

**Minutes of the 'A' Ward Committee Meeting
Held 12 March 2019
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
Cr Stephen McCarthy	Councillor
Margaret Hains	Ballina Day View Club
Mary O'Brien	Lighthouse Day Club
Lyn Davidson	Ballina CWA
Ross Pickering	Ballina & District Citizens & Ratepayers Association
George Young	Ballina Lions Club
David Felsch	Ballina Peninsular Residents Association

Council Staff in Attendance

John Truman	Group Manager Civil Services
Joanne Cordery	Secretary - Civil Services Group
Paul Busmanis	Manager Engineering Works

Apologies

Andrew Dougherty	Ballina Lighthouse & Lismore Surf Lifesaving Club
Cr Nathan Willis	Councillor
Marilyn McIntosh	Ballina Evening View Club
Andrew Playford	Ballina Coast High School & East Ballina Lions Club
Paul Parry	West Ballina Quays Consultative Group

2. Resignations/Changes to Memberships

Lyn Davidson is the new President of the Ballina CWA.

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 13 November, 2018 were accepted as a true and correct record.

David Felsch noted his opinion that the lights on the Ferry should be floodlights and not spotlights.

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Cr Meehan advised that this matter has been dealt with previously by Council staff.

6. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Cyclists – Burns Point Ferry Road

The information in the staff report was noted.

Porter Park Signage

The information in the staff report was noted.

7. General Business

Presentation on Engineering Works

Council's Manager Engineering Works, Paul Busmanis provided a presentation regarding Council's Engineering Works section and its current activities.

8. Council Documents on Exhibition

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

9. Business Without Notice

i) Sunnybank Drive – Bicycle Lane

Ross Pickering asked if the Bicycle Lane could be repainted from Sunnybank Drive to Boat Harbour Road.

John Truman advised that staff would assess this request.

ii) Pathway along RSL

Ross Pickering asked about the subsidence of the path along the walkway near the RSL club.

Paul Busmanis advised that this is being monitored by staff and remedial actions taken when required. Replacement is not currently programmed due to other priorities.

iii) Water Mining At Alstonville

George Young asked what was happening with the water mining.

John Truman advised that the DA was still being assessed.

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iv) Letter from Ballina Peninsula Residents Group

David Felsch tabled a letter from the Ballina Peninsula Residents Group. He raised concerns about the following:

- Slipping Arrangements for the Ferry.

John Truman advised Council's position remained as previously advised to David, that is, Council is unaware of any other slip locations that meet our requirements. Providers in Ballina Shire have previously been invited to submit commercial proposals for their services and at this time no alternatives are available.

- Ferry Fees & Charges including use of Trailers

Cr Meehan suggested that the group provide a submission at the time when the fees and charges are placed on public exhibition.

v) Ferry Fender

David Felsch advised that there is no fender between the boat and the gantry and provided a photo.

John Truman advised he would forward the information to staff.

vi) Riverbank Erosion

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

Paul Busmanis advised a program of works is being considered, however funding limitations prevent the required action.

vii) Western Arterial Road

Ross Pickering asked when construction of the Western Arterial Road was to commence.

John Truman advised that the project was programmed in our S7.11 Roads Contributions Plan which means the review of this project is dependent on the rate of growth in the Shire.

John will send copies of the previous Council reports to Ross for his information confirming Council's consideration of this matter.

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viii) Ballina Bypass

George Young asked was there much difference in traffic numbers since the Bypass opened.

John Truman advised that the traffic was generally at the levels predicted by our traffic model which anticipated a growth that was equal to the volumes prior to the bypass being constructed. John also noted however there was a lot less heavy vehicles using the local roads due to the bypass.

ix) Cumbalum On/Off Ramps

David Felsch asked whether the on/off ramps at Cumbalum were a possibility.

John Truman advised that the bypass had been designed to endure the retrofit of ramps in the future. The project is not included in Council's Long Term Financial Plan of S7.11 Plan. Council has made numerous representations to the Minister requesting funding for this project.

x) Entrance into Aldi

Ross Pickering asked if there was an option to have an entrance to Aldi from Tamarind Drive.

