

**MINUTES OF THE FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING`
OF THE BALLINA SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE BALLINA SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
40 CHERRY STREET, BALLINA,
ON 17/09/13 AT 5.00 PM**

Attendance

Cr Ben Smith – in the Chair), Jeff Johnson, Sharon Cadwallader, Keith Williams, Keith Johnson, Susan Meehan, Ken Johnston, Paul Worth, Robyn Hordern and David Wright.

Paul Hickey (General Manager), John Truman (Civil Services Group Manager), Rod Willis (Development and Environmental Health Group Manager), Steve Barnier (Strategic and Community Facilities Group Manager), Paul Tsikleas (Commercial Services Manager), Peter Morgan (Manager Finance & Governance), Chris Allison (Contracts & Projects Co-ordinator), Craig Zerk (Project Engineer) and Sandra Bailey (Secretary) were in attendance.

There were seven people in the gallery at this time.

1. Apologies

Nil

2. Declarations of Interest

Nil

3. Deputations

Dominic Finlay-Jones, Architect – gave a presentation on Item 4.1 – Richmond Room/VIC/Ballina Library.

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4. Committee Reports

4.1 Richmond Room / VIC / Ballina Library

RECOMMENDATION

(Cr Keith Johnson/Cr Paul Worth)

1. That Council endorses the renovations and modifications to the Ballina Library and Ballina Visitor Information Centre, generally in accordance with Option E presented by Dominic Finlay-Jones Architects Pty Ltd, as attached to this report.
2. That subject to funds toward the project being committed from the Richmond Tweed Regional Library and the Ballina Friends of the Library, Council's General Manager be authorized to immediately arrange for the implementation of works in a cost-effective manner.
3. That each of the key stakeholders who have been consulted in relation to this project be thanked for their input and the constructive manner in which they have contributed to the process.
4. That Council's Access Reference Group be consulted as a means of determining a preferred access arrangement at the River Street frontage of the library.
5. That Council, in principle, waive usage charges for the Richmond Room by the library, with the extent of this concession being negotiated and determined by the General Manager.

FOR VOTE - Cr David Wright, Cr Jeff Johnson, Cr Sharon Cadwallader, Cr Keith Williams, Cr Keith Johnson, Cr Ken Johnston, Cr Paul Worth, Cr Robyn Hordern and Cr Ben Smith

AGAINST VOTE - Cr Susan Meehan

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4.2 Wollongbar Sports Fields - Project Update

RECOMMENDATION

(Cr David Wright/Cr Paul Worth)

1. That Council confirms that the preferred program of works and budget for the Wollongbar Sports Fields Project is as per the following table, as detailed within this report and per the attachments to this report:

| Description | Amount |
|--|---------------------|
| Essential Works | \$ 3,421,509 |
| <i>Inclusions:</i> | |
| “Important but Not Essential” | \$ 285,796 |
| “Subject to Section 96” | \$ 190,000 |
| Increased budget for clubhouse facilities | \$ 200,000 |
| Provisional Sum Items | \$ 99,375 |
| Sub Total | \$ 4,196,680 |
| | |
| <i>Items for Consideration</i> | |
| Planting within site along road corridors & buffer zones | \$ 30,000 |
| Provision of AC to 4 Netball Courts | \$ 100,000 |
| Lighting to 2 Netball Courts | \$ 50,000 |
| Sub Total | \$ 4,376,680 |
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| Contingency – 15% | \$ 656,502 |
| | |
| Total | \$5,033,182 |
| | |
| Other costs already incurred or committed to-date | \$2,119,924 |
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| Total Estimated Project Cost | \$ 7,153,106 |

2. That Council approves an increase in the existing funding allocated to this project of \$100,000 being interest earned on the Building Better Regional Cities grant income.
3. That Council confirms that the recurrent capital sport fields funding for 2014/15 is available for this project, being \$148,000 due to savings being achieved on the drainage works for Fripp Oval and Skennars Head sports Fields.
4. That Council notes that an application for \$200,000 in funding has been submitted to the NSW State Government’s Community Building Partnership Program.
5. That Council receive a further report that provides a financial overview of the funding needed to finalise all the major infrastructure projects currently underway being the Ballina Surf Club, Ballina Heights Drive and the Wollongbar Sports Fields.

Cr Ken Johnston left the meeting at 05:34 pm.

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FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.
ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Ken Johnston

MEETING CLOSURE

5.53 pm