

1. Attendance and Apologies

Members

Cr David Wright (Mayor)
Cr Sharon Cadwallader (Chair)
Cr Keith Williams

Monica Wilcox, Lennox Head Residents Association
Brad Pollard, Lennox Head Chamber of Commerce
Jim Gilchrist, Preserve Lake Ainsworth (arrived at 4.55 pm)
Darel Vidler, Lennox Head Combined Sports Association
Shaun Eastment, Lennox Head Landcare
Alan Veacock, Cumbalum Residents Association In.
Lou Wilson, Lennox Head Surf Life Saving Club

Council Staff

Paul Hickey, General Manager
Kelly Brown, Director Corporate and Community Division
Cheyne Willebrands, Manager Open Spaces
Sandra Bailey, Secretary

Apologies

John Truman, Director Civil Services Division
Lynn Walker, Ballina Environment Society

2. Declarations of Interest

Nil

3. Confirmation of Minutes

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the "B" Ward Committee held 28 March 2019 be taken as read and confirmed. (Monica Wilcox/Darel Vidler)

4. Deputations

Nil

5. Presentation by Member of Council's Senior Leadership Team

Council's Manager Open Spaces, Cheyne Willebrands provided a presentation regarding the Open Spaces section and its current activities.

6. Outstanding Business

(a) Off Road Vehicles on Seven Mile Beach at Lennox Head

The information provided in the agenda was noted.

(b) Ross Lane Roundabout – Vegetation

The information provided in the agenda was noted.

(c) Fire Trail – Lennox Head

The information provided 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.

9. Business Without Notice

(a) Speed Limits around Lake Ainsworth

Monica Wilcox advised that there were concerns about vehicles speeding on the southern and western roads at Lake Ainsworth. She believed the 50 km/hour zone near the toilets on the southern road was too fast and should be reduced due to the mix of use in that area with pedestrians/vehicles etc. She believed that the speed limit on the western side of the lake was also too fast (currently 100 km/hour) and should be reduced.

Paul Hickey advised that we can refer this matter to John Truman for review and possibly submitted to the Local Traffic Committee.

RECOMMENDATION

That the speed limit on the southern side of the lake (currently 50 km/hour) be reduced and the speed limit on the western side of the lake (currently 100 km/hour) be reduced and that this matter be referred to the Local Traffic Committee for consideration. (Monica Wilcox/Shawn Eastment)

(b) Council Nursery

Shawn Eastment advised that she has been working with Paul Brown from Council's Nursery on the riparian zone on the coast. Paul Brown was a wealth of knowledge and was propagating plant material from conditions along the western side of the lake. He was also maintaining endemic species to the area with seed collection and propagation.

It was agreed that a message of thanks be sent to Paul Brown acknowledging the great work done by him in this area.

(c) Lake Ainsworth Works

Jim Gilchrist advised that he had been watching works on the western road at Lake Ainsworth as it is being developed, and it appears to him that sometimes more clearing of the reserve has been undertaken than appeared necessary (eg near the entry to Camp Drewe). Is there someone in the team watching to see what clearing is being undertaken?

Cheyne Willebrands advised that environmental monitoring is undertaken and that staff would not be clearing areas that Council's approval did not extend to.

(d) Lennox One Way Traffic Trial

Brad Pollard – he has received positive feedback in relation to the reversal of the one way traffic trial in Lennox Head. Business houses are very grateful. Of the businesses who thought the trial was too short the feedback was that they wanted to see whatever is best for the town. They saw other businesses being affected and they did not want to see them fail. For the benefit of the town Council moved forward quickly. There have been some questions in relation to when the master plan is going to commence.

Paul Hickey advised that a report would be submitted to the June Council meeting as to the next step for the village upgrade.

(e) Love Lennox Festival

Brad Pollard – advised that the town was gearing up for the Love Lennox Festival on Saturday 1 June with TV commercials running and advertising in local papers. Flavours of Lennox is a sub event of the Love Lennox Festival which sees local eateries participating in a competition. There are 23 entrants this year, compared to 17 last year.

(f) Christmas Lights for Lennox Head

Brad Pollard – asked if there were plans for more Christmas Lights in Lennox Head this year.

