

1. Attendance and Apologies

Members

Cr David Wright (Mayor)
Cr Sharon Cadwallader (Chair)
Marshall Chang, Ballina Heights Residences Action Group
Brad Pollard, Lennox Head Chamber of Commerce
Shaun Eastment, Lennox Head Landcare
Lyn Walker, Ballina Environment Society
Monica Wilcox, Lennox Head Residents Association
Jim Gilchrist, Preserve Lake Ainsworth
Lorraine Leuckel, Marine Rescue Ballina
Neil Denison, Ballina Coastcare

Observers

Henrietta Chang, Ballina Heights Residences Action Group

Council Staff

John Truman, Group Manager Civil Services
Matthew Wood, Group Manager Development and Environmental Health
Klaus Kerzinger, Acting Manager Strategic Planning

Apologies

Darel Vidler, Lennox Head Combined Sports Association
Lou Wilson, Lennox Head Surf Life Saving Club
Cr Keith Williams
Cr Jeff Johnson

2. Declarations of Interest

Nil

3. Confirmation of Minutes

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the "B" Ward Committee held 21 May 2018 to be taken as read and confirmed (Shaun Eastment/Lorraine Leuckel).

4. Deputations

Nil

5. Presentation by Klaus Kerzinger, Acting Manager Strategic Planning

To inform the community further in regards to Council's programs and services, members of our senior leadership team will provide a presentation to the ward committees.

The first presentation for B Ward was made by Klaus Kerzinger, Acting Manager Strategic Planning.

6. Outstanding Business

(a) Williams Reserve Lighting

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

(b) Lennox Head Combined Sports Association – Damage

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

7. Business with Notice from Members

Nil

8. Council Documents on Exhibition

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

Councillor Cadwallader noted that Council intends to write to the relevant Government agencies to indicate disappointment with the withdrawal of beach debris clean-up activities from natural disaster funding available to local government.

9. Business Without Notice

(a) Lennox Head Residents Association

Ms Wilcox raised concern that provision of a footpath along Montwood Drive is planned for five years' time as opposed to two years under the Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan recently adopted by Council. This was raised in the context of concerns with traffic generated by the Epiq development. Mr Truman explained the criteria analysis process used in relation to the PAMP and the reporting to Council that informed the decision.

Ms Wilcox also enquired about the development occurring at 45-49 Ballina Street Lennox Head. Mr Wood indicated staff would locate the approved plan and email it to Ms Wilcox (post meeting note: development plans and consent emailed to Ms Wilcox).

(b) Ballina Environment Society

Ms Walker recognised the placement of flags noting the presence of breeding birds at the caravan park.

(c) Lennox Head Landcare

Ms Eastment acknowledged the work done by the Chamber of Commerce in relation to the Love Lennox festival.

Ms Eastment advised that Lennox Head Landcare is preparing a planting plan in relation to the plans for the Coastal Recreational Path between Sharpes Beach and Pat Morton lookout.

(d) Ballina Coastcare

Mr Denison advised that national tree day is on 29 July at 10am. Coastcare is hosting planting day at Black Head.

Mr Denison also enquired about the rubbish bin formerly located adjacent to the Angels Beach overpass. Residents have been advised by staff that the bin has been removed and reinstallation is not planned. The bin is often used for disposal of dog droppings. In the absence of the bin, people are leaving dog droppings in bags at the site of the bin.

Mr Truman indicated it can be beneficial to remove bins in certain locations to improve behaviour and manage illegal dumping. However, the retention of the bin stand at the site may be contributing to the issue as people may think that the bin will be returned. Mr Truman indicated the situation would be reviewed and monitored by Council staff.

(e) Lennox Head Chamber of Commerce

Mr Pollard indicated the Love Lennox Festival was successful and acknowledged the work of all stakeholders involved. He also thanked Council for the funding provided and with respect to staff involved in event approval process.

Mr Pollard advised that the Chamber of Commerce engaged 85 businesses in Lennox Head in relation to the Lennox Village Vision project. This was done via a telephone call or face to face contact. The engagement invited respondents to indicate their preference for one way or two way traffic flow. Of those that responded, 24% supported two way, 53% one way, 8% expressed no preference and 15% indicated they were not sure.

