

**Minutes of the 'A' Ward Committee Meeting  
Held 12 November 2019  
In the Committee Rooms, 40 Cherry Street, Ballina**

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**Time Commenced**

The meeting commenced at 4.00pm.

**1. Acknowledgement of Country**

In opening the meeting Cr Meehan provided an Acknowledgement of Country.

**2. Attendance and Apologies**

*Attendance*

Cr David Wright	Mayor
Cr Phil Meehan	Councillor (Chair)
Cr Stephen McCarthy	Councillor
Margaret Hains	Ballina Day View Club
Susan Meehan	Ballina Chamber of Commerce & Ballina Retail Action Group
Elaine Ballard	Ballina CWA
Ross Pickering	Ballina & District Citizens & Ratepayers Association
Andrew Playford	Ballina Coast High School & East Ballina Lions Club.
George Young	Ballina Lions Club
David Felsch	Ballina Peninsular Residents Association
Mary Burton	Ballina Environment Society
Marilyn McIntosh	Ballina Evening View Club

*Council Staff in Attendance*

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

*Apologies*

Cr Nathan Willis	Councillor
Geoff Jacobs	Ballina Bears Cricket Club
John Bout	Summerhill Residents Group
Mary O'Brien	Lighthouse Day Club

**3. Resignations/Changes to Memberships**

Mary Burton was welcomed to the meeting as the new member representing the Ballina Environment Society.

**4. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**5. Deputations**

Nil

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**6. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 10 September 2019 be accepted as a true and correct record subject to the following comments from Andrew Playford.

*"A couple of things are not accurate regarding my input.*

- *The trees from council were planted at Kingsford Smith Park.*
- *The Paradise FM ads were for the Shire Council.*
- *There is no mention of the Clement Park sign. (This has become a lead issue which is now being addressed.)"*

**7. Business Arising from Previous Minutes**

*Kimi Park – Rocks on Steps Preventing Access to Beach Area*

The information in the staff report was noted.

*Tweed Street – Large Lump in Bitumen*

The information in the staff report was noted.

*Ferry Use by Multiple Trucks during Peak Times*

The information in the staff report is noted.

*Keppel Street – Right Turn Options for both lanes into River Street*

The information in the staff report is noted.

*South Ballina Beach Road Signage*

The information in the staff report is noted.

*Stop Sign at Summerhill Crescent/Deadmans Creek Road Intersection*

The information in the staff report is noted.

**8. Presentation**

*Presentation – Financial Results*

Council's Manager Financial Services, Linda Coulter provided an overview of Council's 2018/19 Financial Results.

**9. General Business**

NA

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**10. Council Documents on Exhibition**

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

**11. Business Without Notice**

i) West End Hall

Cr Meehan advised the Committee that the Council property, West End Hall sold at auction for \$270,000 minus auction costs.

ii) Solar Light Deadmans Creek Road

Cr Meehan asked for an update on the installation of the solar light.

John Truman advised that the road safety and risk assessments have been completed, the light has been procured and the installation contractor has been engaged. The contractor will finalise installation shortly.

iii) Clement Park Sign

Andrew Playford advised that the Clement Park sign has been reinstated on Cherry Street next to the new carpark.

iv) McDonald Park

Andrew Playford advised that the McDonald Park sign was currently being held by the Ballina High School Heritage Committee who are hopeful the sign can be reinstated.

v) Shared Pathway

Andrew Playford thanked Council for the work so far on the shared path and asked why work had stopped.

John Truman advised that during work our contractor had discovered items that are potentially Aboriginal artefacts. This means work was stopped to enable OEH and our Cultural Heritage Advisor to assess the site. We now have approval to recommence work on a portion of the site. Work on some sections will be delayed while we prepare an Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit Application.

vi) Airport Upgrade – Security Entrance

Andrew Playford asked why the entrance to the security area and the corridor to the facilities was so narrow.

Staff will provide a response in the next agenda.

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vii) Canal Road Footpath

Andrew Playford congratulated the work done on the footpath and seating area near the Ferngrove residential estate and asked if Council had done the work.

John Truman advised that work had been carried out by the developer of the estate. The work was a required condition of the development's approval.

viii) Chicken Coops

Andrew Playford asked are residents required to lodge a development application to keep chickens in urban areas.

John Truman advised residents should contact Council's Development Section for information whether a proposal requires development consent. A duty planner is available at our Customer Service Centre for these inquiries.

ix) Kentwell Centre

Marilyn McIntosh asked what was happening with the Kentwell Centre tenancy.

Cr Meehan advised that the centre was fully leased with the tenancies allocated by Council following an expression of interest process.

x) Rural Garbage Bin Stickers

David Felsch asked if the rural bins were being checked for content as well.

