

**1. Attendance and Apologies**

*Members*

Cr Phillip Silver

Cr Jeff Johnson

Cr Peter Moore

Cr Sharon Cadwallader

Sheila Aveling            Tintenbar School of Arts

Ian Duncan                Newrybar

Louise Owen              Lennox Head Chamber of Commerce

Fran Byrne                Ballina Coastcare

Malcolm Milner          Lennox Head Landcare

Lyn Walker                Ballina Environment Society

Fred Goodman            Lennox Head Residents Association

Darel Vidler              Lennox Combined Sports Association

Graham Shaw             Lennox Lions

*Council Staff*

Rod Willis

Jillian Pratten

Kerri Watts

Steve Barnier

Paul Hickey

*Apologies*

Berenice Roberts        Southern Cross School P. & C.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

Nil

**3. Confirmation of Minutes**

**Resolved**                    (Sheila Aveling/Lyn Walker)

That the Minutes of the "B" Ward Committee held 15 November 2010 be taken as read and confirmed.

**4. Deputations**

Rod Willis (Group Manager Regulatory Services) and Kerri Watts (Senior Environmental Health Officer) from Council's Regulatory Services Group provided the committee with an overview of the functions of Council's Ordinance Officers (Rangers) services. Information was conveyed about resource allocation (particularly having regard for seasonal adjustments) and prioritization of tasks.

Committee members noted the diversity of services provided by the Rangers within the resources allocated by the Council.

**5. Outstanding Business – 20 September 2010 meeting**

- (a) Reduction of speed limit for Tintenbar road from the top of the hill to the Highway to 60 km per hour

A reply from the Roads and Traffic Authority relating to Council's representations is awaited.

- (b) Directional signage northern roundabout at Ross Lane

The directional signage is now in place. Concerns were expressed that not all owners on Tamarind Drive were advised of the change in name.

This issue is to be reviewed for clarification of the process followed.

**6. Outstanding Business – 15 November 2010 meeting**

- (a) Lennox Head Art Project

Matter to be determined by Council at its Ordinary Meeting scheduled for 24 March 2011 (Council subsequently resolved at the March Ordinary meeting to consider a public art project for the foreshore area)

- (b) Lake Ainsworth - Fish

The committee noted the submitted information and concluded no further action is warranted in relation to this item.

- (c) Removal of non-native fish species from Lake Ainsworth

The committee noted the submitted information and concluded no further action is warranted in relation to this item.

- (d) Companion Animals Management Plan Signage

The committee noted the proposed interim arrangements for dogs on leash in the vicinity of the Camp Drew beach access point pending a review of the Council's adopted Companion Animals Management Plan, scheduled toward the end of 2011.

- (e) Earth Mound - Camp Drew Road adjacent to Lake Ainsworth Caravan Park

The submitted information was noted.

However, the General Manager was asked to follow up the option of removal of the mounded material through private contract, given the soil is surplus to the needs of both the Land and Property Management Authority and Council.

(f) Illegal removal of trees from Beachfront Parade, East Ballina

Council's initiatives to improve awareness about the importance of protecting dune vegetation were noted. However, committee members encouraged a review of other actions that might be employed to discourage other unauthorised vegetation removal.

**Action:** The committee requests that Council consider further options that might be employed to discourage unauthorised vegetation removal within the shire's dunal systems. (Fran Byrne/Graham Shaw)

(g) Ranger Beach Patrols

This matter was canvassed as part of the deputation by representatives of the Regulatory Services Group.

(h) Update on Samson Lifting Post, Angels Beach

Information noted.

(i) Commercial Use of Footpaths

A number of views were expressed regarding the methodology applied for charging for the commercial use of footpaths in the shire.

Key issues relate to the charges being based on assessed land value as distinct from the application of a 'flat rate' in different localities.

**Action:** That the committee requests Council to review the methodology applied in the charges for the commercial use of footpaths in Ballina Shire. (Louise Owen/Fred Goodman)

(Council subsequently resolved at the March Ordinary meeting to consider a further report on this issue)

(j) Alternate Location for Lennox Markets

Information noted.

(k) Renaming of Camp Drewe Road

Information noted.

(l) Newrybar Public Toilets

Mr Duncan made a request for Council to retain, upgrade where necessary and contribute to the maintenance of the public toilet adjacent to the Newrybar Hall.

**Action:** That the committee strongly supports the retention, upgrading and ongoing maintenance of public toilet facilities in the village of Newrybar (Louise Owen/Ian Duncan)

(Council subsequently resolved at the March Ordinary meeting to consider a further report on this issue)

(NB: The General Manager advised that he will arrange for information concerning Council's asset management planning to be presented to the committee's next meeting.)

