

1. Attendance and Apologies

Members

Cr David Wright (Mayor)
Cr Sharon Cadwallader (Chair)
Cr Keith Williams
Cr Jeff Johnson

Ian Duncan, Newrybar
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
Kiri Dicker, Lennox Head Chamber of Commerce
Fran Byrne, Coastcare
Berenice Roberts, Lennox Care and Southern Cross K-12 School

Council Staff

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

Apologies
Dr Lyn Walker

2. Declarations of Interest

Nil

3. Confirmation of Minutes

(Mr Milner/Ms Aveling)

That the Minutes of the "B" Ward Committee held on 18 November 2013 be taken as read and confirmed.

In adopting the Minutes, the Committee noted a request from Mr Duncan that they be modified in the following manner:

In Item 8 Business Without Notice – in relation to the matter of car parking and traffic management within Newrybar village, that the second paragraph should be omitted and replaced with the following:

Mr Truman advised that he is still waiting the receipt of documented information from Mr Duncan to enable options to be presented for the Council's consideration, and Mr Duncan is waiting for an on-site meeting to finalise the scope of work to allow him to complete a works plan for Council.

4. **Deputations**

Kerri Watts, Ballina Shire Council Senior Environmental Health Officer gave a presentation on Ranger and dog related matters. Key matters discussed included:

- The recently opened Ballina Shire Animal Shelter – it was suggested that members of all Council's Ward Committees might benefit from a joint inspection of the new facility;
- Council's Companion Animals Management Plan – due to be reviewed in September this year;
- Generally, responsible pet ownership issues;
- Recent improvements to the Dog Off-leash Area in Compton Drive, East Ballina;
- Unauthorised dumping issues; and
- An overview of Ranger surveillance and rostering procedures.

The Committee was most appreciative of Ms Watts' presentation.

5. **Outstanding Business**

(a) **Update on Relocation of Markets to Lennox Head Cultural and Community Centre – Proposed Formation of Committee to Oversee Lake Ainsworth Management Plan**

Committee members expressed their disappointment that the Council had recently decided to decline to establish a committee to oversee the implementation of the Lake Ainsworth Management Plan.

(Mr Shaw/Ms Dicker)

Recommendation: That the B Ward Committee strongly reaffirms its desire for Council to establish a committee, as advocated in the Lake Ainsworth Management Plan.

(b) **Bollards opposite Lennox Head Hotel – Confusion with Parking**

The information in the report was received and noted. Mr Truman indicated he was happy to meet with Mr Milner on site to observe parking practices adjacent to the reserve.

(c) **Signage – off street parking adjacent to Lennox Head Surf Club**

The information in the report was received and noted.

(d) **Seating at Pat Morton Lookout**

The information in the report was received and noted. Members commended the community involvement in this project.

(e) **Landscaping – Park Lane**

The information in the report was received and noted. Mr Shaw expressed a view that the public areas within and adjacent to the Lennox Head town centre might benefit from the application of additional Council resources.

(f) **Irrigation System – Williams Reserve**

Mr Vidler expressed a view that the irrigation system installed within Williams Reserve is not operating effectively. He is concerned that the reserve playing surface is deteriorating, primarily due the extended dry weather conditions.

(Mr Vidler/Mr Shaw)

Recommendation: That the Committee will appreciate receiving a report concerning the feasibility of having the provision of recycled wastewater to Williams Reserve, for irrigation purposes, "fast tracked".

(g) **Megan Crescent Reserve Facilities**

Mr Vidler acknowledged Council staff investigating the odour emanating from the amenities building. However, he noted the problem is persisting.

6. Community Event Signage

Members expressed their support for the community event signage opportunities that Council has provided in various locations within the shire. Guidelines for organisations wishing to use the structures are provided on Council's website.

There was a concern noted that some of the signage material displayed is poorly fixed to the structures. Staff will monitor this, and will convey to proponents at the time of booking that the display should present neatly and be appropriately secured.

7. Anzac Centenary Local Grants Funding Available

The information in the report was received and noted. Members were encouraged to convey the information to their respective organisations.

