

1. Attendance and Apologies

Members

Cr Phillip Silver (Mayor)
Cr Sharon Cadwallader
Cr Jeff Johnson
Sheila Aveling, Tintenbar School of Arts Inc
Lyn Walker, Ballina Environment Society
Ian Duncan, Newrybar
Malcolm Milner, Lennox Head Landcare
Fran Byrne, Ballina Coastcare
Graham Shaw, Lennox Lions
Louise Owen, Lennox Head Chamber of Commerce
Berenice Roberts, Lennox Care & Southern Cross K12 School
Fred Goodman, Lennox Head Residents Association

Council Staff

Steve Barnier
Jillian Pratten
Paul Hickey (Chair)

Apologies

Cr Peter Moore
Darel Vidler, Lennox Combined Sports Association

Visitors

Joan Hurley, Volunteer Marine Rescue
Lorraine Leuckel, Volunteer Marine Rescue

2. Declarations of Interest

Nil

3. Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved: (Malcolm Milner / Louise Owen)

That the Minutes of the "B" Ward Committee held on 21 May 2012 be taken as read and confirmed.

4. Deputations

The two representatives from Volunteer Marine Rescue acknowledged that they were not part of B Ward but requested that they be able to ask several questions relating to the replacement of the Marine Rescue Tower.

Why is Council tendering out the design of the new tower when the work has been completed with John Gray?

Council is tendering out the contract of the design for the new facility to ensure a competitive process is followed for the work as we are dealing with public monies.

What is the timing for the commencement of the construction of the new tower?

Funds have been provided in the current year's budget to enable the finalisation of design and to seek development approval. Funding has been allocated in the 2013/14 budget toward the construction of the new tower.

5. Outstanding Business

(a) Pacific Terrace East Ballina - Overgrown Vegetation

Report noted. A request was made that the area be subject to ongoing maintenance.

(b) Replacement Waste Bin

Report noted.

(c) Update on Newrybar Rural Fire Shed

Report noted.

(d) Ballina Roadside Vegetation Management Plan Update

Report noted.

(e) Allawah Bushland Reserve, East Ballina

Report noted.

(f) Lennox Head Rural Fire Shed - Update

Report noted.

(g) Lake Ainsworth - Drainage

Report noted.

(h) Lake Ainsworth Precinct

Report noted.

6. Business With Notice from Members

Nil.

7. **King-post at Angels Beach – Heritage Assessment**

Report noted

8. **Council Documents on Exhibition**

Information noted.

9. **Business Without Notice**

Fran Byrne – Ballina Coastcare

The path adjacent to the Sunday market site on Kingsford Smith Drive is continually being covered with sand. This is causing issues for the safety of bike riders and also the ongoing cost of clearing the sand. What are the plans for the upgrading of this area? Is erosion being taken into account with new coastal paths in the shire?

Advice was provided that this was being considered, however at this point in time the balance of the works is based on the current alignment with the path being constructed in concrete. The Civil Services Group provided the following extra information after the meeting: *A number of options were looked at for relocation. However it was eventually determined that the current alignment was the preferred approach as:*

- *the sand embankment is shifting outwards, therefore in time it is likely that the sand drift will decrease*
- *the options to relocate would result in the cycleway mixing with the car park traffic*
- *no master plan is available to guide where a relocation would suit for the longer term*
- *a lot more money would be required in capital works*
- *by replacing in concrete we will be able to remove the sand (without damage to the pavement). This will result in some recurrent maintenance costs but this was preferred to avoid the above issues and enable the path to stay in its current location which, setting aside the sand, is the best location.*

Graham Shaw – Lennox Lions Club

- (b) Requested that alternative management arrangements be considered with respect to the temporary closure of the eastern road on occasions of elevated water levels in Lake Ainsworth. The meeting was advised that new road closure barriers were being procured that would enable a more efficient closure of the road, with a half road closed initially and if a full road closure is required then only one additional barrier will be needed.

Motion: Louise Owen / Fred Goodman

That a report be submitted which looks at the feasibility of measures to prevent overtopping of Lake Ainsworth and its subsequent disruption of access along the eastern road. - The motion was lost 3/6.

- (b) Advised that last week's Lennox Head market was very successful in the Williams Reserve location. Suggested that this location should be used in future.

Advice was provided by Jillian Pratten that the next two Lennox Head markets (fifth Sunday July and August) would be smaller markets conducted at the southern end of the eastern road at Lake Ainsworth. There would be no road closure of the southern road. The Lennox Head Cultural & Community Centre has a large event booking on the corresponding dates as these two markets and can not accommodate the markets.

Sheila Aveling – Tintenbar School of Arts Inc.

- (a) Drainage and runoff from the bank behind Tintenbar Hall is causing problems with erosion and flooding. The road to the hall has also suffered significant erosion in the recent wet weather.

Action: Council staff member to contact Sheila and arrange inspection (Paul Hickey to co-ordinate)

Ian Duncan – Newrybar Community Hall

- (a) Newrybar Fire Shed plans

Action: Council's Andrew Jeavons to contact Ian Duncan to discuss the location of the shed in relation to the hall.

