

**1. Attendance and Apologies**

*Members*

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

Ian Duncan, Newrybar  
Darel Vidler, Lennox Head Combined Sports Association  
Lorraine Leuckel, Marine Rescue Ballina  
Dr Lyn Walker, Ballina Environment Society  
Sheila Aveling, Tintenbar School of Arts Inc  
Graham Shaw, Lennox Head Residents Association  
Kiri Dicker, Lennox Head Chamber of Commerce  
Fran Byrne, Coastcare  
Brian Dell, Lennox Head Surf Club  
Shaun Eastment, Lennox Head Landcare

*Council Staff*

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

*Apologies*

Malcolm Milner, Lennox Head Landcare  
Dr Greg Unwin, Cumbalum East Community Precinct Steering Committee

**2. Declarations of Interest**

Nil

**3. Confirmation of Minutes**

(Ms Leuckel/Ms Aveling)  
That the Minutes of the "B" Ward Committee held on 17 March 2014 be taken as read and confirmed.

**4. Deputations**

Nil

5. **Outstanding Business**

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

Mr Truman advised he had inspected the locality with Mr Milner. It was agreed that the temporary linemarking, whilst beneficial, has not resolved concerns. It was also agreed however that further adjustments are not possible until such time as the parking bays are reconstructed.

Prior to installing bollards to the remaining carparks, Council will give consideration for the project to include the reconfiguration of the carparks.

(b) **Landscaping – Park Lane**

Mr Shaw commended the work of the volunteer members, who have substantially improved the public gardens in the vicinity of the Lennox Head Cultural and Community Centre.

A suggestion was made that the scope of the volunteer program be expanded to include the gardens within the Lennox Head commercial area. Mr Truman suggested that, in the first instance, either the Chamber or Residents Association representatives liaise with the program co-ordinator, Lucas Salmon, to discuss these opportunities and how they can be appropriately managed by Council.

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

The information provided in the report was received and noted.

Mr Vidler questioned whether the reserve's existing irrigation system is in an operational condition, and whether the sprinkler heads are adequately concealed below ground level to mitigate injuries to users of the reserve.

Mr Truman offered to follow these matters up.

(d) **Tintenbar Hall – Mulch**

Ms Aveling indicated the hall committee is yet to collect the material which has been made available.

(e) **Tintenbar Oval**

Ms Aveling noted a significant level of community interest to establish a Tintenbar Tennis Club. Accordingly, whilst the information provided in the report was noted, the community is keen to understand the scope and cost of work that is proposed to improve the reserve.

c) **Lennox Head Rural Fire Service – Member Numbers**

The information contained in the report was received and noted.

**(d) Trees in Vicinity of Bora Ring, Megan Crescent**

Members expressed concern that the land containing the Bora Ring, which is managed by the National Parks and Wildlife Service is currently in an unkempt state.

Ms Eastment indicated her organisation has been in contact with the Service to discuss a maintenance arrangement for this reserve, however difficulty is being experienced in having the Service present a clear proposal.

**6. Business with Notice from Members**

**(a) Dr Lyn Walker, Ballina Environment Society**

The process undertaken by Council's consultant in relation to community engagement concerning the proposed redevelopment of the Lennox Head Surf Club and the embellishment of the Lake Ainsworth precinct were discussed.

Members expressed disappointment that the consultant's engagement had been neither comprehensive nor effective. It was requested that the reporting of the project be held in abeyance until after interested community members and organisations have been provided with an additional opportunity to have their say.

**Recommendation: (Dr Walker/Mr Shaw)**

That community stakeholders be provided with an opportunity to meet with Council's Consultant to provide feedback prior to the Council's Facilities Committee meeting which is scheduled to discuss this project on 19 June 2014.

**(b) Dr Lyn Walker, Ballina Environment Society**

Discussion occurred concerning Council procedures responding to instances of unauthorised tree removal on public land. Staff explained enforcement provisions and the critical importance of obtaining robust evidence in pursuing prosecutions.

Points were made that Council's policy documents need to be presented in "plain English", for the community to properly understand them, and that Council should frequently issue reminders (eg through Community Connect) that residents should remain vigilant in helping to protect sensitive vegetation communities.

