

1. Attendance and Apologies

Members

Cr David Wright (Mayor)
Cr Sharon Cadwallader (Chair)
Cr Jeff Johnson
Cr Keith Williams
Sheila Aveling, Tintenbar School of Arts Inc
Lyn Walker, Ballina Environment Society
Ian Duncan, Newrybar
Malcolm Milner, Lennox Head Landcare
Fran Byrne, Ballina Coastcare
Derek Audes, Lennox Lions Club
Paul Button, Lennox Head Chamber of Commerce
Alan Rich, Lennox Head Residents Association
Darel Vidler, Lennox Combined Sports Association

Council Staff

John Truman
Steve Barnier
Jillian Pratten

Apologies

Paul Hickey, General Manager, Ballina Shire Council
Darren Roberts, Tintenbar East Football Club
Berenice Roberts, Lennox Care & Southern Cross K12 School

(Moved Malcolm Milner / Sheila Aveling)

Observers

Greg Downs, LHCSA - new incoming president

2. Welcome to New Members

Derek Audes, who is standing in for Graham Shaw, Lennox Head Lions Club, was welcomed to the meeting.

3. Declarations of Interest

Cr Keith Williams advised the meeting of his connection with Seabird Rescue.

4. Confirmation of Minutes

That the Minutes of the "B" Ward Committee held on 26 November 2012 be taken as read and confirmed.

(Moved Malcolm Milner / Sheila Aveling)

5. **Deputations**

Nil

6. **Outstanding Business**

(a) **Flooding of Coast Road at Boulder Beach and Ross Lane**

The information in the agenda was received and noted. In response to a question about timing of upgrade works for Ross Lane, John Truman advised that Council's S94 Plan for Roads attempted to predict the timing for the delivery of future works through its Traffic Study. This study modelled future traffic demands by assessing predicted urban growth from Council's strategic land use plans. John also reported that the S94 Plan was scheduled to be reviewed in the forthcoming financial year.

In response to a further question about the traffic volumes expected from the CURA B development proposal and the capacity of Ross Lane, John advised that the recent Council reports dealing with the planning proposal were the most readily available source of information. These reports set out information from the traffic studies undertaken to support the assessment of the proposal.

Alan Rich reported a suggestion that electronic depth gauges would assist during flood events. In response John Truman advised technology to support these systems are now available and that he was aware of some recent successful trials or projects. There is significant capital costs and monitoring and testing costs. Therefore typically this type of technology is deployed where the flood level rises quickly or is difficult to access for road authorities, and where the flood flow is a risk to life. Finally John Truman advised, as per the agenda information, the Council has requested a report regarding options to upgrade Ross Lane. This report will examine the costs associated with different levels of improved flood immunity for Ross Lane.

(b) **Williams Reserve – Damage to Vegetation**

Received and noted.

(c) **Lennox Surf Club Redevelopment**

Received and noted.

(d) **Parking Plans for Newrybar**

Received and noted.

7. **Business with Notice from Members**

Malcolm Milner - Lennox Head Landcare - Pat Morton Masterplan

Advised that he had concerns about the new lights that have recently been installed at the Pat Morton carpark. He is concerned about the affect of the lights on the surrounding environment and the impact on the aesthetics of the area. Malcolm advised that he thought the lights are too bright and inappropriate for that locality.

Action:

The matter would be referred to Council's Environmental Scientist for comment on environmental impacts. Also information would be sought from the NSW Police on antisocial activity at the lookout. Responses will be provided to the next B Ward meeting.

8. **Christmas Decorations**

Received and noted.

9. **Draft Community Strategic Plan**

Received and noted.

10. **Code of Conduct**

Received and noted.

11. **Council Documents on Exhibition Since the Last Meeting**

Information noted.

12. **Business Without Notice**

Ian Duncan – Usage of Newrybar Hall

Dinner/movie night – 'Travelling Flicks' and professional chef. Fundraiser.

Landscaping – Volunteers have transformed area around the hall. Retaining wall with soil donated by Boulderstone (contractors who are constructing the Tintenbar to Ewingsdale highway upgrade). A new path made of stencil concrete has been installed.

Farmers Market – A project update regarding a farmers market that was being developed with Newrybar School, to be held in the Newrybar School grounds. Approvals were received from Council. However a new Principal has started at the school this year and, as yet, support for the market has not been secured.

New highway – Meeting in Newrybar Hall in 2011 concerned about noise. Response from Roads & Maritime Services (RMS) received in 2012 and advised that its representatives would return to address the issue. RMS to meet with subgroup from Newrybar first. Mark Thompson has been employed to assist residents with meeting. Mr Thompson is acknowledged as an expert in noise issues.

Sheila Aveling

Council's recently completed upgrade of River Street looks great with no vandalism, to date.

Springs in the hill above the Tintenbar Hall – attempts have been made to divert the water from near the Hall but with no success. Wes Johnstone (BSC) has suggested that Council will maintain driveway. Meanwhile the Hall Committee will try for funding of \$15,000 to \$20,000 to assist.

