

1. **Attendance and Apologies**
2. **Resignations/New/Changes to Memberships**
3. **Declarations of Interest**
4. **Deputations**

NA

5. **Confirmation of Minutes – 9 July 2019**

A copy of the minutes of the previous meeting held 9 July 2019 was distributed.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 9 July 2019 be accepted as a true and correct record.

6. **Business arising from Minutes – 14 May 2019**

**Captain Cook Park - Light**

Staff have repaired the light and have asked the CWA to monitor it.

**Sunken Culvert – Carrs Bridge**

Staff advise that the concept designs have been completed. The next steps include the detailed design and tender process. Project commencement will occur in the 2019/2020 financial year.

**Water Leak - Bunnings**

Staff inspected the site and could find no water leak on the day of inspection.

7. **Staff Presentation – Waste Education**

Samala Heart, Waste Education Officer will provide an update on Council programs to educate residents on waste management and support them towards better resource recovery.

**8. General Business**

**Ballina Arterial Roads Strategy**

John Truman will provide an update on Council's long term strategic plans and medium term construction program for upgrading arterial roads accessing Ballina Island and the CBD area.

In the long term, Council's Roads Contribution plan identifies a strategic road works program of \$164M to cater for increased traffic caused by new urban development up to the year 2036.

In June Council allocated adopted a four year budget to deliver \$41M of arterial road works to improve access to the Ballina CBD.

**9. Review of Ward Committee Membership**

In June 2018 Council gave consideration to a report on community consultation and Ward Committees. One of the resolutions passed at that meeting was as follows:

3. *That Council authorises the General Manager to remove any community based groups from the Ward Committees where they have not attended a meeting for at least 12 months, and have not responded to any follow up correspondence issued by Council.*

This item is to comply with that review of the Ward Committee membership.

It has been identified that a representative of the following organisation has not been in attendance at an A Ward Committee meeting in the last twelve months

- Ballina Bears Cricket Club

It is proposed to write to this organisation to see whether they wished to continue to be represented on the Ward Committee. Should we receive a favourable response, the organisation will continue their membership with the Ward Committee, however if there is no response, then removal from the Committee will be considered by the General Manager.

**10. Council Documents on Exhibition**

The following is a list of recent documents that have been placed on exhibition in the period since the last meeting.

**New Policies as per below**

- **Farmland Rating Policy, closing date 5 June 2019**

Under Section 514 of the Local Government Act, 1993, (LGA), Council is required to categorise all rateable land as one of the following categories:

- Farmland
- Residential
- Business
- Mining

The purpose behind the categorisation of land is to allow councils to determine a fair and equitable distribution of ordinary rates.

Council does not have a policy in regard to categorisation of land for farmland rating. Decisions are made by staff using internal guidelines, with reference to the Local Government Act (LGA), guidance provided by the Office of Local Government (OLG), industry data and precedents from the Land and Environment Court.

This new policy provides ratepayers with clarity around Council's approach.

- **Ballina Local Environmental Plan 2012 - Planning Proposal BSCPP 18/001 – Residential Flat Buildings and Activated Frontages within part of the B3 Zone (Ballina CBD)**, closing date 17 May 2019

Council has prepared a planning proposal to amend the Ballina Local Environmental Plan 2012 in respect to certain land located within the Ballina business area (B3 Commercial Core zone).

The planning proposal seeks to permit residential flat buildings on certain land located within the B3 zone as well as introducing a requirement for property frontage activation.

Council has been given delegation by the Department of Planning and Environment to undertake the processes for finalisation of the planning proposal (should it proceed to completion).

- **Ballina Local Environmental Plan 2012 - Planning Proposal BSCPP 18/003 – Attached Dual Occupancy Development at Wardell**, closing date 17 May 2019

Council has prepared a planning proposal to amend the Ballina Local Environmental Plan 2012 so as to permit attached dual occupancy development on certain R2 zoned lots at Wardell.

Council has been given delegation by the Department of Planning and Environment to undertake the processes for finalisation of the planning proposal (should it proceed to completion).

**Soon to be advertised**

- **Draft Delivery Program and Operational Plan – 2019/20 to 2022/23**, closing date 12 June 2019

Council has prepared its draft Delivery Program for the four year period from 2019/20 to 2022/23. This document, which includes the draft Operational Plan for 2019/20, outlines items such as:

- the services and key actions planned by Council for 2019/20 to 2022/23
- a summary of the major capital works planned for 2019/20 to 2022/23
- our long term financial plan for 2019/20 to 2028/29 and
- the rates, charges and fees proposed for 2019/20.

Forecast movements in our main rates and charges are:

- CPI increases for the wastewater and waste annual charges
- No increase for the water access and stormwater annual charges
- A change in the charging structure for water access charges for multi-tenancy properties, which is now based on the number of occupancies, rather than meter size.
- The Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) approved a special rate variation for Council of 5.9% for 2019/20. The additional funding from this special rate variation is expended on increased infrastructure renewal works.

In addition to our recurrent capital works for roads, footpaths, storm water parks and sporting fields the major community infrastructure projects planned for 2019/20 are:

- Coastal Walk and Coastal Shared Path – completion of these two projects
- Lennox Head Cultural and Community Centre - major refurbishment
- Extension of Hutley Drive to Byron Bay Road, Lennox Head
- Completion of the Ballina Indoor Sports Centre.

The draft documents are now on exhibition and the public are encouraged to inspect the documents and make submissions to Council during the exhibition period. As part of the exhibition process Council will hold four public meetings. The dates and venues for these meetings are as follows.

7pm Tuesday 21 May	Wardell War Memorial Hall
7pm Wednesday 22 May	Ballina Shire Council Chambers
7pm Tuesday 28 May	Lennox Community Centre (Park Lane Theatre)
7pm Wednesday 29 May	Alstonville Leisure & Entertainment Centre (ALEC)

- **2019/20 – Community Donations Programs (both Financial Assistance for Community Groups and for Capital Works Assistance for Community Sporting Groups)**, closing date 7 June 2019

The draft 2019/20 Operational Plan provides funding through our donations program to assist community based groups deliver services to our residents.

Applications are now being sought for the above donation programs for 2019/20 period:

For guidelines on how financial assistance is provided refer to the Council's donation policies available on the website ***ballina.nsw.gov.au*** (search Your Council/Policy Documents).

To be eligible for financial assistance the relevant form must be completed and returned to Council. The forms are available on Council's website ***ballina.nsw.gov.au*** (search Your Council/Council Forms).

#### **11. Next Meeting**

The next regular meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, 12 November 2019 at 4.00pm.