

**Minutes of the 'A' Ward Committee Meeting
Held 8 May 2018
In the Committee Rooms, 40 Cherry Street, Ballina**

Time Commenced

The meeting commenced at 4.10pm.

1. Attendance and Apologies

Attendance

Cr David Wright	Mayor
Cr Phil Meehan	Councillor
Cr Stephen McCarthy	Councillor
Margaret Hains	Ballina Day View Club
Mary O'Brien	Lighthouse Day Club
Chris Mulder	Ballina Peninsular Residents Association
Michael Young	Ballina Chamber of Commerce & Ballina Retail Action Group
Yvonne Scarrabelotti	Ballina CWA
Ross Pickering	Ballina & District Citizens & Ratepayers Association
Marilyn McIntosh	Ballina Environment Society Ballina Evening View Club
Andrew Dougherty	Ballina Lighthouse & Lismore Surf Lifesaving Club
Andrew Playford	Ballina Coast High School & East Ballina Lions Club.
George Young	Ballina Lions Club
Stephen Wills	Ballina Bears Cricket Club

Council Staff in Attendance

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

Apologies

Cr Nathan Willis	Councillor
David Felsch	Ballina Peninsular Residents Association
Neil Denison	Ballina Environment Society

Observer

Rod Faye	West Ballina Quays Advisory Group
Paul Parry	West Ballina Quays Advisory Group

2. Resignations/Changes to Memberships

Nil

3. Declarations of Interest

Later in the meeting Michael Young declared an interest in an item discussing the Shelly Beach café. The nature of the interest is the lessee is a client of Michael's. Michael was absent from the meeting for this discussion.

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4. Deputations

Members of the West Ballina Quays Advisory Group, Rod Faye and Paul Parry made a deputation to the Committee and noted their interest in the Council's canal dredging program and Council's Healthy Waterways project.

5. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 14 November, 2017 were accepted as a true and correct record. (Stephen McCarthy/Margaret Hains)

6. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Cr Meehan updated the Committee on the following matters:

- Ferry Concession Tickets - Council has resolved to discount pensioner and concession card holders season tickets by 50% in the next financial year.
- Federal Funding - \$1.1million had been made available to Council for road renewal projects. Council has allocated \$450,000 to River Drive in South Ballina.
- Floodgates at South Ballina – advised that a councillor workshop had been held showing them new technology for floodgates. These new floodgates will be trialled at Burns Point Ferry Road

John Truman to provide the committee with an update on the progress to install the new floodgates.

- Swimming Pools – the electrical substations had been installed. An opening date is yet to be announced, however the pools will be open for a 10 month season.

Porter Park - Toilets

The information in the staff report was noted. George Young asked why these facilities had never been upgraded.

Cr Wright responded that only one facility per year is upgraded.

Ross Pickering advised that since the playground was installed lots of children used the park. Cr Wright suggested that members make a submission to the draft delivery plan that was currently on public exhibition.

Porter Park –Alcohol Free Signs – Update on Post Meeting Note

The information in the staff report was noted.

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Footpath - 143 Fox Street

The information in the staff report was noted.

Clement Park/McDonald Park Signage

The information in the staff report was noted. It was recommended that the McDonald Park signage not be reinstalled.

7. General Business

NA

8. Council Documents on Exhibition

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

9. Business Without Notice

i) Launch of Ignite Studio

Cr Wright reported on the success of the opening of the Ignite Studio in the old firehouse and advised that an after school program for children was commencing soon.

ii) Pedestrian Crossing at West Ballina

George Young asked when a crossing would be installed.

Cr Wright advised that the response had not changed from previous advice provided by John Truman. The crossing does not meet the warrants required and alternative solutions are proposed in the PAMP.

iii) Congratulations

Andrew Playford congratulated Council on the new road and parking area within the East Ballina cemetery, the foreshore area around the marine tower, and the opening of the new art studio.

iv) East Ballina Lions Club

Andrew Playford thanked Council for the portaloos provided after the loss of their shed from fire.

v) Ballina High School Historical Society

Andrew Playford advised that the Ballina High School had established a historical society for the school and they were seeking donations.

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It was suggested that the Society apply for a donation under Council's donation policy, however it is noted as the Society is part of the education system with potential access to Government funds, the application may not be viewed as a high priority.

vi) Tuckean Swamp

In response to a question, John Truman reported an environmental project for the Tuckean was being coordinated by Oz Fish. Council has recently undertaken a research project in collaboration with SCU which examined blackwater land management issues.

vii) Garbage Collections

Margaret Hain asked if the current decision by China would affect Ballina's garbage collections.

John Truman advised that at this stage the costs relating to the changes would be absorbed without fee impacts for Ballina residents. Ballina's recyclables are sent to Lismore and it is likely the materials that can be economically recycled will change. John advised that we have received a grant for a Waste Education Officer and this will assist us to communicate about regulation changes and waste management issues. One of the issues for Council to manage is to reduce the contamination levels of our recycling as contamination results in extra costs and landfilling.

viii) Update from Ballina Bears

Stephen Wills advised that he is in daily contact with the Hon Ben Franklin with regard to a grant for the fence.

Stephen also advised that the flooding in West Ballina was the worst he had seen in years.

Stephen advised that they have not been able to achieve a new lease for Fripp Oval because of issues with the Crown Lands Act not being upgraded prior to their lease expiring. The current lease has been rolled over until next year.

The workers compensation claim relating to the plastic chairs had been finalised and he reiterated previous advice to other members to check on any chairs that they used.

ix) Ballina Lighthouse & Lismore Surf Lifesaving Club

Andrew Doherty advised that the lifesaving season will finish on 29 April 2018. Mr Doherty also congratulated Council on the works done at Lighthouse Beach and Shaws Bay.

