

1. **Attendance and Apologies**

2. **Declarations of Interest**

3. **Confirmation of Minutes**

A copy of the Minutes of the "B" Ward Committee held 16 September 2013 were distributed.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the "B" Ward Committee held 16 September 2013 be taken as read and confirmed.

4. **Deputations**

Pacific Pines Estate, Lennox Head

Rob van Iersel from Geolink will be in attendance to provide an update.

5. **Outstanding Business**

(a) Community Event Signage – Tintenbar

This matter was deferred from the September meeting to enable input from Ms Aveling.

At the July meeting Sheila Aveling asked where the sign posts for Tintenbar would be located.

Staff have undertaken site inspections at Tintenbar, and have sought Ms Aveling's feedback on two locations. The preferred location is on the corner Tintenbar Road and George Street (closest to Tintenbar General Store). As this location is in very close proximity to the Store, Council has written to the owners seeking their feedback on the proposed signs. The letter sent to Tintenbar General Store asks for feedback by 16 August 2013. After that time, subject to no objections, Council officers will install the signage infrastructure.

A site meeting was held with management of the Tintenbar General Store on 16 August 2013 to highlight the placement of the Community Event Signs at Tintenbar. Their response to this proposed location was not favourable. There has been no further communication due to Ms Aveling's absence.

(b) Pat Morton Lookout – Lighting

Following the last meeting Council wrote to the Marine Park Authority to ascertain its view concerning the lighting. A copy of the response is attached. Council has also written to the Police and a copy of their response is also attached.

Malcolm Milner and John Truman have recently met to resolve this situation and an update can be provided at the meeting.

c) Update on Relocation of Markets to Lennox Head Cultural and Community Centre

A rescission motion will be considered at Council's 28 November Ordinary meeting to consider reversing the decision to relocate the markets from Lake Ainsworth to the Lennox Head Cultural and Community Centre.

6. Business with Notice from Members

Cumbalum East Precinct Committee

1) Street Lighting

Most Precinct residences door knocked by committee members expressed a desire for a street light at or near the corner of Tamarind Drive and Deadmans Creek Road. They said it was very dark at night and was a safety hazard when turning. They said this was especially so for emergency vehicles accessing Ballina Heights at night.

ACTION The Committee request that Council place a works order with Essential Energy for the installation of a light.

This information has been forwarded to Council staff who will respond to the Committee.

2) Road Speed Limit

Speeding along residential streets and Deadmans Creek Road continues to be a problem putting children & wildlife at risk. The Committee would like to see prominent large painted road pavement signs showing the speed limits as used in other parts of the Shire. The location of road signs should be a joint process involving our committee, Council & the developer.

ACTION As a matter of urgency the Committee request this works be given a priority.

The advice of Council and RMS technical staff is that, except for at the entry to a new zone, marking is not preferred. The reason for this is to encourage drivers to choose the general urban limit as a default speed in the absence of signs or markings. The exception is the School zones because of the high number of pedestrians and the speed zone is below the general urban limit. Police have previously advised enforcement becomes more difficult when

pavement markers are placed as drivers present their reliance, or confusion, as an excuse for their error.

Given the above and the concerns of the Committee, Council staff have requested the NSW Police to undertake an enforcement campaign in the area.

3) **Australia Post Letterbox**

The community has identified the need for an Australia Post letterbox near the junction of The Ridgeway and Unara Parkway.

ACTION The Committee requests Council make representation to Australia Post & the local member on our behalf regarding the installation of a letterbox.

This request has been forwarded to Australia Post for their consideration.

4) **Road Maintenance**

The Community has raised concerns over the maintenance of road pavements for The Ridgeway, Deadmans Creek Road and Tamarind Drive. Mr Brett Butcher from Roads & Maritime Services advised that Ballina Council was given \$4 million for the maintenance of the old highway. Tamarind Drive is a regional road and therefore Council can receive additional annual block grant contributions?

ACTION The committee requests Council provide a timeframe for the completion of works on all three roads.

The following response is provided regarding these requests.