John Truman advised that rural bins were included in this education program.

xi) Ringtank Development Application

David Felsch asked for an update on the Ringtank development application as it seemed to be taking a long time.

John Truman advised that the proposal would be determined by the Joint Regional Planning Panel (JRPP). Information on the progress by the panel to assess and determine the application is available on the Department of Planning's website. Council's Development section is responsible for preparing the assessment report on behalf of the JRPP.

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xii) Flood Modelling

David Felsch asked when the flood model would be updated again.

John Truman advised that the next update was not scheduled for a number of years. John noted the Peninsular Association's concerns about the current model were assessed by our consultant and the assessment was reported to Council. In response to this reporting Council decided not to bring forward the next update. Our current focus however is a project to assess an overland flow model for Ballina Island and West Ballina so that the mitigation options for this part of the floodplain can be reviewed.

xiii) Illegal Camping South Ballina

David Felsch questioned the actions of Council's Ranger regarding the alleged illegal camping on South Ballina.

John Truman advised the appropriate response to these concerns is for a meeting to be arranged with the Manager Environmental Health and David to discuss this matter.

xiv) Update from Ballina Chamber of Commerce

Susan Meehan gave an update on the Boomerang Bags Project. She also discussed the Chamber's Christmas project to display Christmas lights in River Street .The Chamber is also planning a colouring in competition and best dressed window promotion for the Christmas period. Susan also thanked Alicia Wallace (Team Leader Visitor Information Services) for her assistance with these projects.

xv) Ballina CWA

Elaine Ballard advised that the CWA is holding a market in Captain Cook Park on 7 December.

xvi) River Street – 4 Lane Project

Ross Pickering advised that the Ballina Ratepayers Association had no objections to the proposal for this project, however they were concerned about the timing for the development of the Western Arterial project.

John Truman advised that a report was being prepared for the November Council meeting in response to resolutions of Council to assess short term opportunities to provide a link before the Western Arterial is constructed.

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xvii) BISC Opening

Cr Wright congratulated those involved with the BISC project and its opening ceremony. Cr Wright reported he was excited by the number of bookings for the BISC since it opened.

xviii) Recycling – Cans & Bottles

George Young asked whether another recycling centre would be opening in Ballina.

John Truman advised that Tomra, the company who manage this, was still looking at options for another site.

*Post Meeting Note*

Tomra have now announced they will operate an expanded service from a site in De Havilland Crescent, Ballina. This site is expected to be operational by early December.

xix) Domestic Violence March

Andrew Playford advised that there would be a Ballina Says No to Domestic Violence March on Friday 22 November from 1.00pm to 3.00pm. The march will leave from the Ballina Pool and conclude at the BISC.

**12. Next Meeting**

The next meeting is to be held at 4.00pm on Tuesday 10 March 2020.

**13. Meeting Close**

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

After the meeting had closed the Council's Director Civil Services Division, John Truman, provided an update on Council's long term strategic plans and medium term construction program of upgrading arterial roads accessing Ballina Island and the CBD area.

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A Ward Meeting Attendance Sheet – 12 November 2019		
Name	Business	Signature
Cr Nathan Willis	Ballina Shire Council	Apology
Cr Phil Meehan	Ballina Shire Council	P Meehan
Cr Stephen McCarthy	Ballina Shire Council	S. McCarthy
Cr David Wright	Ballina Shire Council	D. Wright
Yvonne Scarrabelotti	Ballina CWA	Yvonne Scarrabelotti
Laine Ballard	Ballina CWA	Laine Ballard
Mr George Young	Ballina Lions Club	Mr George Young
Mrs Susan Meehan	Ballina Chamber of Commerce & Ballina Retail Action Group	S. Meehan
Ms Margaret Hains	Ballina Day View Club	M. Hains
Ms Marilyn McIntosh	Ballina Evening View Club	Marilyn McIntosh
Ms Mary O'Brien	Lighthouse Day Club	Apology
Mr David Felsch	South Ballina Community Association	D. Felsch
	<del>South Ballina Community Association</del>	
Mr Geoff Jacobs	Ballina Bears Cricket Club	Apology
Mr Ross Pickering	Ballina & District Citizens & Ratepayers Association	R. Pickering
Andrew Dougherty	Ballina Lighthouse & Lismore Surf Lifesaving Club	Andrew Dougherty
	<del>Ballina Lighthouse &amp; Lismore Surf Lifesaving Club</del>	
Andrew Playford	Ballina Coast High School & East Ballina Lions Club	Andrew Playford
Neil Denison	Ballina Environment Society	Neil Denison
	<del>West Ballina Quays Consultative Group</del>	
Mr John Bout	Summerhill Residents Group	Apology
Mr John Truman	Director Civil Services Division	J. Truman
Ms Joanne Cordery	Civil Services Group	J. Cordery
MARY BURTON	Ballina Environment Society	M. B. K.