

1. Attendance and Apologies

Members

Cr David Wright (Mayor)
Cr Sharon Cadwallader (Chair)
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
Berenice Roberts, Lennox Care & Southern Cross K12 School
Fred Goodman, Lennox Head Residents Association
Neil Kennedy, Lennox Head Chamber of Commerce

Council Staff

John Truman
Steve Barnier

Apologies

Cr Keith Williams
Darren Roberts, Tintenbar East Ballina Football Club
Greg Downs, Lennox Head Combined Sports Association
Darel Vidler, Lennox Head Combined Sports Association
Paul Button, Lennox Head Chamber of Commerce
Graham Shaw, Lennox Head Residents Association
Jillian Pratten, Ballina Shire Council

2. Declarations of Interest

Ms Walker declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to item 6(c) – Lennox Head bushfire protection measures. Ms Walker resides adjacent to a bushland area.

3. Confirmation of Minutes

(Ms Walker/Mr Milner)
That the Minutes of the "B" Ward Committee held on 18 March 2013 be taken as read and confirmed

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

4. Deputations

Nil

5. Outstanding Business

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

Whilst the information contained in this report was noted, some members expressed their disappointment in the responses provided. The need for illumination of the area was questioned.

The Chair suggested that Council's Environmental Scientist provide additional comment concerning the lighting's potential adverse impacts on fauna. Further, that Police be asked to confirm that the lights in this reserve are desirable, from a community safety perspective.

Action: That Council be requested to investigate ways in which the environmental impacts of lighting in Pat Morton Lookout can be minimised (Mr Goodman / Mr Milner).

(b) Lennox Head Foreshore Plan

The information contained in the report was noted.

6. Business with Notice from Members

Ballina Environment Society

(a) Lake Ainsworth

The information contained in the report was noted.

(b) Caravan Park

The information contained in the report was noted.

(c) Lennox Head Community Protection Plan

Ms Walker reiterated her concerns previously expressed at the B Ward Committee, that parking restrictions within Ian Avenue should be considered to ensure egress for residents within Barrett Estate is not hindered in the event of emergency evacuation of that area.

Mr Truman suggested this matter should be considered as part of the broader assessment of the Lennox Head Community Protection Plan, once it is available for viewing and comment.

7. Council Documents on Exhibition

Ms Aveling referred to her written submission recently made to Council dated 18 May 2013 in relation to the public exhibition of the draft Community Events Signage Policy. Ms Aveling's expressed preference is to relocate the nominated site for signage from in front of the Newrybar Hall to a site having greater exposure in the vicinity of Tamarind Drive.

Council's Tourism Co-ordinator will be invited to liaise with Ms Aveling and other stakeholders in this locality to assess preferred options.

8. Business Without Notice

(a) Ms Aveling outlined the continued popular use of Tintenbar Hall. The Hall Committee is liaising with NSW Government representatives to address poor drainage issues within the hall site.

(b) Mr Goodman enquired about progress of the Kings Court recycled water reservoir and the associated proposed community infrastructure.

Mr Truman was able to confirm that the construction program is "on track" and planning for the associated infrastructure is continuing. Funding is available to complete the project.

(c) Ms Roberts confirmed she will be attending B Ward Committee meetings as a representative of Southern Cross K-12 School.

(d) (i) Ms Byrne expressed concern that Council's recently adopted Community Strategic Plan does not adequately acknowledge Ballina Shire's significant Aboriginal heritage and culture.

The Mayor, Councillor Wright referred to the imminent establishment of the Ballina Shire Aboriginal Community Advisory Committee, and that this group will be invited to discuss its preferences for inclusion of cultural and heritage acknowledgements within Council's key corporate documents.

(ii) Ms Byrne advised that a clean-up within Allwah Bushland and Reserve is to be held on 26 May, and invited community participation.

(e) (i) Ms Walker enquired about Council's administrative procedures for acknowledging email correspondence. Also, that Council's after hours mailbox in the foyer of the Customer Service Centre might benefit from some adjustments.

(ii) Ms Walker advised the Committee that the Environmental Defenders Office is holding an information session on 30 May concerning the State Government's White Paper on planning reforms.

(f) (i) Mr Kennedy advised of the Business Excellence event scheduled to be held by the Lennox Head Chamber of Commerce on 28 June.

- (ii) Mr Kennedy advised that the Chamber's planning to promote a signature event for Lennox Head is starting to take shape in the form of a 'Street Fair'. Further details are likely to be available in the near future.
- (iii) Mr Kennedy advised that the Lennox Head Surf Club is likely to be seeking membership on the B Ward Committee in the near future.

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled to be held on Monday 15 July at 4.30pm.

Meeting dates for 2013

Monday 16 September

Monday 18 November

MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 6.10pm.