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Andrew also advised that the storage facility at the surf club is a project that will be completed prior to the next season and that the trial of drones has been very successful. Discussion on the issues surrounding disability access and the future availability of beach wheelchairs, and also the works that could be done on the ocean side were ongoing.

John Truman discussed the presentation held by the DPI regarding the conclusion of the Shark Net Trial and the opening of a community survey. John encouraged community groups to ask their members to register their views on the trial of the shark nets. Refer the attached article for further information.

x) Chamber of Commerce

Michael Young advised the Chamber AGM was being held on 15 May 2018 and that they were busy organising the Business Awards.

xi) Overgrown Vegetation – Martin Street

Mary O'Brien asked if the vegetation on the corner of Burnett and Martin Streets could be trimmed back.

It was advised that a customer request had been sent to staff to inspect this intersection.

Post Meeting Note

The trees were trimmed on 8 May.

xii) Ballina Peninsular Residents Association

Chris Mulder invited the A Ward Councillors to the community meeting being held on Tuesday 8 May 2018.

xiii) Sunken Culvert in South Ballina

Cr Meehan reported the Council was funding the repairs to this culvert.

xiv) Start/Stop Lights near 848 River Drive

Chris Mulder advised that the association was not happy with the outcome relating to the lights and wanted to make a deputation to the Local Traffic Committee (LTC) so that the Police understood the issues.

John Truman advised that the LTC was not the body responsible for this decision and that the lights would stay in that location until the works were done. John offered to send correspondence to the Police asking them to undertake an enforcement program at this location.

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John also advised that the rehabilitation work required was scheduled in the next financial year's program and that other projects had been delayed to provide the funds.

xv) Pole Houses

Chris Mulder asked for an update on the report to Council.

John Truman advised that the report would go to the May or June 2018 meeting.

xvi) Peninsular Association Survey on Ferry Fees

Chris Mulder advised that the Association had organised an online survey regarding ferry fees and suggested to Committee members that they might like to provide a response at ballinapeninsula.org.au.

xvii) Half Court at Porter Park

Ross Pickering asked why Council had hidden a small advertisement about a half court on page seven of the Community Connect.

John Truman advised that the half court was part of the adopted Porter Park Masterplan and he would provide a copy of the plan in the minutes (see attached).

xviii) Farmers Markets Issue

Ross Pickering asked why there was not a Farmers Market Committee.

John Truman advised that there was a Farmers Market Policy and that we had a market manager who implemented the policy.

In respect of Ross's concerns about access to the market for a specific business, John Truman advised information about this matter is documented in the staff report to the Reserve Trust meeting held 26 April 2018. A copy of this agenda is available on Council's website.

xix) Captain Cook Park

Yvonne Scarrabelotti congratulated Council on the beautification works undertaken in Captain Cook Park and asked if Alcohol Free signs would be installed.

John Truman to provide a response.

xx) Shelly Beach Cafe

George Young asked for an update on the Shelly Beach Café.

Michael Young declared an interest in this item and left the meeting.

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Cr Wright advised that the lessee was paying the required rent on the property and continued to do so. Therefore the Council is not able to terminate the lease and continues to work with the tenant to encourage the re-establishment of a business on the site.

xxi) Kerbside Pickup

Ross Pickering asked Cr Meehan if he was still actively pursuing kerbside pickups for the Shire.

Cr Meehan advised his Notice of Motion to introduce a service was unsuccessful. Cr Meehan also advised in response to the recent China National Award announcements he will need to reconsider his position in respect of waste management services provided by Council.

10. Next Meeting

The next meeting is to be held at 4.00pm on Tuesday 10 July 2018.

11. Meeting Close

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 5.50pm.

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Name	Business	Signature
Cr Nathan Willis	Ballina Shire Council	Apology
Cr Phil Meehan	Ballina Shire Council	<i>PMeehan</i>
Cr Stephen McCarthy	Ballina Shire Council	<i>SMcCarthy</i>
Cr David Wright	Ballina Shire Council	<i>DWright</i>
Yvonne Scarrabelotti	Ballina CWA	<i>Y Scarrabelotti</i>
Jacqueline Mountford	Ballina CWA	<i>J Mountford</i>
Ms Elaine Ballard	Ballina CWA	<i>E Ballard</i>
Mr George Young	Ballina Lions Club	<i>G Young</i>
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	<i>N Besseling</i>
Ms Margaret Hains	Ballina Day View Club	<i>M Hains</i>
Ms Marilyn McIntosh	Ballina Evening View Club	<i>M McIntosh</i>
Ms Mary O'Brien	Lighthouse Day Club	<i>M O'Brien</i>
Mr David Felsch	South Ballina Community Association	<i>DFelsch</i>
Chris Dr Ann Mulder	South Ballina Community Association	<i>Ann Mulder</i>
Mr Stephen Wills	Ballina Bears Cricket Club	<i>S Wills</i>
Mr Ross Pickering	Ballina & District Citizens & Ratepayers Association	<i>R Pickering</i>
Andrew Dougherty	Ballina Lighthouse & Lismore Surf Lifesaving Club	<i>A Dougherty</i>
Andrew Playford	Ballina Cast High School & East Ballina Lions Club	<i>A Playford</i>
<i>Neil Denison</i>	Ballina Environment Society	<i>ADenison</i>
Ms Aurora McTigue	St Andrews Nursing Home	<i>A McTigue</i>
Mr John Truman	Group Manager Civil Services	
Ms Joanne Cordery	Civil Services Group	<i>J Cordery</i>
<i>Red Foyle</i>	<i>West Ballina Guays Advisory group</i>	
<i>Paul Parry</i>		

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