

**Minutes of the 'A' Ward Committee Meeting
Held 10 July 2012
In the Committee Rooms, 40 Cherry Street, Ballina**

Time Commenced

The meeting commenced at 4.00pm.

1. Attendance and Apologies

Attendance

Cr Sue Meehan	Councillor
Cr Alan Brown	Councillor
Glenn Costello	Ballina Chamber of Commerce & Ballina Retail Action Group
Allan Hart	Paradise FM
Margaret Hains	Ballina Day View Club
Lorraine Leuckel	South Ballina Community Association
Dr Lyn Walker	Ballina Environment Society

Council Staff in Attendance

John Truman	Group Manager Civil Services
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Apologies

Cr Phil Silver	Mayor
Cr Robyn Hordern	Councillor
Betty Barwick	Ballina CWA
Dr Lee Andresen	Ballina Environment Society
Andrew Playford	Ballina High School & East Ballina Lions Club
Mary O'Brien	Lighthouse Day Club

Passing - Gwen Hain

Cr Meehan advised the meeting that Gwen Hain had recently passed away. Gwen was a former member of the A Ward Committee representing the Ballina CWA. The Committee expressed its condolences to Gwen's family and to her CWA colleagues.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Deputations

A deputation was received from representatives of the Ballina Tennis Club (John Whitty, Martin Hole, Maureen Coulter and Eric Whall) who are seeking financial assistance from Council towards facility upgrades at the Cherry Street courts. A copy of the Club's written submission is attached.

4. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

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

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5. Business Arising from the Previous Minutes

Rex Airlines - Notification to Passengers re Delayed Flights

Staff response noted.

Kalinga Street, West Ballina - Speeding Vehicles

Staff response noted.

Weed Alerts

Staff response noted.

South Ballina Beach Road - Request for Grading

Staff response noted. Lorraine Leuckel advised work is still outstanding.

John Truman responded by indicating staff will make a further request to MPWS to undertake the maintenance requested.

Swift Street Bus Interchange - Andrew Playford

Staff response noted.

Coal Seam Gas

Lyn Walker noted that a public meeting has been arranged for Ballina Shire in response to this issue.

6. General Business

Road Maintenance

Cr Alan Brown noted the impact of the wet weather on the local roads.

John Truman responded by noting that there has been significant damage and this results in cost implications to Council. John also noted that new plant and new inspection processes had significantly increased Council's efficiency in its pothole maintenance.

Woolworths

In response to a question John Truman advised that the development application had just been submitted and that it was too early to determine when the assessment will be reported to Council.

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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. Business Without Notice

i) Ballina Tennis Club - Submission

The Ballina Tennis Club are seeking financial assistance from Council towards facility upgrades at the Cherry Street courts. A copy of the Club's written submission is attached.

The Committee endorsed the submission by the Ballina Tennis Club requesting Council to contribute \$20,000 towards resurfacing of the courts.

ii) Ferry Maintenance

Lorraine Leuckel requested that Council consider completing the annual slippage early in the year rather than November.

John Truman to review and respond.

iii) Pelican 181

Alan Hart inquired about whether a tenant had been secured for this premise.

John Truman advised that no agreement had been successfully completed at this time.

iv) Resource Recovery Stations/E-Waste

Alan Hart enquired about whether Council could introduce a similar e-waste recovery source to Lismore City Council.

John Truman advised he would provide a written response to the Committee in regards to Council's programs for managing e-waste.

v) CBD Upgrade

Glenn Costello noted that the CBD upgrade was progressing well and reinforced the Chamber's request for the Woolworths DA to be processed as quickly as possible.

vi) Committee Membership

Glenn Costello suggested that a review of the Committee's membership could examine inviting sporting clubs to join the Committee, or at least encourage them to make deputations so that the Committee is aware of their needs and programs.

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vii) Angels Beach Drive Roadworks

Margaret Hain enquired why this project is taking so long.

