

**Minutes of the 'A' Ward Committee Meeting
Held 12 September 2017
In the Committee Rooms, 40 Cherry Street, Ballina**

Time Commenced

The meeting commenced at 4.00pm.

1. Attendance and Apologies

Attendance

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| Cr Phil Meehan | Councillor |
| Cr Stephen McCarthy | Councillor |
| Mary O'Brien | Lighthouse Day Club |
| Dr Ann Mulder | Ballina Peninsular Residents Association |
| Michael Young | Ballina Chamber of Commerce & Ballina Retail Action Group |
| Stephen Wills | Ballina Bears Cricket Club |
| Elaine Ballard | Ballina CWA |
| Fiona Folan | Ballina Environment Society |
| Marilyn McIntosh | Ballina Evening View Club |

Council Staff in Attendance

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

Apologies

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| Lyn Davidson | Ballina CWA |
| Cr Nathan Willis | Councillor |
| Cr David Wright | Mayor |
| Margaret Hains | Ballina Day View Club |
| David Felsch | Ballina Peninsular Residents Association |
| George Young | Ballina Lions Club |
| Ross Pickering | Ballina & District Citizens & Ratepayers Association |
| Aurora McTigue | St Andrews Nursing Home |

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Deputations

Nil

4. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 11 July, 2017 were accepted as a true and correct record.

Mary O'Brien/Marilyn McIntosh

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5. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

a. Garbage Collection for Christmas Carnival at Fripp Oval

The information in the agenda was noted.

b. Ferry Confession Tickets

Ann Mulder asked why dual axle ticketholder prices were increased and pensioner concessions were decreased. She advised that residents of South Ballina were disappointed and asked if this could be reviewed.

John Truman advised Council had decided that the two axle caravan fee, on balance, was fair considering the space these vehicles occupy on the ferry. In respect of a review, John noted the pensioner concession was a one year trial and Council will review the outcomes of the trial as part of the process to prepare the next budget and schedule of fees and charges. A draft schedule of fees and charges is advertised for public comment every May/June with any changes operating from 1 July.

c. 848 River Drive – Road Pavement

Ann Mulder asked if the current stop/start lights located at River Drive could be changed to the flashing orange type and a give way sign installed as vehicles were driving through on the stop as the time was too slow.

John Truman advised he would pass on this feedback to Council's technical staff for their review and response to Ann.

d. Ferry Slippage

Ann Mulder asked why there was not a formal tender process for the ferry slippage allowing local businesses to tender.

John Truman restated the advice provided at the last meeting which is reproduced below.

John Truman advised Ballina Slipway was previously used by Council however over time the Slipway was not able to provide the required essential contemporary infrastructure and support services required for this work. Staff inspections have confirmed to the owner/operators what our requirements are and the business was advised Council would review any commercial proposals submitted to us in respect of using local services.

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Council's records confirm the site was inspected with the operator on 17 September 2015 and it was confirmed no changes to the site had been undertaken. Council wrote to the operator on 24 September 2015 confirming our position.

6. General Business

Special Rate Variation

Cr Meehan and John Truman discussed the proposed special rate variation with the Committee and advised of the consultation process to be conducted to receive community feedback in response to the proposal.

7. Council Documents on Exhibition

The list of previously advertised documents was noted by the Committee.

8. Business Without Notice

i) Outcome of the Shire Halls Report

Ann Mulder asked when the report on the halls was being reported to Council.

Cr Meehan advised that a workshop had recently been held with Councillors so he anticipated it should be reported to Council at either the September or October meetings.

ii) Update on Boat Ramp for South Ballina

Anne Mulder asked for an update on the boat ramp for Keith Hall Lane.

John Truman advised that tenders had been awarded and that he would provide additional information in the minutes.

Post Meeting Note

The successful contractor has inspected the sites and commenced preparation of the pre-construction documentation which will include a works program. Council will be able to announce further details once we have received a copy of this program.

iii) Polehouses in South Ballina

Ann Mulder asked for an update on the issue in South Ballina with houses built on pads versus stilt houses.

