

**1. Attendance and Apologies**

Cr David Wright (Chair)  
Cr Eoin Johnston  
Cr Sharon Parry

Les Wiles - Alstonville Lions Club  
Doug Lipscomb – Wollongbar Progress Association  
Marilyn Perkins - Wollongbar Progress Association  
Steve Miller – Rous Mill Ratepayers  
Tyrone McGillick – Alstonville Asphalt Watch  
Lois Wright - Plateau Seniors  
Jim Hahn – Probus Club of Alstonville  
Wayne Garrard – Alstonville Cricket Club  
Ron Birch - Wollongbar Progress Association  
Mary Birch – Wollongbar Progress Association  
Richard Lutze – Alstonville/Wollongbar Chamber of Commerce  
Pat Carney – Wardell Progress Association  
Jane Gardiner – Alstonville Plateau Historical Society  
Barry Jeffress – Tuckombil Landcare  
Richard Lutze – Alstonville/Wollongbar Chamber of Commerce

Others in Attendance

Marilyn Hahn - Visitor  
Paul Worth – Visitor

Staff in Attendance

Peter Drew – Senior Planner Development and Environmental Health.

Apologies

Cr Ben Smith  
Elva Fitzell – Rotary e-Club of NextGen  
Malcolm Johnson - Ballina Environment Society  
Narelle Walker – Alstonville Community Preschool

The apologies were accepted.

**3. Declarations of Interest**

Nil

**4. Deputations**

Nil

**5. Confirmation of Minutes 13 July 2017**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 13 July 2017 were confirmed as a true and correct record. (Les Wiles/Wayne Garrard)

**6. Business Arising from Minutes –13 July 2017**

**(a) In-kind support – Rural Fire Shed**

The information provided was noted.

**(b) Ballina Local Environmental Plans (LEP'S) 1987 and 2012**

The information provided was noted.

**(c) BBQ at Bulwinkle Park, Alstonville**

Les Wiles acknowledged the information provided in relation to the expected cost associated with the provision of suitable electricity supply to a BBQ at Bulwinkle Park. He indicated he was pleased with the upgrade and would instead focus on the provision of tables, seats etc.

**(d) Overgrown Footpath – The Avenue, Alstonville**

Cr Wright advised he had inspected the location and confirmed that this area had been mowed. He indicated that Council does not have the budget to maintain footpaths adjacent to residential properties.

**6. Special Rate Variation**

Cr Wright explained the background to Council's application for the special rate variation.

Peter Drew distributed Council's information fact sheet 'Asset Renewal and Healthy Waterways proposed special rate Variation - September 2017' to attendees for their information.

Cr Wright also advised that the majority of residents who participated in a recent phone survey were generally supportive of the intent behind the special rate variation (ie funds for renewal of assets and the Healthy Waterways Program).

**7. Council Documents on Exhibition**

The list of Council documents which have recently been exhibited for public comment was noted.

Cr Wright recommended that committee members watch Council's new promotional video (available on at [www.discoverballina.com.au](http://www.discoverballina.com.au)) which features Killen Falls.

Cr Wright acknowledged Pat Carney's submission in relation to Planning Proposal BSCPP 17/008 Rural Area Detached Dual Occupancy.

**8. Items raised by members of the Committee**

**a) Festival Funding**

Pat Carney advised that festival funding was originally intended to be made available for committee groups to use for 'start-up' purposes. However, other events have been receiving this funding on an ongoing basis.

Richard Lutze indicated that it is reasonable to use this funding for both event 'start-up' and to keep events going.

**b) Vandalism in Toilet**

Jane Gardiner indicated that some vandalism had occur to the toilet at Crawford House (specifically three fly screens had been damaged).

Cr Wright indicated that Council would be unlikely to claim insurance due to minor nature of damage. However, arrangements will be made for Council's maintenance staff to fix the damage fly screens.

Peter Drew advised that the matter will be referred to Council's Civil Services Group for investigation and action.

**c) Public Liability Insurance – Council Halls**

Marilyn Hahn raised concerns over the cost of public liability insurance for individual community halls. It was put to the chair that it may be beneficial to look at amalgamating policies for all halls to reduce costs.

**d) Leasing arrangements for Wollongbar Hall**

Mary Birch indicated that the lease period for the Wollongbar Hall had ended. Peter Drew advised that he would make enquiries with Council's Strategic & Community Facilities Group.

Peter Drew advised that the matter will be referred to Council's Strategic and Community Facilities Group for investigation and response.

**e) Policing resources in Alstonville**

The committee discussed the issue of Police resourcing for Alstonville and current levels of anti-social behaviour in the area.

**f) Paddy Bugden Centenary**

This year marks the centenary of the death of Alstonville's Paddy Bugden, and the awarding of the World War I Digger's posthumous Victoria Cross. The centenary commemorations of his death and the awarding of the VC will be held on 16 September. Barry Jeffress will confirm times of events for the day.

**g) Council's DAs Online - Tyrone McGillick**

Tyrone McGillick asked whether Council had ceased publishing the information on individual development applications on Council's DAs online. Peter Drew confirmed that Council has recently moved to a new DAs online program, however there has been no change to the nature of information which is made available to the public ie DA lodgement documents and development consent, for recent application should be available via the site. Tyrone was advised to contact Council's Development & Environmental Health Section if specific documents were unavailable.

Richard Lutze suggested that there may have been an issue with the program during the changeover period.

**h) Tuckombil Quarry & Asphalt Plant**

Cr Parry suggested that Council should request an independent assessment of the impacts of the Quarry activates, as any assessment undertaken by the operator would not be independent.

Cr Wright indicated that it is common practice for developers/operators to engage qualified experts to undertake such assessments and that in this case the quarry assessments would be reviewed by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Peter Drew advised the committee that Council has sent a number of letters to EPA in relation to this matter. The EPA has advised that:

- A prevention notice was issued under the PEOA which requires the operator to develop a Bitumen Odour Management Plan (BOMP) and Noise Impact Assessment (NIA).
- EPA does not undertake independent monitoring of the quarry and the monitoring program is a key component of the BOMP and NIA.
- EPA advised that since receiving Council's letter on 31 July 2017 the EPA has received several calls to the Environment Hotline regarding the premises. In the two month period prior, there were no records of calls to the hotline. No other detail was provided.

Tyrone McGillick suggested that the conditions of consent should be reviewed by Council. Peter Drew advised that Council does not have the legislative power to modify any condition of consent without an application being lodged. Any complaints relating to pollution (noise and air) should be directed to the EPA via the Environment Hotline.

9. **General Business**

Nil

10. **Next Meeting**

Thursday 9 November 2017 at 5.00 pm

**Meeting Closure**

5.59 pm