

1. **Attendance and Apologies**

2. **Declarations of Interest**

3. **Confirmation of Minutes**

A copy of the Minutes of the "B" Ward Committee held 18 September 2017 were distributed.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the "B" Ward Committee held 18 September 2017 be taken as read and confirmed.

4. **Deputations**

5. **Outstanding Business**

a) Sharpes Beach Pandanus

Council staff have inspected the Pandanus and confirmed the roots are partially exposed and have been left in that manner. Adding additional soil or sand would be a temporary solution for the roots as the steep batter above the track would allow rapid erosion and loss of the placed sediment.

These Pandanus have more exposed root systems on the ocean side (east) from coastal erosion of the dune rather than from the 4WD track on the south side. This is consistent along the coast whereby Pandanus and other vegetation in the forefront dune becomes eroded and eventually collapses into the ocean. This erosive process is a natural occurrence and these trees are considered to be dune vegetation exposed to the coastal erosion forces rather than as landscaped gardens requiring top fill. It is expected we will lose these Pandanus from coastal erosion in the near future. It should be noted picnicking around them has also aided the erosion. Sometimes these very fallen trees help reform the intermittent dune through providing accretion structures.

Additionally the roots were left alone rather than pruning them (for removal) adjacent to the 4WD track as they are well away from the dripline of the tree and to reduce pathogen infection entering the vascular root system.

b) Landscaping – Marine Rescue Tower

Council has been advised that the effected plants at the Marine Rescue Tower have been replaced. There have been issues with obtaining suitable plant stock. The lack of water has been a major cause of the problems.

The landscaper has advised that they will increase the number of scheduled visits to site.

6. **Business with Notice from Members**

7. **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 Policy - Concealed Water Leaks, closing date 15 November 2017**
- **Ballina Local Environmental Plan 2012 - Planning Proposal BSCPP 17/006 – 17 Bath Street, Wardell, closing date 17 November 2017**

Council has prepared a planning proposal to amend the Ballina Local Environmental Plan 2012. It is proposed to rezone the subject site from rural (RU2) to residential (R2), apply a 600m² minimum lot area requirement, and to remove the Strategic Urban Growth Area and associated buffer affections. 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).

- **Draft 2018/19 to 2026/27 Ballina Shire Council Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan (PAMP), closing date 24 November 2017**

The Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan (PAMP) is a framework developed by the Roads and Maritime Services of NSW (RMS) to assist councils in providing a comprehensive and integrated framework for developing coordinated, convenient and safe pedestrian networks within towns and villages.

The draft Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan sets out priorities for extending and improving the pedestrian network within the Shire over the next 10 years.

The Draft Plan has been developed from community consultation and identifies future pedestrian needs.

- **Draft Asset Management Plan - Foreshore Assets, closing date 29 November 2017**

A resolution was passed at the Ordinary Council meeting of 29 July 2016 that Council receive a report that provides a draft strategic asset management program for viewing platforms, walkways and beach access points within the coastal reserve.

In response to this motion, a draft Foreshore Asset Management Plan has been prepared. This asset management plan is small compared to others (in terms of total value of the assets) however these assets are unique in terms of the service provided and these assets are considered important as beach access is highly valued and utilised by many residents and is a primary support to our attraction as a tourist location.

The resolution was proposed in response to complaints about the maintenance of some of our viewing platforms. Many of these platforms have been acquired over time from miscellaneous grants and the industry of dune care groups.

- **Draft Economic Development Strategy, closing date 19 January 2018**

The Council, at its Ordinary Meeting held on 24 September 2015, resolved as follows:

That Council prepare an economic development strategy for Ballina Shire, including a review of Council's existing economic development activities and identification of opportunities to enhance economic outcomes for the Ballina Shire community.

A Draft Economic Development Strategy for Ballina Shire has been prepared on the basis of analysis of global trends, regional influences and local circumstances as well as stakeholder input.

The draft strategy has the following key elements:

- Background and planning context
- Key economic data
- SWOT analysis - strengths, weaknesses, opportunities & threats
- Economic Development Strategies
- Implementation and Resources

The draft strategy is underpinned by a philosophy of Council being an 'enabler' of economic activity that is driven by entrepreneurs and business people.

8. Business Without Notice

This item provides an opportunity for updates and / or questions to be tabled by the members.

9. Next Meeting

Monday 19 March 2018 at 4.30 pm