

1. Attendance and Apologies

Cr David Wright (Mayor - Chairman)
Cr Keith Johnson
Jane Gardiner - Alstonville Plateau Historical Society
Russell Priddle - Alstonville Football Club
Lois Wright – Plateau Seniors
Mary Birch - Wollongbar Progress Association
Richard Lutze – Combined Services Club
Eoin Johnston - Rous Mill Ratepayers
Wayne Garrard – Alstonville & District Cricket Association
Pat Carney - Wardell Progress Association
Les Wiles - Alstonville Lions Club
Malcolm Johnson – Ballina Environment Society
Sheila Aveling - Tintenbar School of Arts
John Sim – Alstonville Plateau Historical Society
Ern Sandral – Alstonville Community Preschool

Staff in Attendance

Rod Willis

Observer

Tyrone McGillick – Resident

Apologies

Cr Paul Worth
Cr Ben Smith
Elva Fitzell - Alstonville Rotary Club
Barry Jeffress – Tuckombil Landcare
Bob Cooper – Legacy and Plateau Seniors
Ron Birch – Wollongbar Progress Association

The apologies were accepted.

2. Declarations of Interest

Nil

3. Confirmation of Minutes 14 November 2013

That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 14 November 2013 be accepted as a true and correct record.

4. Business arising from Minutes – 14 November 2013

(a) Graffiti

Information reported and additional information provided by Council's Civil Services Group Manager, John Truman was considered and discussed.

Resolved: (Sheila Aveling/Richard Lutze)

To note the information provided and to take up the suggestions of the Civil Services Group Manager and advance the provision of graffiti cleaning materials to an identified community group.

(b) Teven Memorial Reserve Landcare Project

(Sheila Aveling/Richard Lutze)

The report was received and noted.

(c) Heavy Garbage Bins

(Sheila Aveling/Richard Lutze)

The report was received and noted.

5. Anzac Centenary Local Grants Funding Available

(Jane Gardiner/Mary Birch)

The information provided was noted.

6. Council Documents on Exhibition

The list of Council documents which have recently been exhibited for public comment was noted. The Committee requested more/clearer descriptions of listed matters in future.

The Committee asked about the parking assessment undertaken for the redeveloped doctors' surgery in Alstonville.

7. Items raised by members of the Committee

(a) Jane Gardiner – Street Signage Policy

Jane Gardiner sought clarification on the program of the street/directional sign policy that was being developed by the Council's Promotional & Interpretative Signage Taskforce.

A Draft Policy was to have been developed by 2014.

The local historical society would like to have directional/promotional signage provided for their facility.

The Committee asked for clarification of tourism signage with regard to the Amaze-n-Place development.

8. General Business

(a) Robb Street Rezoning

The information provided was noted.

(b) Tuckombil Quarry

Tyrone McGillick, a resident of Solara Court, enquired about approvals at the Tuckombil Quarry and Asphalt Plant. He reported that currently there were issues with noise and odour and hours of use.

The approvals history and processes were explained and the way the issues could be formally taken up with the Council were outlined.

(c) Sesqui-Centenary of Alstonville

John Sim from the Alstonville Plateau Historical Society outlined that the Society was looking to plan community activities for October 2015 to celebrate the event.

(d) Alstonville Community Preschool

Ern Sandral outlined where planning for the new permanent facility was up to and thanked the local community for its support to date. He advised that the preschool was now established in its new, temporary position at Amaze-n-Place.

(e) Council Matters

Cr Wright outlined:

- The opening of the new animal shelter
- The forthcoming residential land release at Wollongbar
- Funding for the coastal cyclepaths and recreational pathways projects
- Planned Wigmore Arcade revamp
- Progress on Wollongbar Sports Ground
- Situation with the Biochar project, and
- Lee Mathers had commenced as the new Northern Rivers Community Gallery Co-ordinator

(f) Replacement Bins for Alstonville Main Street

Richard Lutze asked what was happening with the replacement bins for Main Street, Alstonville.

John Truman advised by text message that he would review the project and delay ordering any replacement bins until he had checked the situation.

(g) Village Signage at Tintenbar

Sheila Aveling advised that the local community was thankful for the new Village signage at Tintenbar and for the tree work.

(h) Overgrown Pedestrian Crossing

The Committee asked the Council to look at the plants that were overtaking the pedestrian crossing of Wardell Road in Alstonville.

(i) Congratulations to Les Wiles

The Committee extended its congratulations to Les Wiles for his recognition as the Shire's Citizen of the Year at the Australia Day Awards.

9. Next Meeting

Thursday 8 May 2014 – 5.00 pm

MEETING CLOSURE

6.40 pm