

**1. Attendance and Apologies**

Cr David Wright (Chair)

Cr Ben Smith

Sandra Denison – Alstonville Wollongbar Chamber of Commerce

Barry Jeffress - Alstonville RSL/Tuckombil Landcare

Les Wiles - Alstonville Lions Club

Eoin Johnston - Rous Mill Ratepayers

Richard Lutze - Combined Services Club

Jane Gardiner - Alstonville Plateau Historical Society

Lois Wright - Far North Coast Legacy

Staff in Attendance

Rod Willis

Apologies

Elva Fitzell - Alstonville Rotary Club

Sheila Aveling - Tintenbar School of Arts

Allan Hart, Rotary Club of Ballina on Richmond

Others in attendance

Inspector Nicole Bruce, NSW Police

Snr Constable Mark Woolven, NSW Police

Effie Ablett

**2. Declarations of Interest**

Nil

**3. Confirmation of Minutes – 8 March 2012**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 8 March 2012 were accepted as a true and correct record.

**4. Business arising from Minutes – 8 March 2012**

- (a) Invitation to Police to attend this meeting re Graffiti incident in Alstonville

Inspector Nicole Bruce and Snr Constable Mark Woolvan attended the meeting.

Police have spoken to those suspected of carrying out the vandalism and are continuing enquiries but are not confident that sufficient proof of identities will be found.

Police are again stationed in Alstonville after having been deployed to Ballina Station to address shortages there.

Issues have been identified at Gap Road and very recently rocks have been thrown from Wardell Road Overpass. These are receiving Police attention.

Police suggest that Council look at exclusion fencing of the Gap Road playing fields. The Committee requests Civil Services Group to comment for the next meeting.

Richard Lutze asked about placement of cameras to assist deter vandalism and related street crime. Council and business owners should review this given advances in technology and reduction in costs of systems. Police advised that there is a greater range of products and options now available.

(b) Cleaning of picnic tables and bin tops

Cleaning has improved and it is accepted that some areas will be troublesome because of nature of the locality. Civil Services are requested to have cleaners ensure that the access doors on the wooden bin surrounds in Freeborn Park are tightly closed and latched after cleaning as they have been swinging open.

There may still be some areas where non-slip cleaning of paving is to be completed.

(c) Removal of Fence at Wardell Tennis Courts

It was noted that the fence has been removed.

**5. Council Documents on Exhibition**

The Committee noted the list of documents recently exhibited by Council and noted progress is advanced on Gazettal of the new Shire Plan and preparation of new Shire DCP for exhibition.

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

(a) **Alstonville Plateau Historical Society - Crawford House Exterior Painting**

The Society has requested the Council to review the immediacy of the need to repaint the main building before its finish deteriorates further and a more expensive/funding major paint removal project is needed.

The Society reported that a recent assessment from Council's painter advised that repainting was needed now. The Society hasn't as yet requested funding from the Council's Community pool and is concerned that work hasn't been budgeted.

**(b) Jane Gardiner - New lighting in Alstonville's Main Street.**

The Society was concerned that new street lighting isn't in keeping with that shown in the original exhibited plans and that the scale of the tall poles is all wrong.

Discussion on this identified that there was a variety of views in the Committee and community and that the extensive community consultation carried out by the Council has been appreciated.

In a related matter, the lighting of the immediate approaches to the pedestrian crossing is asked to be rechecked as there are some concerns about the illumination points. (Civil Services Group)

**7. Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday, 12 July 2012 at 7.30 pm

**MEETING CLOSURE**

9.00 pm