

**Minutes of the 'A' Ward Committee Meeting  
Held 10 September 2013  
In the Committee Rooms, 40 Cherry Street, Ballina**

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**Time Commenced**

The meeting commenced at 4.00pm.

**1. Presentation on Captain Cook Park**

Staff of the Strategic and Community Facilities gave a presentation on the Captain Cook Concept Management Plan.

**2. Attendance and Apologies**

Cr Hordern introduced and welcomed John McKenna (North Coast Community Housing) as an observer to the meeting.

*Attendance*

Cr Sue Meehan	Councillor
Cr Robyn Hordern	Councillor - Chair
Cr Ken Johnston	Councillor
Cr David Wright	Mayor
Allan Hart	Paradise FM
Margaret Hains	Ballina Day View Club
Mary O'Brien	Lighthouse Day Club
Yvonne Scarabelotti	Ballina CWA
Andrew Playford	Ballina High School & East Ballina Lions Club
Pip Carter	St Andrews Ballina
Dr Lee Andresen	Ballina Environment Society
Lorraine Leuckel	South Ballina Community Association
Boyd Lancashire	Ballina Bears Cricket Club
Ross Pickering	Ballina & District Citizens & Ratepayers Association
David Humphrey	Cumbalum East Community Precinct Steering

*Council Staff in Attendance*

John Truman	Group Manager Civil Services
Joanne Cordery	Civil Services
Skye McNamara	Strategic & Community Facilities Group (Item 1)
Simon Smith	Strategic & Community Facilities Group (Item 1)

*Apologies*

George Young	Ballina Lions Club
Betty Barwick	Ballina CWA
John Leon	Ballina Rugby Union Club
Glenn Costello	Ballina Chamber of Commerce & Ballina Retail Action Group
Pamela Steele	Ballina Coastal Country Musical Festival

**3. Welcome to New Members**

The Committee welcomed the new Committee member, David Humphrey (Cumbalum East Community Precinct Steering Committee).

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**4. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**5. Deputations**

There were no deputations.

**6. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 9 July 2013 were accepted as a true and correct record.

**7. Business Arising from the Previous Minutes**

Coxspur Coral Trees

The information in the staff report was noted.

Weed of the Month

The information in the staff report was noted.

Traffic Count Data

Lorraine advised that she had received the letter but the data wasn't attached.

John to arrange for the data to be sent.

Greenhalgh Street

The information in the staff report was noted.

Captain Cook Park Management

The information in the staff report was noted.

Access to the Market Area and Lions Shed

The information in the staff report was noted.

Pelican 181

The information in the staff report was noted. John Truman advised the committee that the tenders had now been advertised and will be reported to Council in September.

Commemoration Park – Seat

The information in the staff report was noted.

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Trimming of Trees on Coast Road

The information in the staff report was noted.

RV Friendly Town Meeting

The information in the staff report was noted.

Angels Beach Dog Signage

The information in the staff report was noted.

Graffiti Management

The information in the staff report was noted.

RMS Truck Stop

The information in the staff report was noted.

Saunders Oval - Installation of a Synthetic Pitch

The information in the staff report was noted.

**8. General Business**

Nil

**9. Council Documents on Exhibition**

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

**10. Business Without Notice**

*i) Update on Fishheads Restaurant*

Lee Andresen requested an update on the progress of the Fishheads Restaurant at Shelley Beach.

The Mayor advised that there was a hold up on the land purchase with the Dept Crown Lands.

*ii) Report on Ballina Heights/Deadmans Creek Road*

David Humphrey thanked Cr Meehan for the report on Ballina Heights/Deadmans Creek Road.

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iii) Wildlife Signage

Lorraine Leuckel advised that notification had been received about the installation of wild life signage but they were yet to be placed.

iv) Toilets at South Ballina

Lorraine Leuckel advised that Don Page had made representations but a response had not been received.

v) Lantana – South Ballina Beach Road

Lorraine Leuckel asked if the lantana hedge on the side of South Ballina Beach Road at Richmond Reserve could be trimmed.

vi) Tropical Soda Apple Sighting

Lorraine Leuckel asked if staff could investigate a sighting of tropical soda apple tree on Ballina Beach Road on the left hand side of the reserve and have it removed.

vii) Cane Drains in South Ballina

Lorraine advised that the cane drains in South Ballina are falling in and getting blocked up.

Mayor advised that some of these were under the control of the Richmond County Council and none of them were the responsibility of Council.

John Truman to send Lorraine's contact details to Richmond Council Council.

viii) Community Noticeboard

John Truman provided a response to information requested previously about a Community Noticeboard. It is the staff recommendation to Council not to provide this service. The reasons for this are vandalism and content maintenance issues that have been experienced on similar projects.

ix) Location of Lennox Markets

Cr Johnson advised the group that he had received some calls regarding the relocation of the Lennox markets.

In response John Truman advised that a key stakeholder consultation process that had taken place and the outcomes reported to Council. After considering this report the Council resolved to relocated the markets. The key issue the Council wanted to address was the potential impacts to the environmental health of Lake Ainsworth from the markets.

