

**Minutes of the 'A' Ward Committee Meeting
Held 8 May 2012
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
Cr Phillip Silver	Mayor
Sheila Aveling	Paradise FM
Allan Hart	Paradise FM
Margaret Hains	Ballina Day View Club
Mary O'Brien	Lighthouse Day Club
George Young	Ballina Lions Club
Betty Barwick	Ballina CWA
Dr Lee Andresen	Ballina Environment Society
Lorraine Leuckel	South Ballina Community Association

Council Staff in Attendance

Jillian Pratten	Manager Open Spaces & Reserves
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Apologies

Pip Carter	St Andrews Ballina
Paul Kennedy	Ballina Probus Club
John Truman	Group Manager Civil Services
Andrew Playford	Ballina High School & East Ballina Lions Club
Glenn Costello	Ballina Chamber of Commerce & Ballina Retail Action Group – Late Apology

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 March 2012 were accepted as a true and correct record.

George Young/Lorraine Leuckel

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5. Business Arising from the Previous Minutes

RSL Self Care Units Footpath Upgrade

Received and noted.

Community Notice Board

Received and noted.

Ballina Environment Society advised that they are very happy with The Community Notice Board and by Council's response to this matter.

Swift Street Bus Interchange

Received and noted.

Crane Street Memorial

Received and noted that further extension of the memorial will be staged and that the trees will be removed gradually.

6. General Business

Sheila Aveling

- Rex Airlines

Advised of concerns regarding Rex Airlines with delayed flights and changes to departure times. Of particular concern was the failure of the airline to notify passengers of these changes.

Matter to be referred to Airport Manager for information and comment.

Alan Hart

- Pelican 181

Expressed concern over the closure of Pelican 181. Also noted concern with other Council premises being vacant.

George Young

- Kalinga Street

Advised that Kalinga Street in West Ballina was being used as a short cut to avoid the highway by traffic travelling from Ballina to the ferry. The vehicles are speeding along the street and concern is held for the safety of residents. This is especially noticeable in the morning and afternoon.

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Lee Andressen

Drew attention to:

- Coal Seam Gas Mining – Ballina Environment Society (BEC) is concerned about exploration and potential mining in Ballina Shire. Advised that the entire Shire is covered by exploration licences. Raising this issue to increase awareness.
- Twelve more Weeds of National Significance (WONS) have been announced by the Federal Government. There are now 32 WONS in total. The next weed in this area that needs to be addressed is Asparagus Fern. Lee advised that through the Ballina Coastal Groups Committee a proposal has been raised to implement a Replacement Program for Asparagus Fern. The program involves education regarding the impact of Asparagus Fern, with volunteers offer to identify the weed and remove it and supply a replacement plant and plant it.

- Weed Alerts

A request was made to resume the Weed Alerts that James Brideson previously placed in the local newspaper.

- Amalgamation of County Councils

Mayor Cr Phillip Silver requested that BEC consider supporting the amalgamation of the 3 County Councils, Rous, Richmond Flood Plain and Far North Coast Weeds.

Lorraine Leukel

- South Ballina Beach Road - Speed Limit

Advised that she had made a submission to the Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) for the reduction of the speed limit on South Ballina Beach Road from 100 kph to 80 kph.

- South Ballina Beach Road - Grading

The dirt section of South Ballina Beach Road needs to be graded urgently.

Mary O'Brien

- Ballina Swimming Pool

Asked if the Ballina Swimming Pool is registered as a war memorial. If it isn't, the meeting requests Council to assess if registration is possible.

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7. Council Documents on Exhibition

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



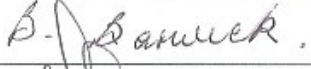



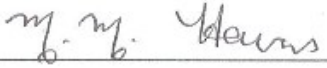

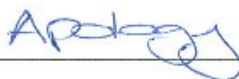



8. Next Meeting

The next meeting to be held at 4.00pm on Tuesday 10 July 2012.

9. Meeting Close

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 5.00pm.

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A Ward Meeting Attendance Sheet - 8 May 2012		
Name	Business	Signature
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Cr Robyn Hordern	Ballina Shire Council	
Cr Alan Brown	Ballina Shire Council	✓
Cr Phillip Silver	Ballina Shire Council	✓
Ms Betty Barwick	Ballina CWA	
Mr George Young	Ballina Lions Club	
Mr Glenn Costello	Ballina Chamber of Commerce & Ballina Retail Action Group	
Dr Lee Andresen	Ballina Environment Society	
Ms Margaret Hains	Ballina Day View Club	
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Mr Paul Kennedy	Ballina Probus Club	
Ms Hazel Elliott	Ballina Evening View	
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