

1. **Attendance and Apologies**

2. **Declarations of Interest**

3. **Deputations**

NA

4. **Confirmation of Minutes – 11 September 2018**

A copy of the minutes of the previous meeting held 11 September 2018 was distributed.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 11 September 2018 be accepted as a true and correct record.

5. **Business arising from Minutes – 11 September 2018**

**Ferry Carpark**

Staff are investigating this matter and an update will be provided at the meeting.

**Ferry Issues**

Staff have previously responded to Mr Felsch and presented data and report information to the Committee in respect of this concern.

Council's management team are satisfied Ferry staff load and operate the Ferry as per the relevant procedures which deal with safety, efficiency and customer service for loading and transporting vehicles on the Ferry.

Therefore no further action is proposed at this point in time without a further direction from Council.

**Lights on Ferry**

Staff are investigating this matter and an update will be provided at the meeting.

**Linemarking on Southern Side of Ferry**

Staff are investigating this matter and an update will be provided at the meeting.

Speeding Issues on River Drive South Ballina

The road was inspected by technical officers from Council on 18 October 2018. These officers made the following observations are made:

- The speed limit was reduced to 80kph following RTA Direction 023/4825 which was dated 30 April 2004 and the signs were erected 2 June 2004.
- There do not appear to have been significant changes to the characteristics of the road and roadside since that time. The RTA speed zone review that led to the 2004 direction is likely to still be substantially current. Any decision to conduct a further speed zone review is now a matter for RMS, however from the inspection we do not regard a request to RMS to be warranted at this time.
- The entrance to the new boat public ramp/jetty facility could be better delineated by gravelling the entrance surface and installation of guideposts. This work has been included in our maintenance program
- The sight distance in Keith Hall Lane at the River Drive intersection was inspected. Sight distance to the north is satisfactory. Sight distance to the south is satisfactory, provided drivers proceed almost to the eastern edge of the River Drive southbound lane. Prior to this position vision is inhibited by palms planted on the road reserve. These will be considered for pruning or removal.

Illegal Camping

Council's Rangers have attended the area and spoken with Mr Felsch. They will include the area onto their patrol list.

The Rangers advise that they patrol Council Parks and Reserves and may issue Infringements /Fines against the signage that has been placed at these locations for "Failing to comply with terms of notice erected by Council". Council has no signage in the locations reported by Mr Felsch though the Rangers would have a conversation with people who come under notice or are reported in other areas.

Captain Cook Park

Staff advise that the plants have been replaced.

**6. General Business**

NA

7. **Staff Presentation**

Tony Partridge, Manager Support Operations will provide an overview of current activities within Council's Support Operations section.

8. **Reporting of Safety Related Matters**

Committee members are encouraged to contact Council where matters relating to public safety are identified in the community rather than wait until a Ward Committee meeting to raise these types of issues. This is particularly relevant as the next meeting is not until March 2019.

For example, road or footpath conditions that raise safety concerns, the presence of hazards in public spaces or environmental damage should be reported to Council as soon as possible.

9. **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.

**Draft Policies as per below**

- **Donations – Assistance with Council Fees for Community Groups (Review)**, closing date 7 November 2018.
- **Donations - Australian Representation (Review)**, closing date 7 November 2018.
- **Fundraising for Community Groups Policy**, closing date 5 December 2018.
- **Grazing of Stock on Road Reserves Policy**, closing date 5 December 2018.
- **Kerbside Waste Bin Entitlement Policy**, closing date 5 December 2018.
- **Procurement Policy**, closing date 5 December 2018.

The above draft policies have been reviewed as part of Council's normal program of reviewing policies.

The following draft policy is a new policy and is being exhibited for public comment

**New Policy as per below**

- **Policy - Developer Contributions Investment Incentive (New)**, closing date 7 November 2018.

At its Ordinary meeting held 28 July 2016 Council considered a Notice of Motion regarding developer contributions incentives for small business, resolving as follows:

- 1. That Council receive a report on options that could be considered to reduce, or waive, the developer contributions payable by smaller sized businesses when starting up or transferring their business location.*
- 2. The objective of the reduction, or waiver, would be designed to assist in encouraging the establishment of small businesses in our Shire and to assist those businesses to survive in the first few years of operation.*
- 3. The report is also to examine options where the reduction, or waiver, could be targeted at certain types of businesses that may assist in enhancing the overall commercial activity in our Shire.*

The consideration of this matter was incorporated into the preparation of Council's Economic Development Strategy (adopted 22 March 2018) and associated work program.

A draft policy addressing the matters outlined in the Council's July 2016 resolution regarding the matter was the subject of a report to Council on 27 September 2018, which adopted this policy for public exhibition.

