

1. **Attendance and Apologies**

Members

Cr David Wright (Mayor)
Cr Sharon Cadwallader (Chair)
Cr Keith Williams
Cr Jeff Johnson (left at 5.15 pm)

Ian Duncan, Newrybar (arrived at 5.20 pm)
Malcolm Milner, Lennox Head Landcare
Darel Vidler, Lennox Head Combined Sports Association
Lorraine Leuckel, Marine Rescue Ballina
Dr Lyn Walker, Ballina Environment Society
Dr Greg Unwin, Cumbalum East Community Precinct Steering Committee
Neil Denison, Ballina Coastcare
Sheila Aveling, Tintenbar School of Arts Inc
Graham Shaw, Lennox Head Residents Association

Council Staff

John Truman, Group Manager Civil Services
Steve Barnier, Group Manager Strategic and Community Facilities

Apologies

Kiri Dicker, Lennox Head Chamber of Commerce

2. **Declarations of Interest**

Nil

3. **Confirmation of Minutes**

(Mr Milner/Dr Unwin)
That the Minutes of the "B" Ward Committee held on 16 September 2013 be taken as read and confirmed.

4. **Deputations**

Pacific Pines Estate, Lennox Head - Ms Eve Monement from Lend Lease and Mr Matthew Morehan and Ms Mia Markey from Royal Bank of Scotland addressed the meeting, outlining their respective organisations' interests in the Pacific Pines Estate development in Lennox Head.

The substantial history of the project was discussed including the original rezoning of the development site and the subsequent various approvals that have been issued by the State Government.

It is proposed that civil works associated with Stage 1A of the current approval will commence early in 2014, bringing additional residential allotments to the market. Also during 2014, road works involving an extension of Hutley Drive will commence to provide access to the approved playing fields. It is estimated that the playing fields, with relevant improvements, will become available for use during 2015.

Ms Monement also reinforced the developers' commitment to maintain strong communication concerning progress in the roll out of the staged development.

The presenters were thanked for the information provided.

5. Outstanding Business

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

The information contained in the report was noted. Ms Aveling confirmed that the outcome is satisfactory.

(b) **Pat Morton Lookout – Lighting**

The information contained in the report was noted. Mr Milner advised that the outcome is satisfactory.

Mr Milner also tabled a document titled 'Open Space Lighting Policy' prepared by City of Yarra Council. Mr Milner has suggested this document might be a helpful resource should Council decide to undertake a policy approach to "fauna friendly" outdoor lighting.

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

The Chair confirmed this matter will be discussed by the Council at its November Ordinary meeting.

This item generated considerable discussion, with Dr Walker recounting the history of management initiatives concerning Lake Ainsworth and the adjacent reserve. Mr Milner also outlined the various threats to the Lake which he suggests are causing a deterioration of water quality.

Recommendation (Mr Milner/Mr Shaw)

That Council be urged to establish a committee to oversee the implementation of key actions contained within the Lake Ainsworth Management Plan. Membership of the committee would include Council, community, NSW Fisheries, NSW Sport and Recreation and Crown Lands representatives.

Recommendation (Mr Shaw/Dr Unwin)

That Council notes the B Ward Committee's support for the relocation of the Lennox Head Community Market from the eastern side of the Lake Ainsworth reserve.

6. Business with Notice from Members

Matters raised by Cumbalum East Precinct Committee:

(a) **Street lighting, corner of Tamarind Drive and Deadmans Creek Road**

The information contained in the report was noted. Mr Truman explained the basis of Council's adopted ten year street lighting forward work program, with priority generally given to upgrading existing lighting that does not meet the prevailing standard.

(b) **Road Speed Limit, Deadmans Creek Road**

The information contained in the report was noted.

(c) **Australia Post Letterbox, The Ridgeway and Unara Parkway**

The information contained in the report was noted.

(d) **Road Maintenance, The Ridgeway, Deadmans Creek Road and Tamarind Drive**

The information contained in the report was noted.

7. Council Documents on Exhibition

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

8. Business Without Notice

Mr Milner

(a) He has observed that the recently installed bollards which edge the reserve opposite the Lennox Head Hotel are creating uncertainty for motorists parking in this locality (viz nose-in versus rear-in parking).

(b) Suggests that improved signage in the off-street parking area adjacent to the Lennox Head Surf Club might be beneficial to better regulate parking there.

