

**MINUTES OF THE FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING`
OF THE BALLINA SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE BALLINA SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
40 CHERRY STREET, BALLINA,
ON 15/02/16 AT 4.00 PM**

Attendance

Cr David Wright (Mayor - in the Chair), Jeff Johnson, Sharon Cadwallader, Keith Williams, Keith Johnson, Susan Meehan, Ken Johnston, Paul Worth and Robyn Hordern.

Paul Hickey (General Manager), John Truman (Civil Services Group Manager – arrived at 4.18 pm), Steve Barnier (Strategic and Community Facilities Group Manager), Matthew Wood (Manager Strategic Planning), Jordan Robinson (Manager Community Facilities and Customer Service) and Sandra Bailey (Secretary) were in attendance.

There was one person in the gallery at this time.

1. Apologies

An apology was received from Cr Ben Smith.

RECOMMENDATION

(Cr Sharon Cadwallader/Cr Keith Williams)

That such apology be accepted.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.
ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Ben Smith

2. Declarations of Interest

Nil

3. Deputations

Nil

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4. Committee Reports

4.1 Ballina Indoor Sporting and Recreation Facility - Update

RECOMMENDATION

(Cr Sharon Cadwallader/Cr Keith Williams)

1. That Council authorises the General Manager to commence planning and negotiations with the Department of Education and Communities with respect to the provision of an indoor sporting facility on the Ballina High School site under a joint venture arrangement. These negotiations are to ensure that adequate community access to the facility is provided at all times and there is adequate tenure protection for Council and the Ballina Shire community.
2. That Council's negotiations be based on the provision of a four court indoor sporting facility, with the equivalent of two courts to be funded by Council.
3. That the General Manager seek the support of the Member for Ballina and the Minister for Education in relation to the provision of support for the project based on both the Department of Education and Communities and Council providing two courts each.
4. That the General Manager seek grant funding to assist with Council's component of this project.
5. That Council receive a further report on funding options for the capital and operating cost of this facility.
6. That as part of the current negotiations, the General Manager also seek to have a new agreement formalised for the use of the Southern Cross School court that provides adequate community access based on the fact that Council funded a significant component of this facility.

FOR VOTE - Cr David Wright, Cr Jeff Johnson, Cr Sharon Cadwallader, Cr Keith Williams, Cr Keith Johnson, Cr Susan Meehan, Cr Ken Johnston and Cr Robyn Hordern

AGAINST VOTE - Cr Paul Worth

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Ben Smith

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4.2 Ballina Fire Station (Former) Property - Future

RECOMMENDATION

(Cr Susan Meehan/Cr Robyn Hordern)

1. That Council notes the contents of this report which discusses future options for the adaptive reuse of the former Ballina Fire Station.
2. That Council confirms its preference for the future use of the property is principally a cultural and/or artistic space aligned with the Northern Rivers Community Gallery. Further, that the principal building on the site, being the former fire station, is not compromised in terms of its general appearance and fabric under adaptive reuse proposals.
3. That Council consider an allocation of funds in its 2016/17 Draft Operational Plan for the engagement of professional services to investigate options for the adaptive reuse of the property as per point two above.
4. That Council seeks commercial tenancies of a complementary nature for the occupation of the Ballina Fire Station for an indicative maximum period of five years. At the end, or close to the end of this five year period, Council re-assess the long term options for this building.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.
ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Ben Smith

4.3 Alstonville and Ballina Swimming Pools Redevelopment - Update

RECOMMENDATION

(Cr Paul Worth/Cr Sharon Cadwallader)

1. That Council confirms that based on the planning approval process that the redevelopment of the Alstonville and Ballina swimming pools will occur concurrently during the 2017 off season.
2. That the General Manager ensure that this change to the originally envisaged redevelopment timeframe (i.e. Ballina during the 2016 off season) is communicated to the key stakeholders and the broader community through direct correspondence and Council publications such as Community Connect.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.
ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Ben Smith

MEETING CLOSURE

4.51 pm