

**Minutes of the 'A' Ward Committee Meeting
Held 13 May 2014
In the Committee Rooms, 40 Cherry Street, Ballina**

Time Commenced

The meeting commenced at 4.00pm.

1. Attendance and Apologies

Attendance

Cr Sue Meehan	Chair (Arrived at 4.30pm)
Cr David Wright	Mayor (Chair 4.00pm to 4.30pm)
Sheila Aveling	Paradise FM
David Humphrey	Ballina Heights Residents Action Group
Lorraine Leuckel	South Ballina Community Association
Boyd Lancashire	Ballina Bears Cricket Club
Mary O'Brien	Lighthouse Day Club
Dr Lee Andresen	Ballina Environment Society
Margaret Hains	Ballina Day View Club
Narelle Besseling	Ballina Chamber of Commerce & Ballina Retail Action Group

Council Staff in Attendance

John Truman	Group Manager Civil Services
Joanne Cordery	Secretary - Civil Services Group

Apologies

Cr Robyn Hordern	Councillor - Chair
Cr Ken Johnston	Councillor
George Young	Ballina Lions Club
Andrew Playford	Ballina High School & East Ballina Lions Club
Jeanette Kennedy	Ballina CWA
Pamela Steel	Ballina Coastal Country Musical Festival
John Leon	Ballina Rugby Union Club

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Deputations

There were no deputations.

4. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 11 March 2014 were accepted as a true and correct record.

5. Business Arising from the Previous Minutes

Aboriginal & Child Care Centre – Porter Park

The information regarding the letter of support was noted.

BBQ at Kiosk Beach

The information in the staff report was noted.

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Banksia Trees – Kiosk Beach

The information in the staff report was noted.

Toddler Pool at Shelly Beach

The information in the staff report was noted.

Missingham Shower

The information in the staff report was noted.

Battery Recycling

The information in the staff report was noted. The question was asked regarding educating the community and John Truman advised that we will utilise opportunities such as our editorials and community connect for education regarding this issue.

Fripp Oval Project

The information in the staff report was noted.

Previous Correspondence from Cumbalum East Precinct Committee

The information in the staff report was noted. The feedback from Mr Humphrey that the Association found the letter pompous and unhelpful was received.

John Truman will review the letter and contact the Association to provide any clarification they may need.

Ferry Closure Times at Christmas

The information in the staff report was noted.

Boomgate – Southside of Ferry

The information in the staff report was noted. – Lorraine Leuckel advised that the boomgate was still not working correctly. John Truman advised that we would investigate this further.

Illegal Camping at Lighthouse Beach & Pat Morton Lockout

The information in the staff report was noted.

Old Ferry Ramp – South Side

The information in the staff report was noted.

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Garden Encroaching Footpath

The information in the staff report was noted.

6. General Business

Nil

7. Council Documents on Exhibition

The list of previously advertised documents were discussed. This information was noted by the Committee.

8. Business Without Notice

i) Federal Budget

Sheila Aveling commented that Paradise FM were afraid that they could lose out in the budget tonight.

ii) New A Ward Member

Narelle Besseling was introduced as the new Committee representative from the Ballina Chamber of Commerce.

iii) Illegal Destruction of Trees

Lee Andresen advised the group that BES are very concerned regarding the illegal destruction of trees on public land. He also commented regarding the poisoning of trees on public land to improve people's views. He commented that he had searched on Council's website but could find no policy position of Council directing staff to respond to these matters.

The Mayor advised that Council has prosecuted people in the past for these types of actions however, it was not always easy to establish the required evidence.

John Truman advised that the relevant policy was entitled "Enforcement Policy" and this guided Council's response, included staff delegations, allocation of resources and investigation processes.

Lee also asked if it were possible to have shame signage installed to discourage these acts and asked how the community was educated against these acts.

It was agreed that there was potential opportunities to further discourage and regulate this activity. Staff will continue to monitor the approach of other Council's.

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iv) Speed Limit – South Ballina Beach Road

Lorraine Leuckel asked for an update regarding the request to change the speed limit.

