

1. Attendance and Apologies

Members

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

Monica Wilcox, Lennox Head Residents Association
Lyn Walker, Ballina Environment Society
Lou Wilson, Lennox Head Alstonville Surf Life Saving Club
Brad Pollard, Lennox Head Chamber of Commerce
Shaun Eastment, Lennox Head Landcare
Cathy Byrne, East Ballina Landcare
Alan Veacock, Cumbalum Residents Association Inc.
Jim Gilchrist, Lake Ainsworth Association

Council Staff

Kelly Brown, Director Corporate and Community Division
John Truman, Director Civil Services Division
Sarah Carden, Secretary

Apologies

Lorraine Leuckel, Ballina Marine Rescue
Daryl Vidler, Lennox Head Combined Services Association

Observer

Lianne Duffy, Ballina Environment Society

RECOMMENDATION

That the Apologies be accepted. (Shaun Eastment/Cathy Byrne)

2. Declarations of Interest

Nil

3. Confirmation of Minutes

A copy of the Minutes of the "B" Ward Committee held on 16 September 2019 were distributed.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the "B" Ward Committee held on 16 September 2019 be taken as read and confirmed. (Alan Veacock/Monica Wilcox).

4. Deputations

Nil

5. Staff Presentation - Ballina Arterial Roads Strategy

John Truman provided an update on Council's long term strategic plans and medium term construction program for upgrading arterial roads accessing Ballina Island and the CBD area.

In the long term, Council's Roads Contribution plan identifies a strategic road works program of \$164M to cater for increased traffic caused by new urban development up to the year 2036.

In June 2019 Council adopted a four year budget to deliver \$41M of arterial road works to improve access to the Ballina CBD.

6. Outstanding Business

(a) Purpose of traffic counters on western road at Lake Ainsworth

The information was noted.

(b) Community Facilities at Ballina Heights Estate

The Committee noted that the Manager Open Spaces has contacted leaseholders and their responses will be reported back when received.

(c) Williams Reserve – Irrigation and Lighting

The information was noted.

(d) Williams Reserve Lighting – Meeting with Contractor and Sports Association

The information was noted.

(e) Epiq Sportsfields – Possible Temporary Toilet Facilities

The information was noted.

(f) Cyclepath Connection from the Meadows Estate

The information was noted.

7. Business with Notice from Members

(a) Cumbalum Residents Association

Motion 1: At our most recent meeting of the CRA it was resolved that BSC look into shading the existing children's playgrounds in the Ballina Heights Estate and areas around Cumbalum.

Motion 2: At our most recent meeting of the CRA, it was resolved that BSC investigate installing exercise equipment at the Cumbalum sporting fields.

Alan Veacock advised he had received a response from Council that will be tabled at next CRA meeting, updating the procedure for fitting shades to playgrounds. He noted that exercise equipment has now been removed from fire trail off Scotia Avenue, Cumbalum.

8. Review of Ward Committee Membership

The information was noted.

9. Council Documents on Exhibition

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

10. Business Without Notice

a) Significant Tree Register

Monica Wilcox asked for an update on the Significant Tree Register.

John Truman advised that information regarding the Significant Tree Register is available on Council's website (search Trees). Should any persons have difficulty in accessing the register they can contact James Brideson, Council's Natural Resources Officer.

b) Shared Coastal Path

Monica Wilcox asked for an update on the Shared Coastal path works.

John Truman advised the contractor's excavation work identified items of aboriginal heritage significance which caused a stop work order. A permit is required for certain sections of the path and this has been applied for. Work has resumed on areas that did not require a permit.

c) Beach Stairs

Monica Wilcox advised sand keeps building up at the site, so beach stairs will remain at Council depot for a little longer.

d) Monica Wilcox – When is Lennox Head Strategic Plan Consultation

Monica Wilcox asked when the community consultation would begin for Lennox Head Strategic Plan.

Information on when consultation will commence to be emailed out with the minutes of the meeting.

e) Ballina Christmas Carols night

Monica Wilcox asked if any member was involved with the Christmas Carols night as River Street Christmas banners have been converted into Christmas items by Boomerang Bags and she is looking for a contact person to promote the repurposed items.

Kelly Brown will arrange for Caroline Klose to contact Monica Wilcox. Santa sack provided as an example.

f) Recycling

Lyn Walker introduced Lianne Duffy from Ballina Environment Society. Lianne is researching all things that can be recycled in Australia and has installed an information display in the Lennox Community Centre.

g) Lake Ainsworth Bins

Monica Wilcox advised photos have been donated to Samala Heart for use on the exterior of public bins at Lake Ainsworth.

h) Lake Ainsworth Bollards

David Wright advised the new bollards installed at Lake Ainsworth are all made from recycled plastic.

i) Lake Ainsworth

Lyn Walker noted the new upgrades on the eastern side of Lake Ainsworth are looking great.

j) Parking Lennox Head

Lou Wilson advised the lack of parking near Lake Ainsworth is a matter of debate for Surf Club patrons.