**7. Council Documents on Exhibition**

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

**8. Business Without Notice**

**(a) Brian Dell**

Mr Dell expressed disappointment that the current project to investigate renovation or replacement options for the Lennox Head Surf Life Saving Club building appears to be going very slowly, with little feedback from Council or its consultant. In response, John Truman explained the reasons for the delay and confirmed arrangements are in place to present the options report to a meeting of the Facilities Committee scheduled for June.

When asked by the Chair, Mr Dell expressed the view that the majority of members of the Surf Club prefer a replacement option.

**(b) Lorraine Leuckel**

Ms Leuckel requested an update on progress in the planning and construction of the replacement Marine Rescue Tower.

The Mayor reminded the Committee that the Council has made a funding commitment to the project and is actively seeking additional support from the NSW Government.

**(c) Shaun Eastment**

Ms Eastment sought clarification about whether Council maintains records regarding the quality of water which enters Lake Ainsworth, and whether that water is compliant with relevant urban runoff guidelines.

It was advised that a brief report will be presented to the Committee's next meeting.

**(d) Dr Lyn Walker**

Dr Walker informed members of the current exhibition of the State Government White Paper concerning options for the future management of Crown Land.

**(e) Mr Vidler**

- Sought clarification on whether the auditorium area within the Lennox Head Cultural and Community Centre is being used for the monthly Lennox Head Community Market.
- Enquired about the identity of the recently appointed Co-ordinator of the Lennox Head Community Market.
- Expressed concerns that, at the most recent market, unauthorised vehicles had entered Williams Reserve.
- Reported on the progress of the Williams Reserve Clubhouse renovation.
- Noted the current trading success of Club Lennox.

**(e) Mr Duncan**

- Provided an update concerning planning for the proposed Newrybar Village public carpark, thanking Council for its offer of financial assistance for this project in the draft 2014/15 Operational Plan.

In response to this, John Truman advised that the Council had requested a report to review the scope of works, project options and further details in respect of the offers of community assistance and costing of the project.

- Expressed the view that the section of Brooklet Road adjacent to the Newrybar Village would benefit from maintenance and upgrading.
- Acknowledged and appreciated the recent meeting convened by Council's staff to discuss with Newrybar residents the current Rural Village Character Statement project.
- Reiterated concerns previously expressed about the condition of the electricity pole adjacent to the new Newrybar Rural Fire Service premises.
- Sought clarification regarding options to create a safe environment for pedestrians within the Newrybar Village.

**(f) Ms Byrne**

- Expressed appreciation for Council's commitment to the recent Volunteers' Morning Tea held on 16 May.
- Thanked Council for its recent assistance to remove waste material which had been dumped without authorisation in bushland adjacent to Cronulla Street, East Ballina.

**(g) Mr Shaw**

- Advocated for the retention of "hard stand" infrastructure within the proposed Pacific Pines Estate playing fields, particularly to cater for womens' sport (eg netball courts). It was noted that a representative of Lend Lease is soon to present to a meeting of the Lennox Head Residents Association concerning progress with the estate.
- Encouraged members to attend Council's scheduled meeting in Lennox Head on 4 June to discuss the draft 2014/15 Operational Plan and draft Delivery Program.
- Noted that discussion is occurring within Lennox Head regarding reactivating investigations for embellishment and alternative traffic management options within the Lennox Head commercial area.

**(h) Ms Aveling**

- Also expressed appreciation for Council staff conducting the recent meeting in Tintenbar concerning the Rural Village Character Statement project.
- Expressed concern about recent incidences of unauthorised camping at Pat Morton Lookout.

Ms Aveling was referred to the notes in the "A" Ward Committee agenda regarding this question.

- Enquired about the recent removal of beach access infrastructure in front of the Lennox Head Surf Club.
- Reiterated the enthusiasm of a number of Tintenbar residents to contribute toward repairing and improving infrastructure within the Tintenbar Reserve. Discussions are ongoing with Council's Manager Open Spaces and Resource Recovery, Cheyne Willebrands.

**(i) Ms Dicker**

Ms Dicker provided an update concerning planning for the forthcoming Love Lennox Carnival.

**9. Next Meeting**

Monday 21 July 2014 at 4.30 pm

**MEETING CLOSURE**

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 6.40 pm.