

**Minutes of the 'A' Ward Committee Meeting
Held 14 May 2019
In the Committee Rooms, 40 Cherry Street, Ballina**

Time Commenced

The meeting commenced at 4.05pm.

1. Attendance and Apologies

Attendance

Cr David Wright	Mayor
Cr Phil Meehan	Councillor
Cr Stephen McCarthy	Councillor
Margaret Hains	Ballina Day View Club
Susan Meehan	Ballina Chamber of Commerce
Yvonne Scarrabelotti	Ballina CWA
Ross Pickering	Ballina & District Citizens & Ratepayers Association
Andrew Dougherty	Ballina Lighthouse & Lismore Surf Lifesaving Club
Andrew Playford	Ballina Coast High School & East Ballina Lions Club.
George Young	Ballina Lions Club
Chris Mulder	Ballina Peninsular Residents Association
Marilyn McIntosh	Ballina Evening View Club
	West Ballina Quays Consultative Group

Council Staff in Attendance

John Truman	Group Manager Civil Services
Bridget Walker	Manager Water and Wastewater
Joanne Cordery	Secretary - Civil Services Group

Apologies

Cr Nathan Willis	Councillor
Mary O'Brien	Lighthouse Day Club
David Felsch	Ballina Peninsular Residents Association

Observer

John Bout	Summerhill Residents Group
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2. Resignations/Changes to Memberships

Michael Young has advised that he is no longer representing the Ballina Chamber of Commerce & Ballina Retail Action Group and has tendered his resignation from the A Ward Committee.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

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4. Deputations

Nil

5. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 12 March, 2019 were accepted as a true and correct record.

6. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Boat Harbour Road Bicycle Linemarking – River Street to Sunnybank Drive

The information in the staff report was noted however Ross Pickering advised that this advice was incorrect. Ross reported the lines had been remarked, however the cycle path designation had not been remarked.

Ferry Fender

The information in the staff report was noted.

7. General Business

Ballina Town Centre Upgrade - Stage 4

The information in the staff report was noted.

8. Presentation

Presentation on Water and Wastewater

Council's Manager Water and Wastewater, Bridget Walker provided a presentation regarding Council's Water and Wastewater section and its current activities.

9. Council Documents on Exhibition

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

10. Business Without Notice

i) Ballina Coast High School

Andrew Playford advised the Committee of the Grand Opening of the Ballina Coast High School being held on Tuesday 28 May from 11.00am to 4.00pm. Andrew also thanked Council for the marquees and presentations they are providing.

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ii) Shaws Bay Area

Andrew Playford congratulated Council on the improvements and beautification to the Shaws Bay Area.

iii) Flooding in Ballina Shire – Evacuation

George Young asked who was responsible for advising the community if an evacuation was required in the case of a tsunami and whether there was a plan.

John Truman advised that the SES was the agency responsible for Tsunami emergency response. John also advised the SES had a Tsunami Plan and undertook community engagement and education activities to assist in the preparation for this type of event.

The Committee suggested that Council could include some information regarding this matter in its Community Connect.

It was also suggested that Council could invite the SES to attend and present to the next meeting.

Post Meeting Note

The SES have been confirmed to attend the next meeting.

iv) Ballina Chamber of Commerce

Susan Meehan provide an update on the changes within the Chamber of Commerce including the election of a new board, the launch of a new website and the work to revive the Junior Chamber project. Susan invited Committee Members to attend the Chamber Breakfast being held on Wednesday 26 May 2019.

v) House in Kalinga Street

Susan Meehan inquired about what was happening with the removal of the house that had burnt down in Kalinga Street.

John Truman advised he would provide some information in the minutes from the Director of the Planning and Environmental Health Division.

Post Meeting Note

The following information is provided by Matthew Wood, Director - Planning and Environmental Health

The property is owned by the NSW State Government (Family and Community Services). Council wrote to the Department in November 2018 seeking advice on how the fire damaged house was to be managed.

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The agency responded in December 2018 and advised that the Fire Brigade applied a PVA spray to contain loose materials at the time of the fire. Council was also advised that testing for asbestos was carried out in November 2018 and the result was negative for asbestos.

Council was advised that further advice on the clean-up and management of the site would be provided. Council has not to date received any further information from the Department.

Given that the site is a NSW Government asset, Council is not able to require action on the land under its regulatory or enforcement powers.

vi) Community Garden Storage Shed

Susan Meehan enquired about the progress on the replacement of the storage shed for the community garden.

Cr Wright advised that the replacement is being considered in conjunction with our insurer.

vii) Rabbits – Kingsford Smith Drive

Margaret Hains discussed the issue of rabbits in Kingsford Smith Drive.

