

**1. Attendance and Apologies**

Cr David Wright (Mayor)  
Cr Paul Worth  
Cr Ben Smith (Chairman)  
Jane Gardiner - Alstonville Plateau Historical Society  
Eoin Johnston - Rous Mill Ratepayers  
Bob Cooper – Legacy and Plateau Seniors  
Ern Sandral – Alstonville Community Pre-School  
Pat Carney - Wardell Progress Association  
Malcolm Johnson – Ballina Environment Society  
Richard Lutze – Combined Services Club  
Wayne Garrard – Alstonville & District Cricket Association  
Lois Wright – Plateau Seniors  
Barry Jeffress – Tuckombil Landcare

**Staff in Attendance**

Rod Willis

**Observer**

Kerrie Gray  
Mary Birch

**Apologies**

Sheila Aveling - Tintenbar School of Arts  
Allan Hart – Rotary Club, Ballina on Richmond

The apologies were accepted.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

Richard Lutze declared an interest in Item 4(b) – Elizabeth Ann Brown Park RSL Project. He has provided design advice.

**3. Confirmation of Minutes 12 September 2013**

That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 12 September 2013 be accepted as a true and correct record.

**4. Business arising from Minutes – 11 July 2013**

**(a) Graffiti Along Alstonville Bypass and Update on Policing**

The Committee was addressed by Inspector Nicole Bruce. Inspector Bruce outlined Alstonville's crime statistics had showed a drop in crime over the past three years in all categories.

Inspector Bruce recommended that the approach locals should take to graffiti crime was:

1. Report directly to local Police so that they can attend and record as quickly as possible.
2. Repair, clean and repaint as quickly as possible.

The Committee resolved to:

1. Ask Council to outline what areas it attends to with regard to cleaning graffiti.
2. Ask whether the Council could provide graffiti cleaning products and equipment to community groups and service clubs so that they can clean up public places and Council lands and buildings.

Inspector Bruce also updated the Committee on Police Officer staffing and advised that the officer deployed to Lismore will be there for another six months but that a patrol truck is being rostered to go through Alstonville weekly.

**(b) Elizabeth Ann Brown Park**

1. The Committee noted the costings provided in the report. The Committee considered that the cost is reasonable. Further discussions are to proceed between the RSL and Council and enquiries will be made by local Councillors about funding.
2. It was asked that the Alstonville RSL take some steps to acknowledge the role of the Red Cross in the establishment of the gardens in the park that the Council will be responsible for maintaining. The Red Cross's main celebrations will be in August 2015 and they are seeking recognition for their voluntary role in conflicts and will supply the Red Cross Centenary Rose and plaque.

**(c) Duraplas**

The report provided in the agenda was noted.

Rod Willis outlined the current stage of the rezoning proposal and that it was now a matter for the Department and Minister for Planning.

Rod Willis also outlined and answered questions about the Council's scheduled enforcement program for Russellton Industrial Estate.

**(c) Update on Ballina Cup 2014**

The advice provided in the agenda was noted.

Cr Ben Smith explained the Council's consideration of the matter.

**(d) Detached Rural Dual Occupancy – Lismore’s Local Plan Provisions**

Rod Willis advised that the Lismore Plan had been made allowing for detached rural dual occupancy. The Committee was advised that, subject to demands that may arise from the new planning legislation and the Government’s revision of Environmental Protection Zones for the Shire, the Council would be reviewing the new Ballina Plan’s operations in the new year.

Council would have the opportunity in that process to review the rural dual occupancy provisions in the plan.

If anyone wanted detached rural dual occupancy considered, they would be able to make a submission to that review.

**7. Council Documents on Exhibition**

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

**8. Items raised by members of the Committee**

**(a) Barry Jeffress – Teven Memorial Reserve Landcare Project**

Barry Jeffress provided advice about progress with the Teven Memorial Reserve Landcare Project. The Reserve is at the intersection of Teven and Eltham Roads. Tuckombil Landcare has been working with the Council on this project. It has about 60 members and regularly has work teams of 12 – 14 people assisting.

The Tuckombil Landcare was concerned that the Reserve areas not be encroached upon by adjoining rural landholdings and would like the extent of the enclosure permit held by an adjoining landowner checked.

**(b) Richard Lutze – Small Business**

Richard Lutze asked about the Council’s approach to enforcement with respect to small business. This was explained by Rod Willis and questions on the matter answered.

**c) Heavy Garbage Bins**

A question was raised about garbage bins being too heavy for some elderly residents and the Committee was advised that Lismore City Council had reduced fees for people putting bins out less frequently. An enquiry was made about whether Ballina Council could look at Lismore’s charges.

**(c) Alstonville Show Week**

The RFS and Alstonville Historical Society offered congratulations to all involved in organising Alstonville Show Week and the Committee was hopeful that the Council will support Show Week again next year.

All community groups reported doing well with their service club activities and fundraising over the week.

**9. General Business**

No general business was raised.

**10. Next Meeting**

Thursday 13 March 2014 – 5.00 pm

**MEETING CLOSURE**

6.38 pm