

1. Attendance and Apologies

Members

Cr David Wright (Mayor)
Cr Sharon Cadwallader (Chair)
Cr Keith Williams

Monica Wilcox, Lennox Head Residents Association
Brad Pollard, Lennox Head Chamber of Commerce
Shaun Eastment, Lennox Head Landcare
Alan Veacock, Cumbalum Residents Association Inc.
Lyn Walker, Ballina Environment Society
Lou Wilson, Lennox Head Surf Life Saving Club
Cathy Byrne, Coast Care
Lorraine Leuckel, Ballina Marine Rescue

Guests

Gerry Burnage, NSW SES Ballina

Council Staff

Kelly Brown, Director Corporate and Community Division
John Truman, Director Civil Services Division
Caroline Klose, Manager Communications (arrived 4.50 pm)

Apologies

John Beasley, Lennox Head Surf Life Saving Club
Jim Gilchrist
Cr Jeff Johnson

2. Declarations of Interest

Nil

3. Confirmation of Minutes

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the "B" Ward Committee held 20 May 2019 be taken as read and confirmed. (Ms Eastment, Mr Lou Wilson)

4. Deputations

Nil

5. Presentation by Ballina SES on SES Awareness

Local SES Controller, Gerry Burnage made a presentation to the Committee to assist in the understanding of the role of the SES and provide advice regarding the planning for a response to a Tsunami. Members are invited to contact Mr Burnage if they would like to receive the presentation at their organisation.

6. Presentation by Member of Council's Senior Leadership Team

Council's Director, Corporate and Community, Kelly Brown, provided a presentation regarding Council's People and Culture section and its current activities.

7. Outstanding Business

(a) Speed Limits around Lake Ainsworth

John Truman provided an update. It was noted that Council does not have the statutory authority to implement speed zones, only the RMS has this authority. RMS are currently considering Council's proposed shared zone for the southern road and the outcome of this review is expected shortly. The 50km zone signage for Camp Drewe Road has been installed.

8. Business with Notice from Members

Ballina Environment Society - Continued Pedestrian Access from Gibbon/Ross St to the Lake Ainsworth Recreation Reserve (Lyn Walker)

Lyn Walker discussed her paper (circulated with agenda) outlining desired changes to improve pedestrian access.

John Truman explained the history in respect of Council's previous considerations regarding pedestrian access through the caravan park, including the management of the unformed Council road reserve. John advised there is a current resolution of the Council, albeit this is now several years old, which authorises the General Manager to negotiate the possible transfer of this land to the State Government (with appropriate compensation or community benefit to be provided in return). A notice of motion is required for Council to debate a new position in response to the discussion paper.

9. Council Documents on Exhibition

The list of Council documents which have recently been exhibited for community feedback was noted.

Clarification was sought on the DCP Draft Amendment No 12 – General Amendments regarding the removal of requirement for screening of stacked parking permitted forward of the building line. John Truman explained how stacked parking works and the reasoning behind this amendment.

It was confirmed the Council recently resolved to rescind an earlier decision to not renew the mobile vending licences for Sharpes Beach. It is now proposed to investigate an option to locate the licensed area to the south of the current location which will no longer be available due to the construction of the new roundabout. The approval will also need to consider some regulatory compliance issues, including the provision of toilet facilities.

John Truman also provided an overview of the masterplan for Sharpes Beach including car parking and other facilities at this location. It was noted that Council proposes to enter into a voluntary planning agreement with the developers to enable Council to be able to fund the amenities proposed in the masterplan.

The changes to the arrangements for car parking developer contributions for Lennox Head was discussed. The Council has recently amended the plan, and the effect of this amendment is that contributions are no longer able to be accepted and developments will be required to meet their car parking needs on site. If new infrastructure is proposed in the future, and this will be determined through the update of the Lennox Head Strategic Plan, a new car parking contributions plan can be prepared.

Compliance with Council's 4 Wheel Drive beach access policy was discussed and it was noted Council is using cameras as part of its enforcement and compliance program to reduce the risk of environmental harm on Shire beaches where this activity is currently approved.

10. Business Without Notice

(a) Dog Poo Bins

Cathy Byrne from Coast Care questioned if there is a policy position on dog poo bin removal or retention for Angels Beach. John Truman explained that it is not a policy position however bins can be removed if they are not working or too difficult to service.

Mayor Wright discussed the proposed refurbishment of toilets at Lennox Head Surf Club and the need for an easily accessible and visible bag dispenser for dog owners to utilise to collect their dog poo at this location.

(b) Council Meetings – Sound System

Lyn Walker advised she attended the Council meeting in June 2019 and found the new sound system very effective and made it a lot easier to hear discussion.

(c) Tree Trimming on Lighthouse Beach

Lorraine Leuckel asked if there has been any progress on the Coast Guard's request for trimming trees on Lighthouse Beach. John Truman explained the request has been denied as development consent was not possible for this activity in the coastal zone and the agency will need to consider other options.

(d) Lennox Surf Club

Cr Cadwallader congratulated Lou Wilson for the Surf Club's annual presentation event and recognised the great work that was achieved by the Club this season.

It was noted that the turf has been placed down at the Lennox Head Surf Club, however a more permanent solution was not possible at this point in time due to recent changes to the Crown Lands Act in respect of the management of Native Title matters.

(e) Commercial Developments for Ballina Heights

Alan Veacock discussed the need for the commercial development proposed for Ballina Heights to proceed. Cr Williams advised that the developers have responded to the notice of motion and communicated the importance for the developers to talk to the Council planners on progressing commercial shops / development.

(f) Access to Aldi

Alan Veacock noted the Association's concerns in respect of the access to the Aldi development and that Council had not supported a funding request to implement a left in/left out arrangement. John Truman explained that the works were included in the Council's Roads Developer Contribution Plan for the ten year period commencing 2019, however the works were not included in the current long term financial plan.

(g) Solar Lights at Deadmans Creek Road

Alan Veacock requested an update regarding the provision of solar lights at Deadmans Creek Road. The Committee was advised staff are progressing the procurement of the lights and once received will undertake the required risk assessment.

(h) South Facing Ramps at Cumbalum onto Pacific Motorway

Alan Veacock discussed the need for south facing access ramps for Ballina Heights from the motorway. Alan requested a community taskforce be created to assist the Council with its lobby efforts, noting the actions undertaken at the recent Federal and State elections did not secure a commitment to this project.

11. Next Meeting

Monday 16 September 2019 at 4.30 pm.

12. Meeting Closure

6.27 pm