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John Truman advised that the matter had been reported to Council and advice was now being sort from our insurers and the Office of Environment and Heritage and this would then be reported back to Council.

iv) *South Ballina Beach Issues*

Ann Mulder discussed the problem of illegal campers who left rubbish and were lighting fires around the beach and asked was there any chance that Council could take over management from the Crown.

John Truman advised that Council had investigated the options of Council managing this land and it was agreed that it wasn't viable for Council to do so.

Ann Mulder also asked if Council could write to Crown lands about these issues. John Truman agreed that he would do this.

v) *Prawn Festival*

Michael Young gave an update on the upcoming Prawn Festival to be held 11 November 2017. He advised that the Chamber of Commerce had outsourced the administration of the event to an external event company based in Queensland however the owner had grown up in this area and maintained contact with the local community. He also advised that it was a two year contract. The entrance fee will be charged again this year and the company will be on site prior to the event commencing.

vi) *Shark Nets*

Fiona Folan confirmed the Environmental Society remains opposed to the decision by the NSW Government to continue the trial of shark nets.

vii) *Ballina Environment Society*

Fiona Folan advised the committee that the Society was celebrating its 30 year anniversary of being incorporated in October this year.

viii) *Pedestrians - Barlows Road to River Street*

Elaina Ballard asked if anything could be done about the pedestrians walking on Barlows road.

John Truman advised that a draft update of our Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan was being reported to Council in September and would be placed on public exhibition. This is the document that guides the determination of the priorities for Council's footpath improvements. Submissions in response to the draft will be invited as part of the exhibition process.

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ix) Notice of Motion – Public Toilets

Cr Meehan discussed his Notice of Motion regarding issues with public toilets which will be debated at the September meeting.

x) Fripp Oval Update

Stephen Wills provided the Committee with an update on the renovations to the clubhouse and advised that they were completed. Patrons were pleased with the new amenities.

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting is to be held at 4.00pm on Tuesday 14 November 2017.

10. Meeting Close

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 5.15pm.

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| A Ward Meeting Attendance Sheet – 12 September 2017 | | |
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| Name | Business | Signature |
| Cr Nathan Willis | Ballina Shire Council | Apology |
| Cr Phil Meehan | Ballina Shire Council | <i>P Meehan</i> |
| Cr Stephen McCarthy | Ballina Shire Council | <i>S McCarthy</i> |
| Cr David Wright | Ballina Shire Council | Apology |
| Mrs Lyn Davidson | Ballina CWA | Apology |
| Ms Elaine Ballard | Ballina CWA | <i>E Ballard</i> |
| Mr George Young | Ballina Lions Club | Apology |
| Mr Michael Young | Ballina Chamber of Commerce & Ballina Retail Action Group | <i>M Young</i> |
| Ms Narelle Besseling | Ballina Chamber of Commerce & Ballina Retail Action Group | n/a |
| Martin Corkery | Ballina Chamber of Commerce & Ballina Retail Action Group | n/a |
| Ms Margaret Hains | Ballina Day View Club | Apology |
| Ms Marilyn McIntosh | Ballina Evening View Club | <i>Marilyn McIntosh</i> |
| Ms Mary O'Brien | Lighthouse Day Club | <i>M O'Brien</i> |
| Mr David Felsch | South Ballina Community Association | Apology |
| Dr Ann Mulder | South Ballina Community Association | <i>A Mulder</i> |
| Mr Stephen Wills | Ballina Bears Cricket Club | <i>S Wills</i> |
| Mr Ross Pickering | Ballina & District Citizens & Ratepayers Association | Apology |
| Ms Fiona Folan | Ballina Environment Society | <i>F Folan</i> |
| Ms Aurora McTigue | St Andrews Nursing Home | Apology |
| Mr John Truman | Group Manager Civil Services | <i>John Truman</i> |
| Ms Joanne Cordery | Civil Services Group | <i>Joanne Cordery</i> |
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