

1. **Attendance and Apologies**

2. **Declarations of Interest**

3. **Confirmation of Minutes**

A copy of the Minutes of the "B" Ward Committee held 18 March 2013 were distributed.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the "B" Ward Committee held 18 March 2013 be taken as read and confirmed.

4. **Deputations**

5. **Outstanding Business**

(a) **Lighting Impacts at Pat Morton Lookout and Antisocial Behaviour**

Action from the last B Ward Committee -

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.

Staff Comment:

The NSW Police were unable to provide statistics on crime or incidents at the lookout car park however they advised that they support the lighting that has been installed. The lighting assists them by preventing youth congregation and anti social behaviour. Council's Environmental Scientist advises that from an initial cursory observation the lights would not be having a substantial adverse impact on flora and fauna.

(b) **Lennox Head Foreshore Plan**

At the last meeting information was requested on the Lennox Park Master Plan and specifically concerns regarding the levelling of the reserve that is shown in the plans.

This work was carried out during the second half of last year and a section of the reserve between the Lennox Point Hotel and the bus shelter has been levelled. The work involved levelling the humps that are generally making the area level. Some topsoil was placed and the area returfed.

The Lennox Park Master Plan was the subject of extensive public consultation and was adopted by Council. At this stage there is not considered to be any need to revise the plan.

6. Business with Notice from Members

Ballina Environment Society (received 12 May 2013)

BES requests that an updated report on the state of affairs of the Lake Ainsworth PoM and related issues be prepared for the B Ward committee on 20 May. In particular:

1. What is the position in regard to the road option 2? I understand that there has been some official correspondence about this from the GM.

Council staff advise as follows:

It is the understanding of staff that the Department of Lands may have revisited this issue during their review of the Ballina Coastal Reserves Plan of Management, however that project has not progressed to any great extent.

We are unaware of any correspondence from the General Manager on this issue. We are aware that the Department of Sport and Recreation require eastern vehicular access for fire escape.

2. Is there any information about what is happening to the caravan park? There would appear to be no PoM for it yet, no upgrading of facilities and no attempt at weed control especially of umbrella trees.

Council staff advise as follows:

As Council does not own the caravan park this is a matter for the North Coast Holiday Parks and we are not aware of any plans they have for the park.

3. Has Council begun to plan for the North Lennox Head fire plan being prepared by Ian Cook yet? Does this plan have implications for the Lake Ainsworth PoM? Is Council liaising with NCAT and Sport and Rec camp about fire plans. How does the fire plan impact on the continued location of the markets at the lake? Has anything happened about the Barrett Drive exits - there was a proposal to enable the opening of the oval as a second exit from the area and one relating to no parking on one side of Ian Ave.

Council staff advise as follows:

The NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS) is still preparing and finalising the Lennox Head Community Protection Plan. The RFS has the responsibility for preparing this plan.

The preparation of the Lennox Head Community Protection Plan has involved extensive consultation with the relevant land owners/authorities including Ballina Shire Council, the State Government - Crown Lands Division, NSW Sport and Recreation Camp, Camp Drew, Jali Aboriginal Land Council, Lake Ainsworth Holiday Park, various community groups and local residents.

The actions required for each land tenure have not yet been finalised. An upcoming Far North Coast Bushfire Management Committee inspection of the Community Protection Plan area is expected to help progress the plan to its final stage. The draft plan will then need to be endorsed by the Far North Coast Bushfire Management Committee and approved through the RFS head office. Once finalised and adopted all the relevant land owners/authorities will be required to implement the plan.

In response to specific questions regarding the Lennox Head Community Protection Plan the following responses are provided:

- What are the implications for the Lake Ainsworth Plan of Management? This section of the plan has yet to be finalised and information will be provided when the plan is in its final form.
- Is Council liaising with North Coast Accommodation Trust and Sport and Rec camp about fire plans - No that is the responsibility of the RFS.
- At this stage of the development of the Lennox Head Community Protection Plan it is not anticipated that there will be any impact on the Lennox Head Community Market when located at Lake Ainsworth.
- At this stage no information is available on the Barrett Estate exits.

The RFS will exhibit the Lennox Head Community Protection Plan once it has been finalised. Again Ballina Shire Council is one of the stakeholders in this plan and not the authority responsible for the preparation or delivery of the plan.

7. Council Documents on Exhibition

The following is a list of recent documents that have been placed on exhibition in the period since the last meeting.

Draft Community Event Signage Policy and Guidelines – closing date 9 May 2013.

Coastal Zone Management Plan – closing date 20 May 2013

BSC Development Control Plan 2012 – Draft Amendment 1 (General Amendments) – closing date 3 June 2013

East Ballina Cemetery Draft Master Plan – closing date 14 June 2013

Ballina Landscape Entry Treatment Master Plan – closing date 14 June

Draft Delivery Program 2013/14 to 2016/17 – closing date 17 June 2013.

Please note public meetings are to be held on this document, as follows:

Monday 3 June – 7 pm – Wardell Memorial Hall

Tuesday 4 June – 7 pm – Lennox Head Cultural & Community Centre

8. Business Without Notice

This item provides an opportunity for updates and / or questions to be tabled by the members.

9. Next Meeting

Meeting dates for 2013

Monday 15 July

Monday 16 September

Monday 18 November