

**Minutes of the 'A' Ward Committee Meeting
Held 13 November 2018
In the Committee Rooms, 40 Cherry Street, Ballina**

Time Commenced

The meeting commenced at 4.00pm.

1. Attendance and Apologies

Attendance

Cr David Wright	Mayor
Cr Phil Meehan	Councillor
Margaret Hains	Ballina Day View Club
Michael Young	Ballina Chamber of Commerce & Ballina Retail Action Group
Mali Rawle	Ballina CWA
Ross Pickering	Ballina & District Citizens & Ratepayers Association
George Young	Ballina Lions Club
David Felsch	Ballina Peninsular Residents Association
Marilyn McIntosh	Ballina Evening View Club
Rod Fayle	West Ballina Quays Consultative Group

Council Staff in Attendance

John Truman	Group Manager Civil Services
Joanne Cordery	Secretary - Civil Services Group

Observer

Paul Parry	West Ballina Quays Consultative Group
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Apologies

Yvonne Scarrabelotti	Ballina CWA
Andrew Playford	Ballina Coast High School & East Ballina Lions Club.
Stephen Wills	Ballina Bears Cricket Club
Cr Stephen McCarthy	Councillor
Cr Nathan Willis	Councillor

2. Resignations/Changes to Memberships

Nil

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Deputations

Nil

5. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 11 September, 2018 were accepted as a true and correct record.

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6. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Ferry Carpark

Staff had again inspected the site. The recommendation of staff is to maintain the existing position of the hold line and to retain nose in parking as these options present the least risk of incidents.

Ferry Issues

The information in the staff report was noted.

Lights on Ferry

Post Meeting Note

The two large spotlights on the Ferry are required to illuminate the passage of the Ferry as it transits the river during the hours of darkness, and to ensure the vessel is as visible as possible to operators of other craft. The lights are automatically turned on or off as the Ferry is put into gear to leave the bank.

The lights have been replaced in the past 18 months with LED lights as they provide a clearer light to illuminate the Ferry passage, and because they draw much lower levels of power.

There is no further action proposed.

Linemarking on Southern Side of Ferry

John Truman advised that an inspection was carried out and that the double line should not be removed having regard to the relevant design standards. John Truman advised he will pass on the feedback from residents to the Local Traffic Committee Police representative in regard to their enforcement activities at this location.

Speeding Issues on River Drive, South Ballina

The information in the staff report was noted.

Illegal Camping

The information in the staff report was noted.

Ballina Indoor Sports Centre

Cr Phil Meehan advised that works were commencing on site this week.

Captain Cook Park

The information in the staff report was noted.

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7. General Business

Presentation on Support Operations

Council's Manager Support Operations, Tony Partridge provided a presentation regarding Council's Support Operations section and its current activities.

8. Reporting of Safety Related Matters

The information was noted.

9. Council Documents on Exhibition

The list of previously advertised documents was noted by the Committee.

10. Business Without Notice

i) Sinkhole in River Street

Ross Pickering advised that there was a sinkhole forming in River Street near the Post Office, where the previous one was located.

ii) Nominations for Australia Day Awards

Cr Meehan distributed a nomination pamphlet for the Australia Day Awards for 2019 and encouraged everyone to make a nomination, closing date 3 December 2018.

iii) Events in Ballina Shire

Cr Wright discussed the success of recent events in Ballina Shire

iv) Dogs Barking Policy

George Young expressed his concerns regarding the evidence procedure for the reporting of barking dog complaints.

John Truman advised that the Companion Animals Policy was reviewed in November 2017 and has a renewal date of every two years. Further, the renewal process includes the public exhibition of draft policies. Details of these reviews are listed for information in the agendas for all Ward Committee meetings.

v) Ballina CWA Lease

Mali Rawle asked about the delay in the lease for the CWA building.

