

1. Attendance and Apologies

Members

Cr David Wright (Mayor)
Cr Sharon Cadwallader (Chair)
Cr Keith Williams
Cr Jeff Johnson (arrived late)

Ian Duncan, Newrybar
Malcolm Milner, Lennox Head Landcare
Darel Vidler, Lennox Head Combined Sports Association (arrived late)
Lorraine Leuckel, Marine Rescue Ballina
Lyn Walker, Ballina Environment Society
Berenice Roberts, Lennox Care & Southern Cross K12 School (arrived late)
Fran Byrne, Ballina Coastcare
Kiri Dicker, Lennox Head Chamber of Commerce
Dr Greg Unwin, Cumbalum East Community Precinct Steering Committee

Council Staff

Steve Barnier

Apologies

Graham Shaw, Lennox Head Residents Association
Paul Button, Lennox Head Chamber of Commerce
Maree Fisher, Cumbalum East Community Precinct Steering Committee
Sheila Aveling, Tintenbar School of Arts Inc

2. Welcome to New Members

The Committee welcomed Dr Greg Unwin from the Cumbalum East Community Precinct Steering Committee.

3. Declarations of Interest

Nil

4. Confirmation of Minutes

(Ms Leuckel/Cr Williams)
That the Minutes of the "B" Ward Committee held on 15 July 2013 be taken as read and confirmed.

5. **Deputations**

Nil

6. **Outstanding Business**

(a) **Williams Reserve – Tree Staking after Storm**

Members indicated they are now pleased with Council's response.

(b) **Community Event Signage – Tintenbar**

It was agreed this matter should be discussed at the Committee's next meeting to enable input from Ms Aveling.

(c) **Newrybar – Information Board**

The information contained in the staff report was noted.

(d) **Pat Morton Lookout – Lighting**

Mr Milner expressed his disappointment with the staff report, suggesting information provided was out of date. His view is the lighting is not compatible with relevant guidelines for lighting in natural areas, that the light is causing excessive "spill" into adjacent areas of the reserve and the marine park, and that the lights are at odds with the work of Landcare groups in trying to improve the ecology of the area.

Mr Milner tabled research material to support his views. Other members supported the concerns raised by Mr Milner, including that the lights are visually intrusive.

Action: It was agreed that Council will write to the Marine Park Authority to ascertain its view concerning the lighting.

The Chair also indicated she would discuss the lighting with Council's General Manager concerning a commitment of further staff resources to the matter.

Postscript – Further Staff Comment:

Staff have examined the documentation submitted by Mr Milner including the plan of management relating to the management of Mutton Bird Island at Coffs Harbour.

The two poles at Lennox Headland are both set well back from the foreshore and, though elevated, the street light unit is screened and downward facing and the flood light unit has been redirected to reduce spread of light. The fittings are 30 watt LED's. These are energy efficient and generally low powered.

It is not considered that the lights would be a primary source of disturbance to nesting turtles given their distance from Lennox's beaches.

Lennox Headland is not a nesting ground for any Shearwater species and the provisions of the Coffs plan are not directly relevant. With regard to other migratory seabirds it is also thought that the wattage, height, shielding and direction of the lighting is such that no substantial impact is likely.

The impact of the lighting on local bat species was not assessed by the Council ecologists as presenting a substantial risk and the documentation indicates that, where lighting near bushland is necessary, installing lights as low to the ground as possible, the use lower impact globes, shields, and directing illumination downwards should be considered. These guides have been followed.

7. Business with Notice from Members

- (a) **Malcolm Milner – Lennox Head Landcare – Aircraft Warning Lights, North Creek Road, Lennox Head**

This matter was discussed at some length, however it was understood that the action to be taken is to ensure compliance with the Federal Government Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) directive for obstacle limitation clearance associated with the airport. Council has no discretion in this matter.

7. Council Documents on Exhibition

The list of Council documents which have recently been exhibited for public comment was noted.

8. Business Without Notice

- (a) **Lyn Walker, Lennox Head Residents Association – Sporting Fields at Pacific Pines Estate**

Information was provided regarding Council's understanding of forthcoming staged works within the Pacific Pines Estate, Lennox Head.