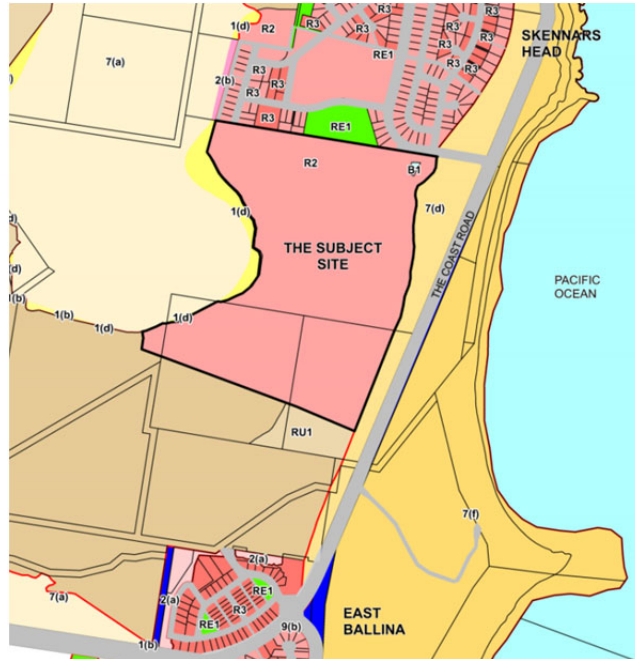
The draft policy also incorporates Council's previous decisions regarding the discounting of developer contributions in association with secondary dwellings, including the recent amendment of that policy position with respect to detached secondary dwellings.

**Planning Proposal BSCPP 17/010 Skennars Head Expansion Area,**  
closing date 28 September 2018

The Skennars Head Expansion Area has been the subject of detailed strategic planning consideration since an initial request in 2004 to amend the Council's Local Environmental Plan (LEP) to enable residential development on part of the land referred to locally as the Stewart Farm. The rezoning of the land from rural (RU2 Rural Landscape Zone) to a mixture of residential (R2 Low Density Residential Zone) and commercial (B1 Neighbourhood Centre Zone) purposes was ultimately completed in 2014.

With respect to the rezoning, the NSW Department of Planning and Environment removed Council as the relevant planning authority and had the planning proposal finalised by the Northern Joint Regional Planning Panel (JRPP). This decision by the Department came about primarily because the Council had been agitating for the rezoning being contingent upon freehold land located on the eastern side of The Coast Road opposite the future development area (being the land which comprises the Sharpes Beach carpark) being dedicated to the community without cost.

The location of the expansion area and current zoning is shown in the map below (black outline).



Council resolved on 14 December 2017 as follows:

1. That Council endorses the proposed amendments to the Ballina Local Environmental Plan 2012 relating to the application of B1 and R3 zones as outlined in the planning proposal (BSCPP 17/010 Skennars Head Expansion Area) contained in Attachment One.
2. That Council submit BSCPP 17/010 Skennars Head Expansion Area to the NSW Department of Planning & Environment for Gateway determination.
3. That the Department of Planning and Environment be advised that Council wishes to exercise its delegated plan making functions for this LEP amendment.
4. That upon an affirmative Gateway determination being received from the Department of Planning and Environment, the procedural steps associated with progression of the planning proposal be undertaken, including public exhibition.
5. That the planning proposal be reported to the Council for further consideration following the completion of the public exhibition of the proposed LEP amendments.

A report on the exhibition of the proposal and the submissions received was submitted to the 25 October 2018 Ordinary meeting, when it was resolved as follows:

*That the matter be deferred to a Councillor briefing to give further consideration to a reduction in the neighbourhood commercial zone and commercial floor space ratio.*

This matter is the subject of a Rescission Motion signed by three Councillors which will mean that this matter will again be considered at Council's Ordinary meeting on 22 November 2018.

- **Annual Financial Statements – 30 June 2018**, closing date 14 November 2018

The Annual Financial Statements to 30 June 2018 together with the Auditor's Report was presented for consideration to the 25 October 2018 Ordinary Council Meeting.

The Council meeting to be held 22 November 2018 will include the formal presentation of the Audited Financial Statements and Auditor's Report.

	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
	<b>\$,000</b>	<b>\$,000</b>
<b>Income Statement</b>		
Total income from continuing operations	129,279	114,908
Total expenses from continuing operations	81,796	85,046
Net operating result for year	47,483	29,862
Net operating result before grants and contributions provided for capital purposes	5,769	2,833
<b>Statement of Financial Position</b>		
Total current assets	79,166	84,356
Total current liabilities	(22,843)	(23,859)
Total non-current assets	1,252,790	1,172,785
Total non-current liabilities	(81,403)	(80,397)
Total equity	1,227,710	1,152,885
<b>Other financial information</b>		
Unrestricted current ratio	4.84x	4.88x
Operating performance ratio	3.12%	8.88%
Building infrastructure renewal ratio	142.58%	84.21%
Debt service cover ratio	2.38x	2.73x
Rates and annual charges outstanding percentage	3.38%	3.56%

Interested persons may make submissions in respect of the financial statements and the auditor's report.

## 10. **Next Meeting**

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

Meeting dates for 2019 are as follows:

Thursday 12 March 2019  
 Thursday 14 May 2019  
 Thursday 9 July 2019  
 Thursday 10 September 2019  
 Thursday 12 November 2019