Cr Wright responded that he attends the site almost daily and has observed plenty of parking available albeit further away from the Surf Club.

k) Markets at Lake Ainsworth

Lou Wilson enquired if there are plans to move the markets back to Lake Ainsworth. In his opinion, generally most people want to see the markets back at Lake Ainsworth.

General discussion surrounding the benefits of a night market, main street market and other benefits of the markets to businesses took place.

Cr Wright responded that Council resolved at the last Council meeting to reconsider this in 6 months after the upgrades have settled.

l) Signage

Jim Gilchrist asked for a review on signage in Ballina Shire. For example, Lennox Head podiatry shop has 3 signs in varying sizes on the façade of the building and Reside building in Ballina has 4 large signs for one business on the façade of the building. He would like Council to review the size and number of signs and to consider cutting back on signs.

Cr Cadwallader advised the community has an opportunity to comment on all policy reviews.

John Truman advised signage is covered under the Development Control Plan and compliant signs are not required to be approved by Council.

Kelly Brown will arrange for Council's Compliance section to review the signage on the Reside building at Kerr Street.

m) Love Lennox

Brad Pollard advised the next Love Lennox festival will be held 13 June 2020. The Chamber is aiming to encourage businesses to hold special events or Love Lennox offers around that weekend.

n) Lennox Head Chamber of Commerce Christmas Party

Brad Pollard advised the Lennox Head Chamber of Commerce Christmas party will be held 5 December 2019. Two trees will be illuminated on the dunes at Ross Park and intersection of Byron and Ballina Streets.

He also advised there is a Seasons Greetings art installation on the picnic shelter, with a competition to share pictures on social media and be in the draw to win a \$250 shopping voucher.

o) Lake Ainsworth Vegetation

Shaun Eastment shared photos of Lennox Head Landcare planting day and reported it was a great opportunity for community to volunteer and interact.

As the hot, dry summer will impact new plantings Shaun requested open spaces to assist with watering the new plants and wetting down the mulch.

Irrigation points have been established on Eastern side of Lake Ainsworth and a long-lasting grass has been planted. Shaun requested updates of grass and irrigation points to the southern side be considered.

The new carpark design at Lake Ainsworth has no water access and Shaun requested that consideration be given to water points being retrofitted.

John Truman advised staff have been discussing options, such as shutting down parts of carparking during off peak periods to rejuvenate turf cells and agreed the garden in the carparking area needs assistance. It was noted that Buffalo grass might be a better option on the southern side. John to review options with staff to determine what assistance may be available.

p) East Ballina Landcare Watering Assistance

Cathy Byrne advised volunteers are watering hundreds of trees by hand with buckets of water and are looking for water carting technology assistance.

John Truman advised electric wheelbarrows may be of assistance and will ask James Brideson to follow up.

q) Flat Rock Beach Carpark Bins

Cathy Byrne advised they are finding dumped items at Northern end of Flat Rock carpark and she requested more bins be installed.

Kelly Brown advised there are currently public bins in place at the Flat Rock carpark.

r) Green Space Ratio

Cathy Byrne asked if there is a shire wide ratio of green space to development space.

John Truman advised new development is required to have specific amounts of green space and developers contribute to district parks, however there is not a specific shire wide ratio and Council's Climate Action Strategy also addresses this issue.

s) Cumbalum Solar Lights Update

Alan Veacock asked for an update on the solar lights at Cumbalum.

Kelly Brown advised the lights have been delivered to the contractor to install and that it is expected that the lights will be installed in the near future.

It was also noted a road safety barrier had been installed at the location.

t) Commercial Development – Ballina Heights

Alan Veacock asked who owns the commercial site at Ballina Heights.

John Truman advised the owner of property will be reported back to this meeting and Council is also considering other suitable sites to promote commercial development at Ballina Heights.

u) Dust at Ballina Heights

Alan Veacock advised there is a permanent cloud of red dust from new development north of Ballina Heights Drive affecting all Ballina Heights residents.

John Truman advised there are limits to the amount of open land developers are able to excavate at one time and Council's Compliance Officers regularly check and monitor the site for compliance.

v) Open Drain alongside Tamarind Drive

Alan Veacock asked what will be done to improve the health of the open drain on Tamarind Drive at the entrance to Ballina near Ferngrove estate.

Cr Keith Williams advised the drain is flushed by tides which are not particularly high at the moment.

11. Next Meeting

Monday 16 March 2020

Meeting dates for 2020 are

Monday 16 March 2020

Monday 18 May 2020

Monday 20 July 2020

Monday 21 September 2020 (Local Government Election is 12 September 2020)

Monday 16 November 2020

12. Meeting closure

6.45 pm