John Truman advised that request have been referred to a meeting of the Local Traffic Committee and in response the RMS had agreed to conduct the speed zone review.

v) Ballina Heights Pathways

David Humphrey asked who's responsibility it was to maintain the waterpark, which was choked with weeds, and the pathway, which was very overgrown, along the Unara walkway at Ballina Heights.

John Truman advised that staff would inspect and respond as appropriate.

vi) Ballina Heights Drive Roadworks Sign

Sheile Aveling commented that the roadworks signs on Ballina Heights Drive appeared to be incorrect and need to be swapped.

John Truman advised that he would arrange for an inspection by staff.

vii) Ballina Heights Drive Footpath

Cr Meehan asked when the footpath in Ballina Heights to Ballina Gardens would be fixed.

John Truman advised that negotiations with the contractor who damaged the cycleway were ongoing and that we expect to complete the repairs shortly.

viii) Ballina Heights Drive, Ballina Heights

Sheila Aveling asked when Ballina Heights Drive would be open.

John Truman advised that the contractor was finalising work on the noise retention wall and a few other issues and the road will be open soon.

ix) Tamarind Drive

Cr Meehan advised the Committee that the works on Tamarind Drive would be completed in about six weeks.

x) Drains at Ballina Heights

Cr Meehan asked about the drains for spring water at Ballina Heights.

Staff will prepare a response to this question.

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xi) Security Screening at the Ballina Airport

Mary O'Brien discussed with the Committee an issue regarding a member of the public and the security screening process at the airport.

John Truman responded that the security company had responded to the complaint in writing. John also noted the security company is regularly audited and achieves a very high level of compliance.

xii) Twilight Markets in Ballina

Margaret Hains asked if the Markets were still operating on Thursday nights.

John Truman advised that the markets only operated during daylight savings and will be reconsidered next year.

xiii) Volunteers Morning Tea

Cr Wright reported to the Committee the success of the volunteers morning tea on Friday.

xiv) Operation Plan/Delivery Plan

Lee Andresen asked about the program for the operation plan/delivery plan.

John Truman advised that the plan was currently on public exhibition. Details are available on Council's website.

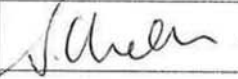
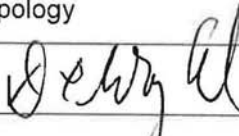
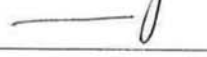

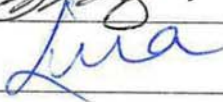
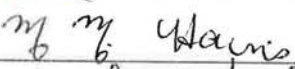
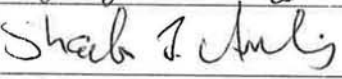


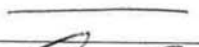
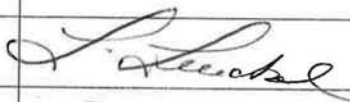
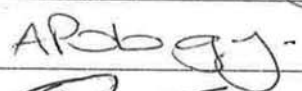


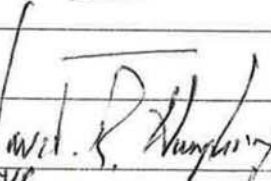
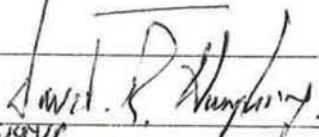

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting to be held at 4.00pm on Tuesday 8 July 2014.

10. Meeting Close

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 5.05pm.

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Ms Hazel Elliott	Ballina Evening View	
Ms Mary O'Brien	Lighthouse Day Club	
Mr Pip Carter	St Andrews Ballina	
Mrs Lorraine Leuckel	South Ballina Community Association	
Ms Pamela Steele	Ballina Coastal Country Musical Festival	
Mr Boyd Lancashire	Ballina Bears Cricket Club	
Mr John Leon	Ballina Rugby Union Club	
Mr Ross Pickering	Ballina & District Citizens & Ratepayers Association	
Mr David Humphrey	Cumberland East Community Precinct Steering BALLINA HEIGHTS RESIDENTS' ACTION GROUP	
Mr John Truman	Group Manager Civil Services	
Ms Joanne Cordery	Civil Services Group	