

1. Attendance and Apologies

Cr Ben Smith (Chairman)
Cr David Wright (Mayor)
Cr Keith Johnson
Cr Paul Worth
Ina le Bas – Alstonville Plateau Historical Society
Jane Gardiner - Alstonville Plateau Historical Society
Geoff Limbert – Alstonville & District Ratepayers
Wayne Garrard – Alstonville & District Cricket Association
Mary Birch - Wollongbar Progress Association
Lois Wright – Plateau Seniors
Pat Carney - Wardell Progress Association
Narelle Walker– Alstonville Community Preschool
Les Wiles - Alstonville Lions Club
Richard Lutze – Combined Services Club
Effie Ablett – Ballina Environment Society

Staff in Attendance

Graham Plumb

Apologies

Eoin Johnston - Rous Mill Ratepayers
Malcolm Johnson – Ballina Environment Society
Sheila Aveling - Tintenbar School of Arts
Alan Hart – Tintenbar School of Arts
Ron Birch – Wollongbar Progress Association
Bob Cooper – Legacy and Plateau Seniors

The apologies were accepted.

2. Declarations of Interest

Nil

3. Confirmation of Minutes 13 March 2014

That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 13 March 2014 be accepted as a true and correct record.

4. Business arising from Minutes – 13 March 2014

(a) Parking Assessment – Redeveloped Doctor's Surgery – 61 Main Street, Alstonville

Information noted. The real issue is lack of parking for the Church.

(b) Street Signage Policy

The Alstonville Plateau Historical Society are waiting for this re a directional sign they wish to erect.

Request on merit basis to be raised with Paul Hickey by Cr Ben Smith.

(c) Tourism Signage – Amaze-n-Place

Information noted.

(d) Replacement Bins for Alstonville Main Street

Suggestion that only the Blue Shop bin needs to be enlarged. Noted – will come back to "C" Ward Committee.

(e) Overgrown Pedestrian Crossing

Information noted.

6. Council Documents on Exhibition

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

7. Items raised by members of the Committee

(a) Ina le Bas – 150th celebration of the settlement of Duck Creek Mountain

Ina spoke to the Committee on this proposal and tabled the following information.

Andrew's grave is near Alphadale Church. Alternate sites for a plaque were discussed.

Cr David Wright suggested that the Society send a letter to Council detailing the proposal for consideration.

Some discussion took place about a dinner with descendants from USA present. It was suggested that the Society talk to service clubs about this idea.

Information noted.

Freeborn presentation to C Ward Councillors 8 May 2014
150th celebration of the settlement of Duck Creek Mountain 2015

**Andrew Freeborn and his brother Thomas were the first settlers in 1865
having settled on Lots 1 and 2**

Andrew became the first person from the area to commercially sell butter in Sydney. It was shipped in wooden kegs to Sydney. He also grew arrowroot. When Thomas died in 1884 he took over his land and later bought Lot 7. Thomas' land now has the **Alstonville Bowling Club, playing fields and Geoff Watt Oval built on it. The first cricket match was played there in 1876.**

The society is preparing to renovate Andrew's grave at Wollongbar and to add a black granite memorial under the headstone stating that Andrew Freeborn was the first selector in Duck Creek Mountain (now Alstonville)



The society is seeking the Shire's approval to place a 3 tonne boulder with suitable inscription at the entrance of the Fairfield Estate to commemorate the 150th founding of Alstonville. The society has in mind the above area in South Street.

Andrew and Ellen had 11 children. Their fifth child, William Freeborn married Isabella Cooke and their children were Walter, Allan, Alice, Nellie, William, Daisy and Wallace.



William Jnr, William Snr, Allan, Walter, Isabella, Alice Front: Nellie & Daisy.

Wallace and Mary born later.

Alan, Nellie and William all migrated to the USA.

The society is in touch with the descendants of Allan and William and although they reside in the USA they are preparing to visit Alstonville for the 150th celebrations.

Ina le Bas

Vice President of the Alstonville Plateau Society and

Descendant of Isabella Freeborn

ANDREW FREEBORN

**FIRST LAND SELECTOR
IN 1865
WITH BROTHER THOMAS**

***DUCK CREEK MOUNTAIN
(NOW ALSTONVILLE)***

8. General Business

- (a) **Lois Wright** - What is Council's policy re jackets with embroidered or printed Council insignia? Two fluoro jackets were placed in a container at the Alstonville Uniting Church for recycling.

Enquiries will be made regarding the policy. Lois to contact Graham Plumb to follow up.

- (b) **Effie Ablett for Ballina Environment Society** – Alstonville Croquet Club – any possibility of moving the old clubhouse from Lumley Park to the Gap Road field?

It was suggested that the Society send a letter to Council so that Council may make enquiries whether anyone else has any claim to the building. Jane Gardiner provided some history of the structure to the Committee. Loss of park amenity due to bats at Lumley Park was discussed.

- (c) Detached Dual Occupancy Development in Rural Areas – An update on the Council's approach to this issue has been requested.

9. Next Meeting

Thursday 10 July 2014

MEETING CLOSURE

5.50 pm