

1. Attendance and Apologies

Members

Cr David Wright (Mayor)
Cr Sharon Cadwallader (Chair)
Cr Keith Williams
Darel Vidler, Lennox Head Combined Sports Association
Alan Veacock, Ballina Heights Residents Action Group
Marshall Chang, Ballina Heights Residences Action Group
Brad Pollard, Lennox Head Chamber of Commerce
Shaun Eastment, Lennox Head Landcare
Lyn Walker, Ballina Environment Society
Lou Wilson, Lennox Head Surf Life Saving Club
Monica Wilcox, Lennox Head Residents Association
Jim Gilchrist, Preserve Lake Ainsworth
Lorraine Leuckel, Marine Rescue Ballina

Observers

Nil

Council Staff

John Truman, Group Manager Civil Services
Steve Barnier, Group Manager Strategic and Community Facilities

Apologies

Nil

2. Declarations of Interest

Nil

3. Confirmation of Minutes

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the "B" Ward Committee held 19 March 2018 to be taken as read and confirmed. (Darel Vidler/Lyn Walker)

4. Deputations

Nil

5. Outstanding Business

(a) Love Lennox Festival – Petting Zoo

The information provided in the agenda was noted.

(b) Doof Parties at Lennox Point

The Mayor advised he and staff had recently met with Police representatives to discuss strategies to deal with this issue. At this meeting the Police advised there are risks of this type of incident reoccurring. In response Police and staff are investigating the options of introducing local laws for certain locations of interest. The purpose of the local laws would be to prohibit the types of activities that are required by party organisers to host their event. Such local laws would widen the enforcement powers for Police responding to an event.

(c) Audio Visual Recordings of Council Meetings

The information provided in the agenda was noted.

6. Business with Notice from Members

(a) Ballina Heights Residents Action Group

Mr Chang provided an overview of the key issues which have been brought to his organisation's attention by Ballina Heights Estate residents. Primarily, these concerns relate to certain areas of public land within the estate being inadequately maintained by Council.

Mr Truman explained to the meeting that the scheduling of maintenance works within this estate is equivalent to other residential areas of the Shire, subject to certain variables, such as weather conditions, for example.

Mr Truman conveyed an offer for the executive of the Group to meet with relevant Council staff to discuss the overall policy approach to parks and reserves and road maintenance, and to discuss in greater detail areas of specific concern to the Group. Mr Chang conveyed his appreciation regarding this offer.

7. Council Documents on Exhibition

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

8. Business Without Notice

(a) Ballina Environment Society Inc – Castle Drive Fig Tree

Dr Walker expressed the Society's concern and disappointment regarding the Council's most recent decision to remove the large Fig tree in Castle Drive, Lennox Head.

(b) Lennox Head Residents Association – 2018/19 Delivery Program and Operational Plan

Ms Wilcox enquired about several matters pertaining to works proposed, in Council's draft 2018/19 Delivery Program and Operational Plan. These were:

- Works proposed to be undertaken for the embellishment of Ross Park in Lennox Head
- Budgeting for work in Dodge Lane, Lennox Head (renewal of stormwater pipes)
- Footpath construction in Montwood Drive, Lennox Head
- Footpath construction in Gibbon Street, Lennox Head

Footnote post meeting: The 2017/18 Delivery Program identified funding for the Montwood Drive footpath project in 2020/21. The draft 2018/19 Delivery Program does not include funding for the project as the draft Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan (PAMP), which is the document used to inform the Delivery Program, now has the project scheduled for 2022-23. The draft PAMP was prepared in 2017 (that is post the preparation of the current Delivery Program) and work to review the submissions from the public exhibition is nearing completion. Currently the draft PAMP is programmed to be reported to Council for the June meeting at the same time as the draft 18/19 Delivery Program. This will provide the elected Council with an opportunity to amend either the draft PAMP or draft Delivery Program, or both, and promote a higher priority for the Montwood Drive project. This would require deferring other nominated projects. The priority rankings for PAMP projects are determined by a quantitative assessment which follows an RMS guideline.

(c) Lennox Head Residents Association – Love Lennox Festival

Ms Wilcox mentioned inclusions in the forthcoming Love Lennox festival.

(d) Lennox Head Residents Association – Faulks Reserve, West Ballina

Ms Wilcox congratulated Council concerning embellishment work and improved boating facilities recently provided in Faulks Reserve, West Ballina.

(e) Lennox Head Surf Life Saving Club – Presentation Night

Mr Wilson mentioned the Club's forthcoming annual presentation night. He also briefly discussed the Club's successes, including that the concluding swimming season has been fatality free at Lennox Head.

(f) Lennox Head Chamber of Commerce – Love Lennox Festival

Mr Pollard discussed final planning for the forthcoming Love Lennox Festival. Of particular note is the change of format of the Flavours of Lennox activities, and that festival organisers are promoting a more responsible approach to the use of plastic bags and packaging and waste minimisation generally.

(g) Lennox Head Chamber of Commerce – Lennox Head Village Centre Proposal

Mr Pollard outlined the Chamber's approach to responding to Council's current community consultation concerning proposals to improve the Lennox Head Village Centre. The Chamber has appreciated the opportunity to be actively involved in this project and will be making submissions to Council following its engagement with members.

(h) Lennox Head Combined Sports Association – Lennox Head Village Centre Proposal

Mr Vidler confirmed that his Association is currently considering options to present to Council in relation to the village improvement project, with traffic flow and parking being critical issues. He also stressed the importance of ensuring the project has regard for preserving the identity of Lennox Head.

(i) Lennox Head Combined Sports Association – Williams Reserve Lighting

Mr Vidler encouraged Council to move promptly to install the upgraded lighting for Williams Reserve following the recent funding announcement.

(j) Lennox Head Combined Sports Association – Damage

Mr Vidler advised that he is aware of concerns being raised about damage being caused within the road reserve off Skennars Head Road, on the western side of the Ballina Headlands Holiday Park. Residents of the park attribute the damage to parking of vehicles associated with the users of the adjacent Skennars Head playing fields.

Mr Truman indicated he would ask staff to investigate the matter.

(k) Ballina Heights Residents Action Group – Ballina Heights Matters

Mr Chang acknowledged the previous work of Dr Greg Unwin in being instrumental in the establishment of this residents' group, and in his former role as the estate's representative on the B Ward Committee.

Mr Chang enquired about Council's response to a letter written by Mr Jon Gillespie concerning the feasibility of Albert Sheather Drive being used as an alternative access to and from the estate in adverse weather conditions. Mr Truman indicated he would follow this matter up.

Members discussed generally the current situation of vehicular access restrictions to and from the Ballina Heights Estate when the adjacent Tamarind Drive roundabout is inundated. Mr Truman provided an update concerning Council's negotiations with NSW Roads and Maritime Services in terms of an alternative access arrangement. He also provided background in terms of the potential future closure of the southern section of Deadmans Creek Road.

Mr Chang also enquired about illumination of the Tamarind Drive/Deadmans Creek Road intersection. Mr Truman indicated that the Council has previously considered this matter, however it was not identified as a priority in the forward works program.

9. Next Meeting

Monday 16 July 2018 at 4.30 pm

10. Meeting Closure

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 6.05 pm.