John Truman advised that the project is not being delivered by Council, it is being undertaken by private development associated with the North Angels Beach Estate.

viii) Library

Cr Sue Meehan reported Council will enter an interim relationship with Lismore City Council for the period until a regional structure is confirmed.

ix) Events & Sports Facility

Cr Sue Meehan reported that Council has resolved to continue to develop a masterplan for the Kingsford Smith area and to further review the options for the facility to enable to meet as many multi purpose uses as can be achieved as appropriate.

9. Next Meeting

Noted that the Council will review its Committee structure following the election. Members will be advised of the outcome.

10. Meeting Close

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 5.10pm.

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Ballina Tennis Club
Corner Cherry & Burnet Streets
(PO Box 486)
BALLINA NSW 2478
23 May 2012

REQUEST FOR SPECIAL CONSIDERATION

We appreciate that Council receives requests far in excess of the funds available, but we do ask for special consideration for a number of reasons.

We do provide and manage the only tennis courts in Ballina that are available for public use, as well as for our 200 members. This, we think, makes us different from many other sports, which only run organised activities for their members.

As far as I can tell, we have not received any major financial assistance from Council since the courts were extended in the 1970s, and the club has expended over \$500,000 on court resurfacing, fencing, nets, and other maintenance equipment since that time.

We have applied, and will continue to apply, for other external assistance on a regular basis, including the state and federal governments, but apart from a climate change grant to repair storm damaged fencing and minor assistance from you from time to time, we have been unsuccessful, although we do receive great support from the Bowling Club. Not only do they sponsor our annual tournament, but they assist us in taking bookings for the public use of our courts.

We have increased our memberships and playing fees regularly over the past few years, but at the same time it has become increasingly difficult to match the finance needed to maintain the courts and clubhouse, to replace equipment and cover running costs, including such items as electricity in particular.

Apart from the urgent need to resurface the two courts, which is our immediate priority and hence the subject of this application, we will need new nets and court windbreaks, umpires chairs, repairs to our floodlighting, and to replace some court maintenance machinery – all in the foreseeable future. So whilst we appreciate Council's offer to erect the root barrier, we would also respectfully seek some additional finance towards the cost of resurfacing the adjacent two courts.

Yours sincerely

(Martin Hole – Club President)

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A Ward Meeting Attendance Sheet - 10 July 2012		
Name	Business	Signature
Cr Sue Meehan	Ballina Shire Council	<i>S. Meehan</i>
Cr Robyn Hordern	Ballina Shire Council	<i>ARobyn</i>
Cr Alan Brown	Ballina Shire Council	<i>ABrown</i>
Cr Phillip Silver	Ballina Shire Council	Apology
Ms Betty Barwick	Ballina CWA	<i>ABetty</i>
Mr George Young	Ballina Lions Club	
Mr Glenn Costello	Ballina Chamber of Commerce & Ballina Retail Action Group	<i>Glenn Costello</i>
Dr Lee Andresen	Ballina Environment Society	Apology
Ms Margaret Hains	Ballina Day View Club	<i>M. M. Hains</i>
Mr Allan Hart	Paradise FM	<i>Allan Hart</i>
Mr Andrew Playford	Ballina High School & East Ballina Lions Club	<i>ARobyn</i>
Mr Paul Kennedy	Ballina Probus Club	
Ms Hazel Elliott	Ballina Evening View	
Ms Mary O'Brien	Lighthouse Day Club	Apology
Mr Pip Carter	St Andrews Ballina	
Mr John Truman	Group Manager Civil Services	<i>John Truman</i>
Mrs Lorraine Leuckel	South Ballina Community Association	<i>L. Leuckel</i>
Dr Lyn Walker	Ballina Environment Society	<i>Lyn Walker</i>
JOHN WHITTY *	BALLINA TENNIS CLUB	<i>John Whitty</i>
MARTIN HOLE	"	<i>Martin Hole</i>

Maureen Coulter *

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