- Tamarind Drive – The Council has negotiated a settlement with the RMS as part of the process for Tamarind Drive to become the Council's management responsibility. At the last meeting of Council, a tender was awarded for the works programmed for 2013/2014. The major portion of these works are heavy patching and asphalt overlay.
- The Ridgeway has experienced pavement failures earlier in its design life than preferred. The reasons for this have been investigated by Council's technical staff. The following funds have been identified in Council's Operational Plan:
 - 2013/14 - \$180,000
 - 2014/15 - \$220,000
 - 2015/16 - \$285,000
 - 2016/17 - \$305,000
- Deadmans Creek Road – Council's current Development Control Plan shows Deadmans Creek Road is to be removed. The reason for this is to provide improved flood mitigation. Therefore the only works proposed for Deadmans Creek Road are routine maintenance activities.

7. Council Documents on Exhibition

The following is a list of recent documents that have been placed on exhibition in the period since the last meeting.

- Planning Proposal BSCPP13/007 – Old Bagotville Road – Proposed reclassification of Community land to Operational land – closing date 4 November 2013
- Cr Expenses & Facilities Policy – closing date 6 November 2013
- Cr Training & Development Policy – closing date 6 November 2013
- Local Procurement Policy – closing date 6 November 2013
- Public Disclosure Policy – closing date 6 November 2013
- Planning Proposal BSCPP13/008 – Proposed Reclassification of Council owned Waterways – closing date 11 November 2013
- Draft Landscape Masterplan – Captain Cook Memorial Park – closing date 22 November 2013

8. Business Without Notice

This item provides an opportunity for updates and / or questions to be tabled by the members.

9. Next Meeting

Monday 17 March 2014



Marine Parks Authority



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26th September 2013

Dear Steve

Re: Lighting within Pat Moreton Reserve, Lennox Point

Thank you for your letter 19 September 2013 regarding the lighting at Pat Moreton Reserve, Lennox Point.

The Marine Parks Authority provided advice on the issue of lighting for the Lennox Head Shared Walkway and cycle path to the Department of Public works in 2011 and again in 2012. The nature of this advice was that lighting should not spill over into the marine park. Similar advice was provided to Ballina Shire Council when the Marine Parks Authority commented on Council's draft Development Control Plan in November 2012.

I undertook an inspection of the lighting in question on the night of 24 September 2013 and saw an installation at Pat Moreton Lookout that is extraordinarily bright and illuminates waters of The Moat/Bream Hole Sanctuary Zone and adjacent habitat protection zone of the Cape Byron Marine Park.

The effects of artificial lighting on marine life have been documented for a number of different species, including fish, crustaceans, seabirds, shorebirds and marine turtles. I can provide specific examples and reports of this if you require.

One objective of a marine park sanctuary zone is to provide the highest level of protection for biological diversity, habitat, ecological processes, natural features and cultural features (both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal) in the zone. An objective of a habitat protection zone is to provide a high level of protection for biological diversity, habitat, ecological processes, natural features and cultural features (both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal) in the zone.

The new lighting installation is not consistent with the sanctuary zone or habitat protection zone objectives in that it is extraordinarily bright and illuminates these marine areas. Modification of the system so that marine park objectives are met would be the preferred option for Cape Byron Marine Park.

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If you wish to discuss this matter further, please don't hesitate to contact me on 02 66209320 or jackie.corlass@dpi.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely,



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Response from Inspector Nicole Bruce, Richmond Local Area Command re Pat Morton Lookout Lighting

On Tuesday the 15th of October, 2013 I attended Pat Morton Lookout to assess the impact of the lighting there as per your recent correspondence.

I saw only one light operating in the south west corner of the car park. The illumination covered most of the car park and did not appear to extend to the marine area.

From a police perspective this is essential to reduce anti social behaviour and other related activities that used to occur there prior to the installation of the lighting.

I believe this sole light would be sufficient to achieve increased safety for citizens and reduced vandalism.

If studies found the light impacted adversely upon the wildlife and ecology, I would still request lighting, however at a different location.