John Truman advised NPWS managed the control of rabbits and priority actions areas had previously been the urban fringe areas on the plateau.

viii) Garbage Bin – Captain Cook Park

Yvonne Scarrabelotti asked if Council would install a new bin the in Captain Cook Park as the public has been using the CWA's bin.

ix) Ballina Surf Club

Andrew Dougherty thanked Council for their support through this season and advised the new building was serving the club well.

x) Ferry Use

Chris Mulder requested a response regarding casual ferry use by Council staff.

John Truman confirmed that staff using the ferry for work purposes use the internal job cost allocation system to manage the payment of the appropriate fees.

Chris also enquired about the possibility of Council implementing a discount for the ferry use by health providers.

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Cr Meehan suggested that the Association make a submission on this matter in response to the current exhibition of the Draft Fees and Charges. It was also noted individuals can apply for assistance for hardship under Council's policy.

xi) South Ballina Beach

Chris Mulder asked what support Council could provide in relation to the Permit system for South Ballina Beach that Tamara Smith used through her campaign for the State Election.

John Truman confirmed Council was not the land manager for this location, however Council did concur with the views of the Association and had made representations to the NSW Government.

xii) Update from Mayor

Cr Wright discussed the Ballina Coast High School open day and advised that the new Ballina Indoor Sports Centre project was progressing well.

xiii) Membership to Ward Committees

Cr Meehan advised the observer present, Mr John Bout, of the process required to become a member of the A Ward Committee, which requires a written request to be reported to Council.

11. Next Meeting

The next meeting is to be held at 4.00pm on Tuesday 9 July 2019.

12. Meeting Close

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 5.40pm.

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A Ward Meeting Attendance Sheet – 14 May 2019		
Name	Business	Signature
Cr Nathan Willis	Ballina Shire Council	Apology
Cr Phil Meehan	Ballina Shire Council	<i>P Meehan</i>
Cr Stephen McCarthy	Ballina Shire Council	<i>S McCarthy</i>
Cr David Wright	Ballina Shire Council	<i>D Wright</i>
Yvonne Scarrabelotti	Ballina CWA	<i>Y Scarrabelotti</i>
Ms Lyn Davidson	Ballina CWA	<i>Ms Lyn Davidson</i> <i>Apology</i>
Mr George Young	Ballina Lions Club	<i>G Young</i>
<i>Mrs Susan Meehan</i>	Ballina Chamber of Commerce & Ballina Retail Action Group	<i>S Meehan</i>
<i>Ms Narelle Besseling</i>	Ballina Chamber of Commerce & Ballina Retail Action Group	<i>Ms Narelle Besseling</i>
Ms Margaret Hains	Ballina Day View Club	<i>M M Hains</i>
Ms Marilyn McIntosh	Ballina Evening View Club	<i>M M McIntosh</i>
Ms Mary O'Brien	Lighthouse Day Club	Apology
Mr David Felsch	South Ballina Community Association	Apology
Chris Mulder	South Ballina Community Association	<i>C Mulder</i>
Mr Stephen Wills	Ballina Bears Cricket Club	<i>S Wills</i>
Mr Ross Pickering	Ballina & District Citizens & Ratepayers Association	<i>R Pickering</i>
Andrew Dougherty	Ballina Lighthouse & Lismore Surf Lifesaving Club	<i>A Dougherty</i>
Therese Collick	Ballina Lighthouse & Lismore Surf Lifesaving Club	<i>T Collick</i>
Andrew Playford	Ballina Coast High School & East Ballina Lions Club	<i>Andrew Playford</i>
Neil Denison	Ballina Environment Society	<i>N Denison</i>
	West Ballina Quays Consultative Group	<i>West Ballina Quays Consultative Group</i>
Mr John Truman	Group Manager Civil Services	<i>John Truman</i>
Ms Joanne Cordery	Civil Services Group	<i>J Cordery</i>
<i>Mr. John Bant</i>	<i>Observer</i>	<i>J Bant</i>

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Councillor Philip Meehan
Chair
"A" Ward Committee

c/- Ms Joanne Cordery, Group Secretary
By email: Joanne.Cordery@ballina.nsw.gov.au

Dear Councillor Meehan

"Resignation" from the Ward A Committee

At the recent Annual General Meeting of the Ballina Chamber of Commerce I stood down from my role as a member of the Board and did not seek re-election to the Board.

A number of members have taken up the chance to serve on the Board and I wish them well.

As my participation on the Ward A Committee arises from my former role with the Board of the Chamber, it is also appropriate that I step down from my Board appointed role as a member of the Ward A Committee.

I want to thank you, the Mayor, Council staff and my fellow members of the Committee for their commitment to the interests of the residents of the Shire and for sharing their concerns with me as a member of the Board of the Chamber.

I wish all of you the very best as you continue to meet and deliberate over matters that are of interest and concern to the residents of the Shire and particularly Ward A.

Yours faithfully



Michael Young