Southern Cross Industrial Estate and the Ballina-Byron Gateway airport

4. That Council write to the NSW Minister for North Coast and the Federal Member for Page to commence a dialogue that allows Council to seek opportunities for funding to assist with the re-development of the Ballina and Alstonville swimming pools.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Moore, Cr Hordern

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MEETING CLOSURE

4.50 pm