Hall used every day now. The commercial kitchen is operating well.

Keith Williams

Seabird Rescue very busy over summer, its busiest period in the last five years. North Creek Road and associated drainage is being repaired.

Alan Rich

Concerned about design and construction of the next community building in Lennox Head and hoped that it will be scrutinised very closely – Surf Club building.

Brian Smith Walkway – asked if there are any issues with its structural stability.

John Truman advised there are no issues that staff are currently aware of. There are regular inspections and the structure was always indentified as being in a high impact area, from coastal processes. Council will keep maintaining it as needs arise and as the budget allows.

Darel Vidler

Advised that the LHCSA had agreed to tree planting along Park Lane.

Toilets being added to the amenity building along with referees' rooms. The kitchen will also be upgraded.

Work is planned to be completed in time for rugby season.

The community has formed a committee to try and save the Lennox Head Bowling Club facility. Fund raising events being planned.

Tooheys have offered to provide funding and are interested in assisting with the enclosure of the top floor of the amenity block within Williams Reserve. Staff advised that enquiries should be made about the need for further Council approvals for additional work.

Lennox Head Lions Club

The Lennox Head Lions Club is looking for storage space at the Skennars Head playing fields to store their trailer as well as freezer and refrigerator.

Staff advised that discussion had been held with Graham Shaw and that Graham was to get back to staff with information on the size of the trailer. A container will become available in the second half of the year and staff will work with the club.

Fran Byrne

Worried about the security of coastal infrastructure in light of recent adverse weather conditions. Commented on ongoing issues with sand at Missingham Park covering the path.

Lyn Walker

Suggested that the Lennox Head Foreshore Plan needs to be reviewed. Worried about levelling of dunes.

Action:

Provide information on implementation of the Lennox Head Foreshore Plan to the next meeting.

Ballina Coast Care were finalists in the recent State Landcare awards and won the regional award.

Lyn drew the meetings' attention to recent property acquisitions made by Council. She stated that there needs to be independent investigation of Council's Commercial activities and investigate the need for matters being dealt with in confidential sessions at meetings.

Lyn moved as follows:

That there be an independent enquiry into the commercial activities of the Council including the adequacy of information provided to Councillors and the need to have confidential reports, as often happens.

The motion lapsed for want of a seconder.

Cr Cadwallader advised that Ballina Environment Society has the option to write to Council and make this request.

(Cr Jeff Johnson left the meeting at 6.05 pm, during discussion on this item).

Paul Button

Congratulations to all involved in International Women's Day activities in Lennox Head.

Advised the Chamber is exploring ideas to promote a signature event in Lennox Head and will liaise with Council as options emerge.

Cr David Wright

Advised that Minister Simon Crean recently opened the new apron extensions at the Ballina Byron Gateway Airport.

The new Ballina Surf Club construction is taking shape, aiming for the facility to be opened in June.

The Biochar project is still under investigation, with the Minister most keen on its progress.

13. Lennox Community Market

The December 2012 and January 2013 Lennox Head Community Markets were relocated to the Lennox Head Cultural & Community Centre to reduce the pressure on Lake Ainsworth reserve during the peak holiday period. Council received feedback from the community that the markets were a success and suggestions that a permanent relocation to the community centre would benefit the market and the township.

There is a vacancy in the community centre bookings that would enable the market to be permanently relocated to the centre. The stalls would be located in and around the centre, in the car park with an overflow of stalls onto the northern end of Williams Reserve when required.

There are several benefits that can be achieved with this relocation:

- Parking around Lake Ainsworth is very congested on market days. There are more parking opportunities around the CBD, although parking may still be under pressure. There may be opportunity to utilise the school grounds for parking for stall holders and/or market visitors.
- The Lake Ainsworth reserve often has multiple activities operating at the same time such as surf club activities and holiday park visitors.
- The relocation would address concerns that have been voiced concerning the environmental impact of the market on the lake and its surrounds.
- The permanent relocation would provide ongoing stability for the market without the need to relocate or cancel the market in bad weather, when the lake is in flood and during the holiday season.

Feedback from the B Ward Committee is being sought on this proposal.

Concern was raised that the late notice of the item meant that the various member groups could not adequately consider the matter. Lennox Head Combined Sports Association, Lennox Head Lions Club and the Lennox Head Residents Association requested that they be given time to take the matter back to their groups.

Alan Rich expressed the view that it is improper to deal with matters of this kind without prior notice and discussion by member groups.

Sheila Aveling, Lyn Walker, Ian Duncan, Newrybar, Malcolm Milner, Fran Byrne, Paul Button advised that they supported the relocation proposal.

All Groups were urged to discuss the market proposal and make submissions to Council as soon as is practicable.

14. Next Meeting

Meeting dates for 2013

Monday 20 May

Monday 15 July

Monday 16 September

Monday 18 November

MEETING CLOSURE

6.40 pm