

**Minutes of the 'A' Ward Committee Meeting
Held 13 November 2012
In the Committee Rooms, 40 Cherry Street, Ballina**

Time Commenced

The meeting commenced at 4.00pm.

1. Attendance and Apologies

Attendance

Cr Robyn Hordern	Councillor
Cr Ken Johnston	Councillor
Cr David Wright	Mayor
Allan Hart	Paradise FM
Margaret Hains	Ballina Day View Club
Mary O'Brien	Lighthouse Day Club
Betty Barwick	Ballina CWA
Andrew Playford	Ballina High School & East Ballina Lions Club
Pip Carter	St Andrews Ballina
Neil Dennison	Ballina Environment Society
Peter Carmont	Ballina Chamber of Commerce

Council Staff in Attendance

John Truman	Group Manager Civil Services
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Apologies

Cr Sue Meehan	Councillor
George Young	Ballina Lions Club
Dr Lee Andresen	Ballina Environment Society
Glenn Costello	Ballina Chamber of Commerce & Ballina Retail Action Group
Dr Lyn Walker	Ballina Environment Society
Lorraine Leuckel	South Ballina Community Association
Hazel Elliott	Ballina Evening View

2. Election of Chair

John Truman conducted an election for the position of Chairperson.

Cr Robyn Hordern was elected unopposed.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Deputations

There were no deputations.

5. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 10 July 2012 were accepted as a true and correct record.

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6. Business Arising from the Previous Minutes

South Ballina Beach Road

The information provided by staff in the agenda was noted.

Ferry Maintenance

The information provided by staff in the agenda was noted. Furthermore, John Truman reported that the Mayor and staff had met with South Ballina Residents Association representatives.

Resource Recovery Station/E-Waste

The information provided by staff was noted.

7. General Business

Nil

8. Council Documents on Exhibition

The list of previously advertised documents were discussed. This information was noted by the Committee.

9. Business Without Notice

i) Election Outcomes

Congratulations were extended to Cr David Wright for his election as Mayor and to Ken Johnston for his election to A Ward. Crs Meehan and Hordern were also congratulated for their re-election.

ii) Richmond Room WHS & Other Matters

Mary O'Brien reported:

- The need for a trolley for the seats at the Richmond Room
- Potholes in Bayview Drive
- Damage to the sign at Hill Street

iii) Regional Aviation

Alan Hart tabled an article from the November 2012 edition of the Australian Aviation and noted the commentary in the article reporting the success of the Ballina Byron Gateway Airport.

iv) Living Longer, Living Better

Pip Carter recorded his concerns and those of the aged care industry generally in relation to the changes by the Federal Government to the funding arrangements for aged care.

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v) Canal Road

Cr Wright requested feedback from the Committee in response to representations to Council from Mr Tonge in relation to his proposal to change the traffic conditions in Canal Road and to extend the footpath in Fox Street.

The position of Council is that it is opposed to the requested changes to Canal Road and that the PAMP has determined higher priorities for footpath funding at this point in time.

The Committee noted its concurrence with the position of Council.

vi) Youth Forum

Andrew Playford:

- Requested consideration be given to an alternative time for the Youth Forum as Ballina High School students were not able to attend due to exams.
- Reported that State Government budget cuts has resulted in the loss of five teaching positions at Ballina High School.
- Reported the East Ballina Lions had achieved second place in the State Regional Achievement Awards.
- Requested Council support the Ballina Markets with banners and advertising similar to those used for the Twilight Markets.
- Requested the use of Council property to display School art.

vii) Ballina Ratepayers Association

Cr Johnston requested permission for the Association to join the Committee. John Truman reported that the Association had been previously advised that they need to write to the General Manager requesting membership.

viii) Works Requests

Betty Barwick requested that the stump at 20 Crane Street be removed and that potholes in Owens Street required attention.

ix) Teven Road Interchange

An inquiry was made in relation to the maintenance of the roundabout and depot. John Truman reported that currently these were the responsibility for the RMS.

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x) Bypass Traffic

A request was made for a sign for southbound traffic on the bypass to identify Alstonville.

xi) Tree - Winton Lane

Cr Johnson requested the tree next to North Creek Motors in Winton Lane be removed.

xii) Limerick Lifting Device & Others

Neil Dennison:

- Asked if the Limerick lifting device on Angels Beach has been authenticated and can it be relocated to the Naval Museum.
- Asked about illegal dumping in the Shire.
- Reported the successful declaration of East Ballina Aboriginal Place.

xiii) Correspondence from George Young

It was noted that staff had prepared a reply to the letter from George Young that was circulated to the committee.

10. Next Meeting

The next meeting to be held at 4.00pm on Tuesday 12 March 2013.

11. Meeting Close

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 6.00pm.