Mr Pollard advised that the survey indicated strongest support for streetscape option B on the basis of more parking, traffic calming and pedestrian safety, and better circulation of traffic. Support for optimisation of parking on Park Lane and timed parking and enforcement as well as good design was also evident. Suggestions regarding the formalisation of parking around the village centre were also noted.

Mr Pollard provided a summary of the survey results to staff.

Councillor Cadwallader thanked the Chamber of Commerce for its efforts with the Love Lennox Festival and the Lennox Village Vision project.

(f) Preserve Lake Ainsworth

Mr Gilchrist raised the matter of the public parking area on the southern side of the Surf Club in relation to it becoming popular for overnight stays. Mr Gilchrist indicated that his observation is that each night between four and seven vans are parked in the area. It was also suggested that the site is being advertised through social media.

Mr Wood indicated that Council is aware of the issue and Rangers conduct regular patrols of this location as well as Lake Ainsworth, Pat Morton Lookout and Sharpes Beach.

(g) Ballina Heights Residents Action Group

Mr Chang requested an update on fencing provision to separate the car park and playground at the Ballina Heights playing fields.

Mr Truman advised that Council is not proposing to place a fence in this location at present. This is on the basis of seeking to encourage parental supervision of the area. Landscaping to create barriers might be a suitable option in future in the event that increased risk is identified over time.

Mr Chang requested an update on replacement of exercise equipment in the locality. Council has previously advised no funding has been allocated. Mr Truman advised that the provision of outdoor exercise equipment across the shire is under consideration. Mr Truman undertook to provide further information as part of the meeting minutes. Additional information in this regard is set out below.

Two pieces of exercise equipment were removed approximately four years ago.

This equipment was a developer provided asset and subsequent assessments by staff determined the installation presented unacceptable safety risks. Overall the product supplied was considered to be a poor quality and not fit for purpose.

Since that time, Council has adopted a playground renewal and update program to guide the priorities for the management of our playgrounds. This program mostly deals with the proposed replacement of existing assets as they are retired.

A project to install outdoor exercise equipment will occur this financial year at Commemoration Park. Council has also received suggestions for other high profile sites and there would be many other potentially suitable locations such as this location within the Ballina Heights Estate.

Therefore staff propose to develop a new program for outdoor exercise equipment, similar to the playground example, where expenditure priorities can be determined and funding opportunities assessed.

Until this program is established, from the perspective of staff, there is no current plan to reinstate the exercise equipment that was removed.

Mr Chang enquired about the provision of dog poo bags and signage in the fire trail area. The Residents Action Group would like to see this infrastructure in place.

Mr Wood advised that provision of a bag dispenser and signage in this location is being considered as part of an overall increase in bag dispensers in the Shire.

Mr Chang enquired about the rationale for the closure of Deadmans Creek Road and the potential for a culvert to be provided as an alternative to closure to manage the flood risk identified.

Mr Truman explained the floodplain risk management study process and confirmed the culvert was considered in this process. The culvert option was not adopted as an action primarily due to high expense and concern the culvert may sink due to soil conditions. Overall the culvert approach was not considered feasible and the cost benefit did not support the approach particularly given Deadmans Creek Road is not the only access to Ballina Heights.

(h) Marine Rescue

Ms Leuckel reinforced issue of overnight camping becoming an increasing problem.

(i) Other Matters

Ms Wilcox enquired about when Lennox Head can expect preparation of a strategic plan. Mr Wood indicated this in in Council's four year delivery program and the Lennox Head strategic plan project is expected to start in mid to late 2019.

Mayor Wright advised of the upcoming triathlon at East Ballina on 24 and 25 August and indicated there is likely to be some disruption to residents. Signage and media will be put in place closer to the event.

Mayor Wright noted that the Skullcandy Oz Grom Open was recognised as being a successful event, with volunteers being a crucial part of the event. Mayor Wright also noted the supply and use of flat pack Just Water (paper/sugar cane based material) containers that can be filled with water in place of plastic bottles at the event.

Councillor Cadwallader addressed item 10 in the agenda, being the reporting of safety related matters, and encouraged reporting of issues to Council when observed.

10. Next Meeting

Monday 17 September 2018 at 4.30 pm

11. Meeting Closure

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 6.12pm.