(c) Advised that he had been contacted by a resident expressing concern about actions by Council's Rangers to remove signage associated with the recent shire wide garage sale promotion.

Note: Attached to these minutes is a copy of a letter recently issued by Council to a shire resident who had conveyed his concerns about the same matter. The letter sets out very clearly the circumstances relating to Council's regulatory responsibilities and the steps taken leading up to the garage sale promotion. This information is provided for the information of members.

Mr Denison

Reminded the Committee of the need to remain vigilant in relation to bushfires within the coastal reserve. There have been several recent instances of unauthorised fires.

Related to this, Mr Denison noted ongoing social and environmental problems associated with informal beach access tracks within the reserve.

Dr Walker

Enquired about access to an environmental assessment report relating to the redevelopment of a property in Lennox Head.

Advice was provided that these assessment reports are available for viewing by contacting Council's Development and Environmental Health Group.

Mr Shaw

- (a) Noted that the newly installed seating at Pat Morton Lookout appears to be deteriorating. Nevertheless, the improvement works undertaken by Council within that reserve are appreciated.
- (b) Asked if the landscaping undertaken as part of the Park Lane upgrade in Lennox Head could be inspected, as the plants are appearing to be stressed.

Mr Duncan

Spoke about his continuing efforts to achieve improved parking and traffic management outcomes within Newrybar Village.

Mr Truman advised that he is still awaiting the receipt of documented information from Mr Duncan to enable options to be presented for the Council's consideration.

Ms Aveling

Enquired about the status of the proposed new Tintenbar Village entrance signs.

Note: Subsequent enquiries of staff indicated arrangements for procurement of the sign are in hand.

Ms Leuckel

Thanked Council for arranging the delivery of new garbage bins to the Marine Rescue Tower.

Mr Vidler

- (a) Reinforced his desire for the irrigation system within Williams Reserve to be reconnected, as the playing surface of the reserve is very dry.

- (b) Advised of the finalisation of renovations to the Williams Reserve Clubhouse and the recent official opening of the facility.
- (c) Reiterated the Lennox Head Combined Sports Association's opposition to the relocation of the Lennox Head Community Market to Williams Reserve and the Lennox Head Cultural and Community Centre because of its potential adverse effects on the reserve.
- (d) Advised of concerns about the deteriorating playing surface at the Megan Crescent Reserve and the very poor condition of the public amenities building.

Mayor, Cr Wright and Chair, Cr Cadwallader

Each conveyed their significant appreciation for:

- (a) The volunteer effort in renovating the Williams Reserve Clubhouse; and
- (b) The volunteer effort and wonderful success of the inaugural Prawn Festival, coinciding with the 40th anniversary of the Las Balsas raft arrival.

9. Next Meeting

Monday 17 March 2014 at 4.30 pm

MEETING CLOSURE

6.40 pm

enquiries refer

Rod Willis

in reply please quote

13/69985



19 November 2013

Dear

Re: Garage Sale Signs

I refer to your letter of 17 November about the Council's rangers' actions relating to signage advertising garage sales across the Shire on Saturday.

Whilst it is appreciated that signs assist people to locate sale locations, if inappropriately placed, they can also obstruct pedestrian traffic, road and street signs, and sight distances for motorists. Additionally, they can become dangerous in strong winds and at times are trip hazards.

It has been the Council's experience in past sales that signs have been placed in intersections, on roundabouts, tied to road signs, placed on median strips and power poles and have been left to deteriorate and litter the streets. In response to this the Council made a concerted effort to provide comprehensive guidance and advice to people participating in Saturday's sale about where and how they could advertise their individual sales in the registration material. This was also conveyed by the local newspaper and organisers.

Notwithstanding the advice to advertisers, no-one was fined and it wasn't the intention of the Council to do so other than in any extreme case. It was considered important that all participants be treated in a consistent, fair, and reasonable way so that, as far as possible, all had the same opportunities to advertise their goods and enjoy the day.

In entering into the spirit of this widely held event, the Council did all it could to advise participants of signage guidelines beforehand and during the sale day itself so that everyone had a clear and fair understanding of how they could manage their sales and could have a level of confidence that others would be consistently treated in the same manner.

In the event, Council rangers removed more than 50 inappropriately erected signs from roads and streets and provided advice to many residents about where and how signs could be placed.

If you have any enquiries in regard to this matter please contact on me on telephone 6686 1233.

Yours faithfully

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