

1. **Attendance and Apologies**

Cr Eoin Johnston
Cr David Wright (Mayor)
Cr Sharon Parry
Cr Ben Smith (Chair)

Les Wiles- Alstonville Lions Club
Malcolm Johnson - Ballina Environment Society
Doug Lipscomb – 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
Mary Birch – Wollongbar Progress Association
Richard Lutze – Alstonville/Wollongbar Chamber of Commerce
Pat Carney – Wardell Progress Association

Others in Attendance

– Visitor Marilyn Hahn
– Visitor Barry Campey
– Visitor Paul Earner
– Visitor Terry Prendergast

Staff in Attendance

Kerri Watts – Acting Group Manager Development and Environmental Health.

Apologies

Jane Gardiner – Alstonville Plateau Historical Society
Elva Fitzell – Rotary e-Club of NextGen

The apologies were accepted.

2. **Welcome to new Members**

The Committee welcomed new members, Jim Hahn from the Alstonville Probus Club. Elva Fitzell was an apology, however she is now representing Rotary e-Club of NextGen.

3. **Declarations of Interest**

Nil

4. **Deputations**

Nil

5. Confirmation of Minutes 11 May 2017

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 11 May 2017 were confirmed as a true and correct record. (Cr Eoin Johnston/Les Wiles)

6. Business Arising from Minutes –11 May 2017

(a) Rous Mill Road Drainage

Cr Eoin Johnston advised that he had a meeting on site with Steve Miller, Council staff John Truman and Alex Dalrymple to discuss the matter. It was agreed that Council will address the washed out table drain on the western side of the causeway to carry water down the verge to the causeway to try and stop it running over the road. Some other matters relating to this area were also discussed at this meeting.

(b) Alstonville Swimming Pool Redevelopment

Cr Wright advised that at this time contractors are on track for completion hopefully by November 2017, dependent of weather and other factors.

The splash pad was discussed and it was raised by Tyrone McGillick that the facility does not adequately cater for toddlers.

(c) Discharge Drain, Crawford Park

Water from the pool facilities did discharge across sections of Crawford Park and created damage to grass and risk to users. A storage tank to control discharge is part of the new facilities upgrade. Cr Wright raised that Council must consider the findings from the Court Case with regards to water discharge and management.

Cr Smith advised that work on the parking in this area will be carried out as the works program permits.

(d) Pathways at Rear of Wollongbar Hall

Mary Birch advised works were completed and thanked Council.

(e) Wild Dog Issues

A Community Information Evening is being held on Wednesday 26 July at 6pm at the Alstonville Bowling Club. Cr Johnston expressed his interest in the matter and that he encourages everyone who is impacted by wild dogs to attend the meeting. Local Land Services at this time only have a limited number of people registered for the evening.

Malcolm Johnson advised that Tony Walker founder of the North Alstonville Wild Dog Group passed away two weeks ago.

(f) Boral Asphalt Plant

Cr Parry advised that she raised a Notice of Motion at the last Ordinary Council Meeting on 22 June 2017 requesting additional air and noise monitoring at the Boral Asphalt Plant site.

Kerri Watts advised that a letter is currently being drafted and is to be sent to the NSW Environment Protection Authority to undertake increased independent monitoring of odour emissions and noise impacts arising from the Boral Asphalt Plant so as to assist in responding to community concerns about the alleged adverse amenity impact and possible health risks associated with continued operation of the Plant.

Council is also requesting information from the NSW Environment Protection Authority on the amount of monitoring currently being undertaken, complaints received and their outcomes etc.

7. Council Documents on Exhibition

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

8. Items raised by members of the Committee

a) Richard Lutze - Ballina Local Environmental Plans (LEP'S) 1987 and 2012

Richard Lutze raised his concerns regarding the conflicts that exist between the two currently existing Local Environmental Plans (LEPs) for land use options. Richard asked what is Council's position to allow land uses to be considered under a different LEP.

Cr Smith and Cr Wright explained that the two existing LEP's are a result of a deferred matter.

Cr Smith explained that Council has the discretion to consider a planning proposal for a change of zoning in specific circumstances.

b) Mary Birch – Liquor Licence Wollongbar Tavern

Mary Birch advised that the Wollongbar Tavern has currently lodged an application to extend their licence to 3am. She thanked Council for ensuring the community was aware and advertising the application for public comment.

c) Mary Birch - Skate Park

Mary Birch asked as to whether a development application will be required for the new location of the Wollongbar skate park.

Cr Wright advised that a new development application will be required to be prepared for the site and this is not expected to be developed before the end of the year.