8. Business with Notice from Members

Nil

9. Council Documents on Exhibition

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

10. Business Without Notice

Mr Duncan:

- Outlined his further efforts to secure dedicated off-street car parking and improved traffic management arrangements to service the Newrybar village.
- Submitted information he has obtained in relation to the potential for coal seam gas extraction in Ballina Shire.

Provided by a Geologist, Mr Bob Howard, the information includes the following assessment/opinion:

"The potential of an area to contain coal seam gas depends primarily on the presence of a suitable host (coal seam) at the appropriate depth (300m-1,000m) with the gas (methane) present and sufficient permeability to extract that gas. There is no potential for coal seam gas within the Ballina Shire simply because there is no host sequence".

- Commended Council for the introduction of reduced speed limits on roads in the vicinity of Newrybar.
- Noted further improvements to the Newrybar Hall and recent fundraising activities, the completion of the Newrybar Rural Fire Service building and improved nearby public toilets.
- Thanked Council for the recent installation of new village entry signage at Newrybar.
- Congratulated Councillor Cadwallader for the Women in Local Government Award which she has recently received.

Ms Aveling:

- Thanked Council for the recent installation of new village entry signage at Tintenbar.
- There is a need for mulch for the gardens at the Tintenbar Hall. Mr Truman undertook to see if Council might be in a position to assist.
- Noted that the responsibility for maintenance of Tintenbar Oval has returned to Council, however the level of service being provided may need to be reviewed.
- Advised that the establishment of a tennis club within Tintenbar is being investigated.

Mr Shaw:

- Advised he is aware of concerns within the Lennox Head community that the Lennox Head Rural Fire Service may be under threat of closure due to very low active membership numbers. Mr Truman advised he will make further enquiries.

- Enquired about the purpose and scope of road work currently being undertaken on Ross Lane. Mr Truman advised that, whilst the existing pavement remains well within its designed "life", a new surface is being applied that is intended to improve skid resistance.
- (On behalf of Ms Dicker, who had left the meeting at this time) Advised of the planning for the forthcoming Love Lennox promotion scheduled for the June long weekend.

Ms Roberts:

- Advised of the recent collaboration between All Girls Surfriders Lennox Head and Club Lennox, which is hoped to be mutually beneficial. All Girls membership has recently achieved unprecedented levels.

Ms Leuckel:

- Enquired about progress to secure funding for replacement of the Ballina Marine Rescue facility. The Mayor advised that funding opportunities are being actively pursued in close consultation with the Member for Page and the Member for Ballina.

Ms Byrne:

- Tabled and spoke to a submission from Ballina Coastcare which expressed concern about a recent Council decision in relation to the allocation of funds for weed suppression within the corridor of the Coast Road. Mr Truman noted that the same matters of concern have been raised in a recent letter to Council from Coastcare, and that he is expecting to respond to that letter in the near future.
- Enquired about Council's road naming procedures, on behalf of Mr and Mrs R Slingsby, who are proposing to build a new residence with frontage to an un-named lane in East Ballina. It was suggested that Mr and Mrs Slingsby be urged to liaise with Council staff, who will endeavour to assist.
- Enquired about the operation of Council's street sweeper, particularly in the area of Pacific Terrace and Hindmarsh Street, East Ballina. Ms Byrne was urged to liaise with staff within Council's Civil Services Group regarding this matter.

Mr Milner:

- Congratulated Council for securing grant funding for the extension of the cycleway network in the vicinity of Skennars Head Road and North Creek Road.

Dr Unwin:

- Provided an overview of matters currently under consideration by his committee. Particularly, the committee is having discussions with the respective developers of Ballina Heights Estate in relation to open space infrastructure and provision of a community garden. Residents in the area are looking forward to the playing fields becoming available for use.

Mr Vidler:

- Expressed appreciation for the Council's recent financial contribution toward the completion of the clubhouse on Williams Reserve.
- Expressed concern regarding the encroachment of the Lennox Head Community Market into Williams Reserve.
- Reiterated his concern for the deterioration of the playing surface of Williams Reserve, due to dry weather and the ineffective irrigation system.
- Noted that the trees in the vicinity of the Bora Ring, adjacent to Megan Crescent Reserve, appear to be stressed due to the dry conditions.

11. Next Meeting

Monday 19 May 2014 at 4.30 pm

MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 7.00pm.