It was noted that representatives of the development company for this estate will be invited to provide an update to the members at the next Committee meeting.

- (b) **Lorraine Leuckel – Waste Services for the Ballina Marine Rescue Facility**

Noted that this matter is soon to be considered by the Council.

c) Malcolm Milner – Flight paths for Ballina Airport

- (i) Mr Milner conveyed concerns from some residents in the North Creek Road/Pacific Pines Estate area that aircraft pilots are not adhering to the designated flights paths for the airport.

The Committee was advised that there have been no changes to the aircraft flight paths, but the matter would be conveyed to Council's Airport Manager for his information.

- (ii) Mr Milner conveyed his appreciation for the information which had been supplied by staff relating to the operation of the airport.

d) Fran Byrne –

- (i) Expressed thanks for the provision of the Osprey nesting tower recently erected at Angels Beach.
- (ii) Acknowledged the recent funding support for Coastcare Bushland Treasures.
- (iii) Thanked Council for reinstating the article "Weed of the Month" in the Advocate.
- (iv) Enquired about Council's intention to erect signage to acknowledge the East Ballina Aboriginal Place declaration. Information to be provided.

Postscript – Further Staff Comment:

The NSW Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH), as the responsible authority, is preparing a management plan for the declared area. It is expected matters such as signage and other infrastructure will be addressed through this plan. Timing for its preparation is currently unknown.

- (v) Enquired about progress concerning the re-opening of Shelly's on the Beach Café.

The Mayor advised that the matters associated with land transfer are still being pursued with State Government agencies.

(e) Lyn Walker – Lennox Head Surf Club/Lake Ainsworth Reserve project

Enquired about contract arrangements between the Council and the consultant recently appointed in relation to the Lennox Head Surf Club and Lake Ainsworth Reserve project.

Councillors were able to advise the Committee of project initiation, and that progress reports will be presented as the matter progresses. Community consultation phase is to commence soon.

(f) Darel Vidler –

- (i) Acknowledged the community consultation process relating to the relocation of the Lennox Head Community Market but expressed disappointment regarding the Council's decision to transfer the market to the Lennox Head Cultural and Community Centre and part of Williams Reserve. The key concern of his organisation is the protection of the playing surface of Williams Reserve.

Mr Vidler was advised that there will be further dialogue between representatives of his group, Council staff and the Market Co-ordinator as a means of ameliorating impacts to the reserve during market operations.

- (ii) Provided an update regarding the refurbishment of the club room on Williams Reserve.
- (iii) Advised that a request will be lodged with Council for aeration of the playing surface on Williams Reserve and Megan Crescent field.
- (iv) Advised of an incident of waste generated from activities within the Lennox Head Cultural and Community Centre being deposited in the waste receptacle servicing Williams Reserve.

(g) Kiri Dicker –

- (i) Conveyed an overview of retailing activities within the Lennox Head Village Centre
- (ii) Advised of a successful Lennox Head Business Awards event.
- (iii) Advised of general level of support from Lennox Head businesses regarding the Council's recent decision to relocate the Lennox Head Community Market. Disappointment however was expressed that the business Chamber was not invited to participate in the related community consultation session.
- (iv) Advised that planning is underway for the annual Carols by Candlelight event on Williams Reserve.
- (v) Advised that representation on the Committee from the Chamber may change, noting that organisation's forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

(h) Berenice Roberts –

Enquired about replacement of lighting in the North Creek Road/Coast Road roundabout. These lights have not operated for some time.

Essential Energy has been notified of this outage.

(i) Ian Duncan –

- (i) Expressed appreciation for the recent visit to Newrybar by Council's General Manager and Group Manager Civil Services to discuss traffic and safety issues, including the car parking area proposed on Council owned land. Negotiations regarding this infrastructure are ongoing.
- (ii) Advised that work has commenced on the new Newrybar Rural Fire Service shed.

(j) Greg Unwin –

Outlined the formation and initial activities of the Cumbalum East Community Precinct Steering Committee.

9. Next Meeting

Monday 18 November 2013

MEETING CLOSURE

6.00 pm