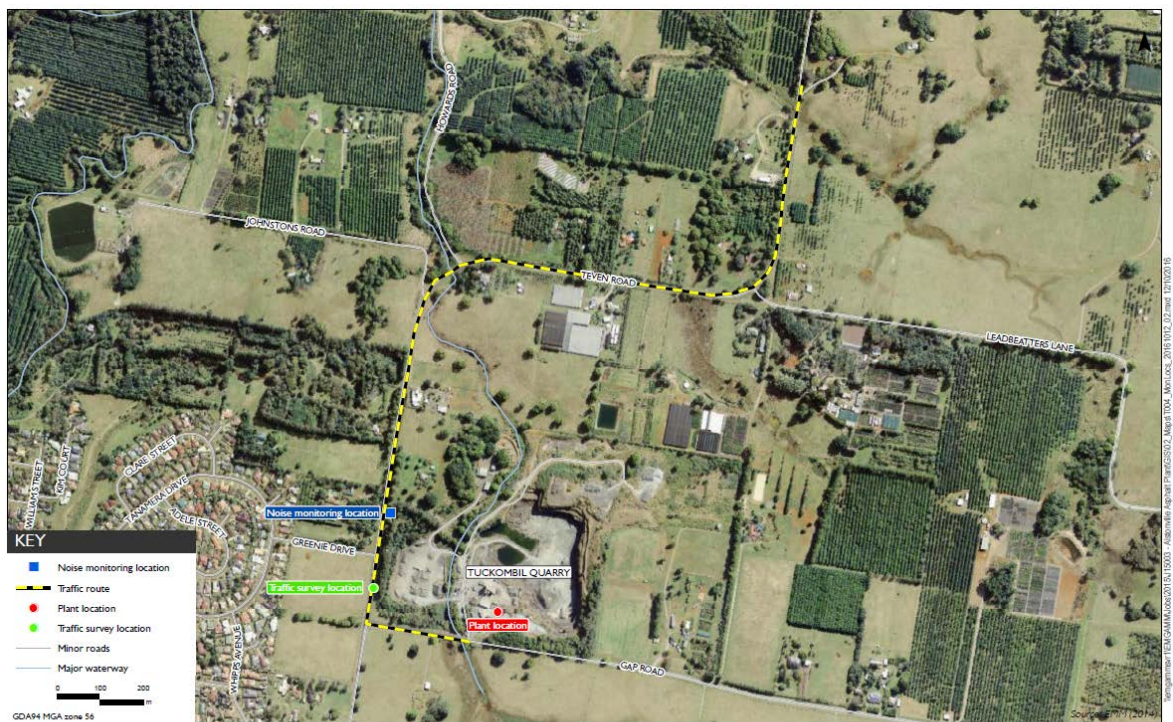
d) **Tyrone McGillick - Boral Asphalt Plant**

Tyrone McGillick raised that for truck noise monitoring, that Boral monitor the route from Teven Road to Gap Road, and do not monitor the route from Gap Road along Teven Road to the Bruxner Highway.

Tyrone asked that the night monitoring data from Boral be publicly available. Kerri Watts advised that she is currently following up this matter with Boral.

Staff subsequent to the meeting advise as follows:

Monitoring was carried out along the route from Gap Road to Teven Road (to the north) not Gap Road along Teven Road (to the south) because this is the route the trucks would take to source aggregates and fines from the Boral Teven Quarry at 348 North Teven Road Teven. Refer map below.



Traffic route and noise monitoring location
Boral Asphalt Plant, Alstonville
Road traffic noise assessment

e) **Terry Prendergast – Tosha Falls**

Terry Prendergast advised that Council currently has on public exhibition a Draft Management Plan for Tosha Falls.

Terry explained briefly the history regarding access to Tosha Falls and its pristine location and that it needs to be 'show cased' as a tourist attraction for the area.

Cr Smith encouraged the committee and community members to have their say on the matter whilst open for public comment.

9. **General Business**

a) **Lois Wright – Overgrown Footpath – The Avenue, Alstonville**

Lois Wright advised that the footpath area at the top end of The Avenue was overgrown with weeds and wanted to know who is responsible for maintenance. Kerri Watts to inspect and follow up if any action is required.

b) **Pat Carney – Dual Occupancies**

Pat Carney advised that he had read a recent article in the Byron Echo on dual occupancies and questioned where Council was up to. Cr Smith and Cr Wright responded that this was recently before Council and it was resolved to prepare an LEP amendment to enable detached dual occupancies.

c) **Malcolm Johnson – Bulwinkle Park Playground Equipment**

Malcolm Johnson advised that the Bulwinkle Park new playground equipment has been installed and completed on flood free land. The Alstonville Lions Club has approximately an additional \$10,000 to assist with new seating and facilities at the site. Les Wiles said they want to be able to cater for people with disabilities.

Malcolm Johnson advised that the preference is to install a BBQ facility at the site however power is not provided. He enquired as to whether Council could assist with the provision of power.

Cr Smith to follow up with John Truman the cost of Council supplying power to the site to enable the new BBQ to be installed.

d) **Cr Eoin Johnston – Policing in Alstonville**

Cr Eoin Johnston advised that he had a recent discussion with Richmond Local Area Command Chief Inspector, Bill McKenna regarding policing in Alstonville.

He advised that Mr McKenna has concerns that people are not reporting issues/incidents to the Police. This information is needed for surveillance records for the Police when reviewing crimes in the area.

Cr Johnston expressed his concern that people need to feel safe in their community.

e) Malcolm Johnson – Rural Fire Shed

Malcolm Johnson enquired as to in-kind support from Council with their extension to the Rural Fire Service shed. This will be subject to further discussions.

f) Mary Birch – New Playground Equipment in Rueben Street, Wollongbar

Mary Birch expressed her thank you for the new playground equipment in Rueben Street, Wollongbar.

(g) Pat Carney – Wardell Boardwalk

Pat Carney expressed his thank you to Council for the new boardwalk at Wardell.

10. Next Meeting

Thursday 14 September 2017 at 5.00 pm

Meeting Closure

6.02 pm