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A Council representative attended a CWA meeting on 19 November and advised them that their temporary licence will be extended for another 12 months from 31 December 2018. Documentation will be forwarded to the CWA shortly.

vi) Shark Issues

Cr Wright advised Council continues to liaise with the NSW DPI regarding their Shark Mitigation Strategy. The various technologies under the strategy continued to be developed and applied. Importantly an increased number of SMART drumlines are in operation and drone and aerial surveillance will be implemented for the summer school holiday periods.

vii) Cyclists

David Felsch asked if there was a policy for cyclists using the ferry, as they are not waiting behind the lines.

John Truman advised staff will investigate.

viii) Riverbank Erosion

David Felsch discussed the issues of riverbank erosion behind his mother's property.

John Truman advised an assessment of riverbank erosion had been undertaken. From this assessment a prioritised program of work has been identified. Progress on the early priorities will depend on available budget and relevant approvals.

ix) King Tides

David Felsch asked what progress there had been with the tidal protection for Burns Point Ferry Road.

Post Meeting Note

Council will be undertaking works to mitigate tide ingress to Burns Point Ferry Road over December and January. These works include fitting new non-return valves to existing stormwater outlets and constructing a trafficable bund to the old Ferry access road. A total of four flood gates have been ordered and are currently due to arrive in December and early January. The trafficable bund and any gates that arrive will be installed before Christmas and any new gates on back order will subsequently be installed early January as they arrive. Operational staff will be testing and monitoring for pipe and gate leaks over the January and February king tide season.

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x) Grant for Defibrillator

David Felsch advised that the organisation had received a grant for a defibrillator and case. He asked if Council would provide a letter of support for it to be located at the boatramp.

John Truman advised a written request is required as it will be necessary for our insurer to review the proposal.

xi) Porter Park Signage

Ross Pickering thanked Council for installing the new signs at Porter Park.

John Truman advised he will confirm Council's response via a letter to Ross.

xii) Water Mining in Alstonville

Ross Pickering asked about the development application for water mining in Alstonville.

John Truman advised the assessment of the development application will be determined by the elected Council at an ordinary meeting.

xiii) West Ballina Quays Consultative Group

Rod Fahey thanked Council for accepting their membership on the A Ward Committee. He also thanked Council for the water monitoring activities in Ballina Quays.

Mr Fahey also offered his group's support as a consultation opportunity for the tender contract documents for the dredging of Ballina Quays.

11. Next Meeting

The next meeting is to be held at 4.00pm on 12 March 2019.

12. Meeting Close

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 5.45pm.

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A Ward Meeting Attendance Sheet – 13 November 2018		
Name	Business	Signature
Cr Nathan Willis	Ballina Shire Council	Apology
Cr Phil Meehan	Ballina Shire Council	P Meehan.
Cr Stephen McCarthy	Ballina Shire Council	Late Apology
Cr David Wright	Ballina Shire Council	D Wright
Yvonne Scarrabelotti	Ballina CWA	Apology
Ms Mali Rawle	Ballina CWA	M Rawle
Mr George Young	Ballina Lions Club	G Young
Mr Michael Young	Ballina Chamber of Commerce & Ballina Retail Action Group	M Young
Ms Margaret Hains	Ballina Day View Club	M. M. Hains
Ms Marilyn McIntosh	Ballina Evening View Club	M. McIntosh
Ms Mary O'Brien	Lighthouse Day Club	M O'Brien
Mr David Felsch	South Ballina Community Association	D Felsch
Mr Stephen Wills	Ballina Bears Cricket Club	Apology
Mr Ross Pickering	Ballina & District Citizens & Ratepayers Association	R Pickering
Andrew Dougherty	Ballina Lighthouse & Lismore Surf Lifesaving Club	A Dougherty
Andrew Playford	Ballina Cast High School & East Ballina Lions Club	Apology
Neil Denison	Ballina Environment Society	N Denison
ROD FAYLE PAUL PARRY	West Ballina Quays Consultative Group	Rod Fayle
Mr John Truman	Group Manager Civil Services	John Truman
Ms Joanne Cordery	Civil Services Group	J Cordery