John Truman advised at the time of development consent, access to Tamarind Drive was not an option as it was then the Pacific Highway. John advised it was not possible for Council to change arrangements on private land, however Council was considering the costs and benefits of installing a central median on North Creek Road.

xi) Parking in Shaws Bay

Margaret Hains discussed the issue if parking in Shaws Bay at Christmas.

Cr Meehan advised that Council will be preparing a Management Plan for that area in the future.

xi) One Way Trial in Lennox Head

Cr Wright discussed the One Way Traffic Trial in Lennox Head.

10. Next Meeting

The next meeting is to be held at 4.00pm on Tuesday 14 May 2019.

11. Meeting Close

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 5.30pm.

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A Ward Meeting Attendance Sheet – 12 March 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	Apology
Ms Lyn Davidson	Ballina CWA	<i>L Davidson</i>
Mr George Young	Ballina Lions Club	<i>G Young</i>
Mr Michael Young	Ballina Chamber of Commerce & Ballina Retail Action Group	<i>M Young</i>
Ms Narelle Besseling	Ballina Chamber of Commerce & Ballina Retail Action Group	<i>N Besseling</i>
Ms Margaret Hains	Ballina Day View Club	<i>M M. Hains</i>
Ms Marilyn McIntosh	Ballina Evening View Club	Apology
Ms Mary O'Brien	Lighthouse Day Club	<i>M O'Brien</i> ✓
Mr David Felsch	South Ballina Community Association	<i>D Felsch</i>
Dr Ann Mulder	South Ballina Community Association	<i>A 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	Apology
Andrew Playford	Ballina Cast High School & East Ballina Lions Club	Apology
Neil Denison	Ballina Environment Society	<i>N Denison</i>
<i>Paul Parry</i>	West Ballina Quays Consultative Group	<i>APology</i>
Mr John Truman	Group Manager Civil Services	<i>John Truman</i>
Ms Joanne Cordery	Civil Services Group	<i>J Cordery</i>
<i>Mary O'Brien</i>	<i>Lighthouse Day Club, M O'Brien</i>	<i>M O'Brien</i>

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BALLINA PENINSULA RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION INCORP

General Manager
Ballina Shire Council

12th March 2019

RE: BURNS POINT FERRY OPERATIONAL INADEQUACIES AND ANOMALIES FOR BALLINA PENINSULA RESIDENTS

Despite some recent improvements in ferry arrangements, (eg pensioner concessions) there remain concerns over the operation of the Burns Point ferry.

Slipping arrangements

Slipping traditionally took one week every year. Slipping every two years is a more economic and convenient arrangement to keep the ferry in survey. But why should it take two weeks instead of one? The work is the same and towing the ferry to and from the slip takes a significant portion of the time.

The last slipping took three weeks because weather conditions were not conducive for painting due to the delay in the slip being available. If a proper tender process was undertaken for survey maintenance these issues would be controlled.

What plan does council have to ensure there is no repeat?
When will the ferry be taken out of service and for how long?

Casual ferry use by council

During a recent meeting with council staff regarding an unrelated matter, a number of concerning statements were made.

1. That maintenance of council facilities on the peninsula (if they existed) were made more expensive by having to pay for the ferry and
2. That the council officer had driven through Wardell to avoid paying for the ferry.

What arrangements does council have to ensure that council staff using pool vehicles are not wasting time and fuel to avoid ferry charges, and that the budget for maintenance activities are not inflated by including ferry costs in peninsula activities?

Regular casual use by healthcare professionals

Residents who require regular home visits by community nurses etc are slugged with ferry charges. There should be a system (eg vouchers) for these professionals to ensure equivalent services for all shire residents.

Season ticket holders

Season ticket holders should be able to take trailers free of charge, and peninsula resident businesses with trucks registered on the peninsula, should be able to obtain a truck season pass to make these businesses more viable.

General shire resident ferry use

Casual use of the ferry by Ballina Shire residents should be provided a discounted rate to encourage use of the service.

Thank you for consideration of the above issues. I look forward to your response.

Kind Regards

Dr Ann Mulder (Secretary, Ballina Peninsula Residents Association).

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