- (b) Could a Development Control Plan be prepared to create an historic village plan for Newrybar? Steve Barnier advised that this could be done but is not included in the approved work schedule for the Strategic and Community Services Group. Mr Duncan was invited to discuss this concept further with staff.

Louise Owen – Lennox Head Chamber of Commerce

- (a) Advised that the new village entrance signs have been erected and look good.

- (b) Raised concerns about vehicular access along Ross Lane and the Coast Road during periods of heavy rain, causing flooding of the roadways.

Action: Information to be provided on what the recent works on Ross Lane involved and what plans are in place for Ross Lane to be raised to address flooding (John Truman)

Action: Information to be provided on what plans are in place to stop flooding of the Coast Road at Boulder Beach (John Truman)

- c) Land release Cumbalum A and B.

What infrastructure improvements will be implemented in Lennox Head to manage the impact of the increased population resulting from the land release?

Council has not yet made a determination on this matter and it will be reported to the July Ordinary Council meeting. Council will need to deal with infrastructure as demands become apparent. Water and sewer infrastructure have been upgraded. Roads Section 94 Plan and the Community Facilities Plan Land Open Space Plans are in place to manage this growth.

- (d) Advised of disappointment with sale of Ross Street land.
- (e) Advised that a 'Meet the Candidates' event is being organised in August with the date to be finalised. Requested that the event be held in the Lennox Head Community Centre at no cost.

Paul Hickey advised that a request to Council for a donation should be immediately submitted and it would be considered at the July Ordinary Council meeting (this item was included in July Council meeting agenda).

Lorraine Leuckel - Volunteer Marine Rescue

- (a) Asked when the remediation work on North Wall was to start. Paul Hickey advised that this work was not being carried out by Ballina Council but that enquiries should be directed to the NSW Public Works Department, as manager of the project.

Malcolm Milner – Lennox Landcare

- (a) Congratulated Council on attracting funding toward the Biochar project.
- (b) Congratulated Council and staff on the grant of \$120,000 that has been received for the revegetation of Lennox Headland.
- (c) Advised that he had heard that Council staff at the Waste Centre had advised that 'Tip' fees had been raised due to carbon tax. There had also been a Letter to the Editor in the paper regarding this matter.

Paul Hickey advised that Council is exempt from the Carbon Tax as the landfill annual tonnage is below the thresholds for the tax, however there is a State Government levy that must be paid for materials deposited at the land fill.

- (d) Noted that a section of the bike path in Skennars Head Road had just been completed and he was disappointed as this path is in a relatively safe area, while North Creek Road, north of Skennars Head Road is in more urgent need of a path.

Fred Goodman – Lennox Head Residents Association

- (a) Enquired about the undergrounding of power in Lennox Head Village Centre. Ms Owen advised she was aware this work relates to just one pole involving a transformer.
- (b) Advised that the resealing of the Coast Road has resulted in noise issues for adjoining residents, and questioned the selection of finishes which have been applied.

Paul Hickey responded by advising that traffic volume and type, location of the work, proximity to sensitive receivers and cost were all factors for product selection in implementing road work.

Action: Council's Engineer to provide information on why resealing through to the roundabout had not been undertaken and clarify when further sealing will happen. Also to clarify why Ross Lane has hot mix applied and not the Coast Road, which is closer to residential properties (John Truman).

Lyn Walker – Ballina Environment Centre

- (a) Advised that she had not received information that she requested on the drainage in the new car park opposite the Lennox Head Surf Club
- (b) As this is the final meeting of the B Ward Committee prior to the local government election, Dr Walker wished to acknowledge and thank Councillors Sharon Cadwallader and Jeff Johnson and the Mayor Councillor Phillip Silver, for their diligence in representing the Lennox Head community during the Council term.
- (c) Paul Hickey mentioned that Dr Walker had forwarded a request for information clarifying the actions being undertaken by the North Coast Accommodation Trust (NCAT) on the two parcels of Council owned land at Ross Street, particularly as no lease fee was being paid. Paul Hickey clarified that NCAT paid rates and charges, maintained the land and had not used the land for camping purposes for a lengthy period of time. NCAT was also maintaining, cleaning and providing consumables for the general public section of the amenities block at the eastern end of the park, at no cost to Council. Council had written to NCAT on a number of occasions regarding the payment of a licence fee, however NCAT was never prepared to agree to the payment of the lease fees proposed.

Paul Hickey then sought clarification from the Lennox Residents Association whether or not the non payment of any lease fee by NCAT on the Ross Street land was being submitted to ICAC for investigation. Fred Goodman advised that following a deputation at the most recent Lennox Residents Association meeting by Mr Ralph Moss, the executive of the Association had met the following day and decided not to write to ICAC as a number of the matters he had raised were of no relevance to the business of the Association.

10. Next Meeting

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday 17 September 2012 at 4.30 p.m. (may be subject to change, given that the Local Government election is scheduled for 8 September 2012).

MEETING CLOSURE

6.15 pm