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x) Status of Heated Pool at Ballina

Cr Johnson requested an update on the Heated Pool for Ballina.

John Truman replied that there was \$200,000 allocated in the current budget for the design and planning of the pool. The scope of works and brief have been started, however this document can not be placed into the market until some projected income from Council land sales are received.

xi) Status of Cycleway

Cr Johnson requested an update on the status of the cycleway.

John Truman advised that the Council had determined the route options and that planning approval documentation had been lodged and were on public exhibition. The detailed design is being prepared concurrent with the planning approval process. Reserve funds are available to commence the first stages of construction once development consent is achieved.

xii) Lake Ainsworth – Stormwater Management

Pip Carter asked if the adjoining development impacted on the lake from stormwater.

John Truman replied that there was an adopted management plan for the lake which considered stormwater and groundwater impacts on the lake. Council's planning controls also provide the required protection from new developments.

xiii) Evans Head Heated Pool

Cr Meehan asked if someone could inspect the new heated pool at Evans Head as it was a different design to anything she had seen.

John Truman advised that staff monitor industry projects and visit sites to assist in project planning. The Council is yet to determine the scope of works and its vision for this upgrade.

xiv) Aged Care Facilities

Pip Carter advised the group that now the elections were over, and with the change in Government, that he intended to talk to the politicians with regard to aged care facilities.

xv) Club Lennox

Pip Carter thanked the Council for their support in regards to Club Lennox. Club Lennox are trying to reopen with volunteers staffing the club in December.

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xvi) Porter Park Embellishment

Ross Pickering inquired about the process to consult the community regarding the proposal to embellish Porter Park.

John Truman advised in response that the Council was conducting facilitated community workshops to encourage the community to express their ideas for this project. The first workshop included activities to attract families as an event. The next phase is to prepare a report summarising the feedback and the potential options to move forward. This information will be subject to further community consultation prior to Council making a decision.

xvii) Osprey Pole

Lee Andresen advised the group that the new Osprey Pole has been installed and is functioning.

xviii) Bushland Treasures Pamphlet

On behalf of the Ballina Coastcare, Lee Andresen acknowledged their appreciation to Council with the donation to help republish the Bushland Treasures Pamphlet.

xix) Manager of Open Spaces and Reserves – Replacement

Lee Andresen asked for the progress on the replacement of the Manager of Open Spaces and Reserves.

John Truman advised the group that an internal review of the organisation structure was recently completed and advertising of the position will follow. The management arrangements are changed, however the functions and operational level arrangements of the section remain the same.

xx) Ballina Surf Life Saving Club

Lee Andresen asked if there the obstacle to a Café in the building was due to the lack of a coolroom space.

The Mayor responded that the café/restaurant fitout was intended for the tenant to manage, however Council is looking at some modifications to support the tenancy proposals.

xxi) Prawn Festival

Lloyd Lancashire asked a question regarding the Kingsford Smith Oval being allocated for parking for the Prawn Festival, being held on 16 November

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On the same day, South Kingsford Smith Oval had been booked for cricket finals. Can someone please advise.

xxii) Fripp Oval

Lloyd Lancashire would like someone to inspect the run-up area on the cricket pitch at Fripp Oval – it is very uneven and needs to be levelled up.

John Truman to arrange inspection.

xxiii) Northern Star Article – Population Growth

Alan Hart shared an article regarding the expected population growth of Ballina Shire over the next 20 years.

xxiv) Surf Club Hire

Andrew Playford complimented the Council on the inexpensive costs of hiring the Surf Club room for the day but asked why the school was not allowed to have a BBQ on the grounds.

John Truman suggested that they could hold a BBQ on the reserve across the road from the Surf Club

xxv) Bike Circles

Andrew Playford congratulated Council on the new racks cycles.

xxvi) Wardell – Large Sign near Truck Stop

Andrew Playford asked if we could get the direction sign to Cabbage Tree Island adjusted as it currently refers to the distance to Port Stephens which is obviously inaccurate.

John Truman to arrange inspection.

xxvii) Tree Donation

Andrew Playford thanked Council for the donation of 100 trees.

xxviii) Road Closure for Formals

Andrew Playford thanked Council for approval for the road closure for their formal at Ballina RSL.

Andrew was advised the conditions of approval follow statutory requirements. The school, in response to a request from the RSL Club made an application to Council to close the road.

Council supports the idea of the closure, however it is a matter for the school and the club whether or not they choose to proceed.

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xxix) Great Day in Ballina

Cr Meehan shared with the group what a wonderful day Sunday 8 September was with the Battle of Britain Commemoration day and the Rugby League grand final.

xxx) Opening at the Gallery

Cr Hordern suggested to the group that they visit the new exhibition at the gallery.

xxxi) Petanque at Pop Dennison

Cr Wright advised the group of the opening of the new Petanque facility at Pop Denison Park.

Cr Meehan asked I staff could investigate the installation of a bbq.

**11. Next Meeting**

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

**12. Meeting Close**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 5.30pm.