

**Minutes of the 'A' Ward Committee Meeting  
Held 11 July 2017  
In the Committee Rooms, 40 Cherry Street, Ballina**

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**Time Commenced**

The meeting commenced at 4.05pm.

**1. Attendance and Apologies**

*Attendance*

Cr Phil Meehan	Councillor
Cr Stephen McCarthy	Councillor
Cr David Wright	Mayor
Mary O'Brien	Lighthouse Day Club
David Felsch	Ballina Peninsula Residents Association
Stephen Wills	Ballina Bears Cricket Club
Fiona Folan	Ballina Environment Society
Marilyn McIntosh	Ballina Evening View Club
Elaine Ballard	Ballina CWA

*Council Staff in Attendance*

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

*Apologies*

Cr Nathan Willis	Councillor
Margaret Hain	Ballina Day View Club
George Young	Ballina Lions Club
Lyn Davidson	Ballina CWA
Ross Pickering	Ballina & District Citizens & Ratepayers Association
Narelle Besseling	Ballina Chamber of Commerce & Ballina Retail Action Group

**2. Acknowledgement of Country**

In opening the meeting the chair provided an Acknowledgement of Country, respectfully acknowledging past and present Bundjalung peoples who are the traditional custodians of the land.

**3. Resignations/Changes to Memberships**

Nil

**4. Declarations of Interest**

Nil

**5. Deputations**

Nil

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**6. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 9 May, 2017, were accepted as a true and correct record.

*Cr Stephen McCarthy/Mary O'Brien*

**7. General Business**

Nil

**8. Business Arising from Previous Minutes**

*Ferry – Suggestion of a Torque Converter*

The information in the staff report was noted.

*848 River Drive – Road Pavement*

The information in the staff report was noted.

David Felsch asked if the speed limit could be lowered to 25kmph.

John Truman advised he would forward the request to staff.

*Bicycle Waiting Area – South Side of Ferry*

The information in the staff report was noted.

David Felsch mentioned that there was an issue with the pavement slumping near the solar panels for the boomgate.

John Truman advised that staff would investigate.

*Lions Park Path*

The information in the staff report was noted.

*Parking in River Street - CWA*

The information in the staff report was noted.

Elaine Bollard advised that the parking had improved in this area.

**9. Council Documents on Exhibition**

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

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**10. Business Without Notice**

*i) Ferry Concession Tickets*

Cr Meehan advised the Committee that the Ferry concession ticket trial would continue till 30 June 2018 and a report would be presented to Council on the findings. He also advised that the amount had changed to 30% instead of 50%.

David Felsch advised that the decision regarding the concession tickets was well received by the South Ballina community and he would like to see further consultation on season ticket prices undertaken in future years as it is his opinion that the purchase of season tickets will decline.

*ii) Winter Olympic Training Centre*

Cr Meehan reported the decision by the State Government to cancel the project proposed for Lake Ainsworth.

*iii) Fripp Oval Incident*

Stephen Wills acknowledged the prompt, cordial, professional response from Council staff relating to an incident that occurred at Fripp Oval, and also thanked staff for their assistance in the risk assessment.

*iv) Fripp Oval Fence Funding*

Cr Meehan asked Stephen Wills about the grant for the fencing at Fripp Oval.

John Truman advised that Council had made the grant application to the Public Reserves Management Fund on behalf of the Club and the outcome had not yet been advised to Council.

*v) Issues in Fox Street*

Marilyn McIntosh thanked Council for the repairs to the ramp and road in Fox Street near the aged facility.

*vi) Day Club News*

Mary O'Brien advised the Committee that the NSW Day Clubs were celebrating 40 years of service with a celebration in Sydney in September. Mary also advised that the Ballina branch was the first club in NSW and is celebrating their 80<sup>th</sup> year.

*vii) Coastal Pathway Drainage*

Fiona Folan advised of an issue with drainage on the coastal pathway.

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John Truman advised that a response to this matter was provided in the B Ward agenda and would be attached to these minutes. See below.

*The path in the vicinity of Sharpes Beach car park and underpass does intersect a couple of natural drainage paths and the design has not included infrastructure to convey these flows under the path.*

*In response we propose to establish two small drainage crossings through/under the existing AC path to mitigate overland flow post a rainfall event and install some minor earthworks to extend the swale from the underpass at the end of the concrete V drain for one of the constructed crossings.*

*We expect to complete these works in July.*

viii) *Ballina Slipway*

David Felsch questioned why Ballina Slipway was not asked to tender for the works on the Ferry.

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.

*Post Meeting Note*

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.

ix) *Request to Mow Area in River Drive, Keith Hall*

David Felsch asked if he could mow/maintain an area opposite his property as it had become overgrown following the implementation of a grant program by Ozfish.

David was asked to provide a photo of the area and the request to mow or maintain the area was declined until staff had inspected the site.

*Post Meeting Note*

Staff have reviewed photos from David and an email advice has been sent in response confirming our approval to mow the area is **not** granted due to the grant funded planting.