(m) Car Parking Ian Avenue, Lennox Head

Concern was raised about the limitations of Ian Avenue in the provision of access/egress to the residents of Barrett Estate. Mainly, these concerns relate to the problems that would potentially arise in the event of an emergency. It was suggested that constraints within the road reserve are likely to be made worse as the final stages of the estate are developed.

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

- (a) Fred Goodman asked that the adequacy of the vehicle barriers at the edge of Ross Park in Lennox Head be assessed.

Jillian Pratten will follow this matter up.

- (b) Malcolm Milner enquired about who would be responsible for the further implementation of the Lake Ainsworth Master Plan, given that Council no longer has an interest in the operation of the caravan park.

**Action:** The committee requests Council implement the section of the Lake Ainsworth Reserve Master Plan relating to the closure of the eastern access road as a matter of priority.

- (c) Lyn Walker expressed the view that additional and improved interpretive signage should be provided at Lake Ainsworth.

To enable further consideration of future management of the Lake Ainsworth precinct, the General Manager indicated that he would invite a representative of the NSW Land and Property Management Authority to the committee's next meeting.

- (d) Fran Byrne:

- (i) enquired about whether the draft Richmond River Estuary Management Plan, currently in public exhibition, is intended to supersede the Shaws Bay Management Plan.

It has subsequently been determined that the Shaws Bay Management Plan will continue to apply.

- (ii) concern was raised about damage being caused to areas of the Shaws Bay escarpment, caused by inappropriate usage.

Jillian Pratten will follow this matter up.

- (iii) enquired about the possibility of Welcome to Country signage being placed at entrances to the shire.

Jillian Pratten advised that this was considered as part of Council's review of signage however it was not implemented due to a lack of consensus amongst the Aboriginal community. The matter is still being pursued by Council staff.

- (e) Louise Owen

- (i) raised concern that some motorists looking to avoid current delays due to changed traffic conditions on the Coast Road, adjacent to Pat Morton lookout, are diverting along North Creek Road at excessive speeds.

Information noted.

- (ii) expressed concern that property owners located adjacent to the proposed cycleway extension near Amber Drive have not been consulted about this work.

Paul Busmanis will follow this matter up.

- (iii) advised that the Lennox Head Chamber of Commerce support the position of those opposed to the Optus infrastructure proposal to be installed on the Basalt Court water reservoir.

(Council subsequently resolved at the March Ordinary meeting to object to this proposal)

- (iv) advised of the need to install security lighting in the vicinity of the new skatepark adjacent to the Lennox Head Community Centre.

(Council has subsequently confirmed that lighting will be provided as part of the current project)

- (v) enquired about the possibility of slightly relocating the site of the proposed Lennox Head Rural Fire Service Shed on the northern edge of the village. The General Manager advised that Council's understanding is that the Jali Local Aboriginal Land Council has expressed its concern about the cultural importance of this locality generally, rather than a specific site.

(Council has subsequently confirmed that there is no opportunity to relocate the fire shed on this site)

- (f) Darel Vidler:

- (i) enquired about progress in route selection for the proposed shared pathway within and/or adjacent to Williams Reserve.

The General Manager advised that options are still being considered and it is hoped that a report on this will be presented to Council during April.

- (ii) raised concern for the need for protective screening to be erected along the eastern edge of Williams Reserve to mitigate the potential for damage to vehicles and users of the skatepark caused by sporting activities on the reserve. (A motion to have Council investigate the provision of such screening lapsed due to the absence of support)
- (iii) expressed concern that Council was not committing to the medium to long term use of the Megan Crescent Oval for organised sport. It was advised that Council continue, as a matter of sound process and good governance will continue to review the mix and preferred usage of sporting infrastructure as new grounds become available.
- (iv) concern was expressed about the intrusion of Koy Carp within sections of Emigrant Creek, with associated adverse effects on fishery, and potentially, the water supply.

The General Manager advised that whilst this issue is not within the Council's area of operations, he will arrange for these concerns to be communicated to the NSW Department of Primary Industries.

- (v) enquired as to whether the shelter shed within Lennox park has heritage values. It was advised that the building was not identified as having local significance in the Shire-wide Community Based Heritage Study conducted in 2008.

(Council subsequently resolved at the March Ordinary meeting to retain this structure)

- (g) Ian Duncan - provided a brief update concerning activities associated with the Newrybar Hall.
- (h) Sheila Aveling - conveyed concerns (previously raised) about excessive speeds by motorists on Tintenbar Road through the village.

#### **8. Council Documents on Exhibition**

The committee noted the documents that have been recently exhibited for public comment.

#### **9. Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the B Ward Committee is scheduled for Monday 16 May 2011, at 4.30pm.

#### **MEETING CLOSURE**

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 7.15pm.