

1. Attendance and Apologies

Cr David Wright (Chair)
Cr Ben Smith
Cr Keith Johnson
Sandra Denison – Alstonville Wollongbar Chamber of Commerce
Candy Fitness – Alstonville Wollongbar Chamber of Commerce
Les Wiles - Alstonville Lions Club
Eoin Johnston - Rous Mill Ratepayers
Richard Lutze - Combined Services Club
Jane Gardiner - Alstonville Plateau Historical Society
Elva Fitzell - Alstonville Rotary Club
Sheila Aveling - Tintenbar School of Arts
Harry Pampel - Alstonville Rotary Club
Geoff Limbert - Alstonville & District Ratepayers' Association
Pat Carney - Wardell Progress Association
Ron Rosolen - Wardell Progress Association
Malcolm Johnson - Ballina Environment Society
Barry Jeffress, Tuckombil Landcare

Staff in Attendance

Rod Willis

Apologies

Allan Hart, Rotary Club of Ballina on Richmond

Others in attendance

Nil

2. Declarations of Interest

Richard Lutze in relation to Main Street parking.

3. Confirmation of Minutes – 10 May 2012

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 10 May 2012 were accepted as a true and correct record.

4. Business arising from Minutes – 10 May 2012

(a) **Exclusion Fencing - Gap Road Playing Fields**

The information provided in the agenda relating to Police attendance and Council action was noted. The President of the Croquet Club is liaising with all parties.

(b) Access Doors on Wooden Bin Surrounds, Main Street, Alstonville

Action taken by Council staff was noted and the Committee requested Council managers to reiterate to cleaners the need to ensure that bin doors are closed tightly.

(c) Crawford House - Exterior Painting

Cr Wright advised that some finance had been allocated in Council's budget but was uncertain about the extent of work it was intended to cover. The Historical Society to contact Council directly.

(d) New lighting in Alstonville's Main Street

The provision of additional crossing lights was noted and appreciated.

(e) Request for additional Picnic Tables - Wardell Wharf

The information provided in the agenda was noted and accepted. It was suggested that the local community look at providing facilities on the other side of the river in future once riverside improvement works were completed and that this matter be re-examined once the boardwalk has been completed. This was accepted.

5. Council Documents on Exhibition

The Committee noted the list of documents recently exhibited by Council.

6. Items raised by members of the Committee

- (a) It has been advised that the Roads & Maritime Service have financed the entry treatments to Alstonville and the Committee requests that Council display the approved plans illustrating the intended works locally, and if practical, on Council's website.
- (b) Can a copy of the rural unsealed roads maintenance and renovation program be provided? There was interest in the Rural Roads Budget and the costs to Council of maintaining in particular the gravel sections of Alstonvale Road, Shaws Lane and Houghlahans Creek Road.
- (c) It was asked what had evolved about a disabled parking space in Main Street next to the pedestrian crossing. Cr Wright advised the Committee that it had been decided where the best location was but that funding still had to be allocated and this would be subject to overall Council priorities and the available budget. The Committee was advised that there would not as yet be any funds in the Alstonville Section 94 parking fund.

- (d) There has still been no response to previous questions about the whereabouts and condition of the wooden street benches provided by community contributions for the Alstonville Main Street. Rod Willis is to follow up with Council's Civil Services section and advise the Alstonville Rotary Club.
- (e) The Committee was advised that the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Housing and Minister for Homelessness, the Hon Brendan O'Connor MP and Janelle Saffin visited Main Street businesses. Cr Wright advised the Committee that the Council had received grants across a range of projects of recent times including:
 - \$3 m for Ballina Airport
 - \$4.6 m for a Biochar project
 - \$4.5 for Wollongbar Sports fieldCr Wright also advised that regional waste arrangements were being progressed with Lismore City Council.
- (f) The Committee requested Council report on marking small car spaces outside the National Australia Bank and outside the Candy Lane store next to the service station in Alstonville.
- (g) The Committee was advised by Ballina Environment Society of a Coal Seam Gas information and discussion meeting to be held in Ballina Shire on 31 July 2012.
- (h) The Committee heard from Ron Rosolen, Trustee for the Wardell Hall, promoting Council running the Wardell Community Centre through the Hall. Ron outlined that there was a need for an injection of funds to the hall to provide disabled toilet facilities and suitable catering/kitchen facilities. Ron expressed his concern that there was a lack of co-operation between the Hall Committee and the Council that was hindering the program.
- (i) Ron Rosolen asked whether the Council could relook at providing marking for the annual Wardell Small Schools Athletics Carnival. He suggested that as these co-incided with the community's reconciliation events they warranted assistance being provided.
- (j) The Committee requests Council to advise the Alstonville Chamber of Commerce what the planned timing is for starting the Farmers Market. Cr Wright is to provide details to Candy Fitness. The Committee was advised that the Council was hoping it to be before Christmas.
- (k) Alstonville Lions Club advised that local services clubs will be hosting a combined Alstonville Show Week, 20-17 October, with various community events leading into the Show weekend.

- (l) Eoin Johnston enquired about the moving of the mosaics in the Blue Café square in Alstonville. The Committee was advised that the Council had resolved to move these but was of the understanding that there had been a local change of mind and that people now didn't want them moved. The Committee was advised that new street map signage was to be placed in the park.

7. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday, 13 September 2012 at 7.30 pm however this may be subject to change, given that the Local Government election is scheduled for 8 September 2012.

MEETING CLOSURE

8.45 pm