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x) Ferry Price Rise

David Felsch asked why the casual ferry price was higher than a CPI increase.

John Truman advised that Council reviewed the advertised rate and preferred to round the amount to the nearest 50c.

David Felsch then asked if Council would hold that price for a number of years.

John Truman advised that this was a possible option and would be determined by the Council at its next annual review of fees and charges.

xi) Dual Occupancy for Rural Areas

David Felsch asked whether this matter had been resolved.

Cr Meehan advised that the matter was discussed at the June meeting and that public exhibition of the document would take place.

At a later point in the meeting Cr Meehan read the resolution of Council to the Committee. This resolution is reproduced below.

- "1. That based on the feedback from the Councillor briefing held 16 May 2017, Council endorses the preparation of a planning proposal which proposes to permit dual occupancy development (attached and detached) with development consent within the RU1 Primary Production and RU2 Rural Landscape zones under the provisions of Ballina LEP 2012.*
- 2. That the planning proposal, once prepared, be forwarded to the Department of Planning and Environment for Gateway determination.*
- 3. That subject to a Gateway determination allowing the proposal to proceed to community consultation being issued, the planning proposal be placed on public exhibition for a minimum period of 28 days in accordance with the consultation strategy detailed in this report and the requirements of the gateway determination.*
- 4. That Council prepares associated draft amendments to Ballina Shire Development Control Plan 2012 – Chapter 7 Rural Living and Activity to align the DCP with the planning proposal.*
- 5. That the draft DCP amendments be placed on public exhibition with the planning proposal for a minimum period of 28 days.*
- 6. That Council give further consideration to the planning proposal and associated draft DCP amendments following the conclusion of the public exhibition period.*

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7. *That Council give further consideration to an appropriate compliance approach following the conclusion of the public exhibition process. “*

For further advice on this matter, David is invited to contact Council's Strategic and Community Facilities Group (Steve Barnier /Matthew Wood.

xii) *Shire Halls Report*

David Felsch asked when the report on the outcome of the halls investigation would be presented to Council.

Cr Meehan advised that a Councillor briefing on the matter was being held next week and that a report to the elected council would subsequently follow.

xiii) *Boat Ramp Update*

David Felsch asked when the report regarding the boat ramp would be reported to Council.

John Truman advised that the tender assessment had commenced and it was likely this matter would be reported to Council in July or August.

xiv) *Alternate Location for Ferry*

David Felsch asked if it was possible to move the boarding and disembarking location of the ferry further down the river.

John Truman advised that there was no intention in any future plans to move the ferry and that the cost to investigate would be significant. As staff had previously examined this issue, no further work will be completed without a resolution to include the investigation as a task in Council's Delivery Plan.

xv) *Floodgates – Burns Point Ferry Road*

David Felsch asked for an update on the floodgates.

John Truman advised that he would provide a response.

*Post Meeting Note*

Council have previously repaired the flap style flood gates that are installed to the pipes that drain Burns Point Ferry Road. This work has provided some improvement in the amount of backflow but they have not eliminated the issue. As such we are working towards trialling an alternative flood gate style for all the gates around this road, we expect that this trial will be completed this financial year.

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xvi) Fripp Oval Update

Stephen Wills gave the Committee an update on the renovations to the clubhouse and advised that they should be completed in two to three weeks. Stephen also thanked Council and the State Government for their assistance with the grant.

xvii) Garbage Collection for Christmas Carnival at Fripp Oval

Stephen Wills asked if Council required a written request for additional garbage collections for the carnival being held in the first week of January 2018.

John Truman advised he would respond to this request.

xviii) Plastic Seating

Stephen Wills advised the Committee of risk and liability issues with plastic chairs breaking. He advised that the weight limit labels should be checked before purchasing the chairs and using them in community facilities.

xix) Ballina Highway Service Centres

Stephen Wills asked for an update regarding the proposed highway service centres for West Ballina.

Cr Wright advised that information he had previously received is that the RMS is still committed to its project.

xx) LEP Environmental Zone Update

Cr Wright advised that Ballina Council had resolved to maintain the 1988 LEP provisions in respect of environmental protection.

xxi) Comments from Cr Wright

Cr Wright reported on the success of the community events that he has recently attended including the View Club Day at the Races, the Food and Wine Festival and the Scullcandy Surfing competition at Lennox Head.

**11. Next Meeting**

The next meeting is to be held at 4.00pm on Tuesday 12 September 2017.

**12. Meeting Close**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 5.05pm.

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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	<i>D Wright</i>
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	_____
Ms Narelle Besseling	Ballina Chamber of Commerce & Ballina Retail Action Group	<i>Apology</i>
Martin Corkery	Ballina Chamber of Commerce & Ballina Retail Action Group	_____
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 Pip Carter	St Andrews Ballina	_____
Mr David Felsch	South Ballina Community Association	<i>D Felsch</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>
Mr John Truman	Group Manager Civil Services	<i>J Truman</i>
Ms Joanne Cordery	Civil Services Group	<i>Joanne Cordery</i>