Cheyne Willebrands advised that normally only the Norfolk pine in Ross Park is lit up.

Paul Hickey advised that there was not a large budget for Christmas lights throughout the Shire.

Brad advised that Lennox was hoping to do a little better than last year in the way of Christmas lights with a suggestion that the Chamber would also encourage more shop displays from businesses.

(g) Lennox One Way Traffic Trial

Darel Vidler – spoke about feedback received at the Sports Association meeting on the reversal of the trial. There was a feeling that it was great to see Council act so quickly to reverse the trial.

(h) Rock Fishing – Compulsory Life Jackets

Darel Vidler – enquired about the compulsory wearing of life jackets for rock fishers and if this is likely to go ahead.

Cheyne Willebrands advised that this was a State Government project that Council had resolved to support. Council was waiting for gazettal by the State Government of the areas for the Shire. It will be compulsory to wear a life jacket while rock fishing. Council has received a State Government grant to assist with education.

Darel Vidler asked who enforces it?

Cheyne Willebrands advised that the Police, Council Rangers and Fisheries staff will be able to enforce this –specifically for rock fishing.

(i) Epiq Estate Sports Fields

Darel Vidler – enquired about progress with the amenities at the Epiq Estate and how far away are they from becoming online.

Paul Hickey advised that Epiq were required to build an amenities and a hall as part of their State Government consent. Council didn't want a hall but opted for a more suitable amenities building. Design and costings have been done for the revised works (improved amenities/clubhouse) with a report to be submitted to the June Council meeting to sign off on the agreed package. There will also be options for lighting.

(j) Lake Ainsworth – Points of Entry for Swimmers

Lou Wilson – the Surf Club was concerned that on the eastern side of the lake, when the road is closed, about the revegetation and whether there will still be entry points into the lake for swimmers.

The plan of the proposed works was called up on the screen in the meeting where it was shown that there are five designated entry points for swimmers along the eastern side of the lake.

(k) Surf Life Saving Season

Lou Wilson advised that the surf life saving season has finished with the presentation ceremony being held this weekend. It was another very successful season.

(l) Residential Subdivisions – Inclusion of Commercial Development

Alan Veacock advised that the Cumbalum Residents Association will be writing to Council suggesting that it should no longer approve further land releases or developments in the area (Cumbalum) unless a commercial development is locked in place prior.

Paul Hickey advised that it was his understanding that future land releases could not be refused as there was already approximately eight hectares of commercially zoned land within Ballina Heights.

Paul Hickey advised that Council could potentially look at options for zoning additional land or back zoning to try and encourage development of the commercial land. This would require a Councillor notice of motion.

(m) Aldi – Left Hand Turn only from Exit

Alan Veacock - Some members of the Cumbalum Residents Association have considered putting forward a motion to Council regarding the safety of the exit from ALDI, and introduce a left hand turn only.

Paul Hickey advised that Council's Work Health & Safety Committee had considered this matter also as many staff travel to and from Council's Depot in Southern Cross Drive. We have a costing and design of approximately \$45,000 for a median strip for a left hand turn from the Aldi exit. This costing will be included as a submission to Council's Delivery Program, which will be considered at the Council's June Ordinary meeting.

(n) Abolishment of Ward System

Alan Veacock – members of the Cumbalum Residents Association would like Council to hold a referendum to have the Ward system removed.

Paul Hickey advised that Council considered the matter of the conduct of the 2020 Local Government Election at its December 2018 Ordinary meeting. The report to Council also canvassed polls and referendums and Council did not resolve to do any of those things.

(o) Lighting – Tamarind Drive/Deadmans Creek Road

Alan Veacock – enquired about a recommendation from the Finance Committee Meeting from 10 April 2019, as follows. His Association would like an update.

1. *That Council exhibit the current street lighting program as outlined in the report.*
2. *That as part of the exhibition process, Council determine the design and costings and possible grant funding opportunities for 'normal' lighting at the intersection of Tamarind Drive and Deadmans Creek Road. This information is to be reported back to Council as part of the adoption of the Draft Delivery Program.*

Paul Hickey advised that as part of the Draft Delivery Program, John Truman has engaged someone to obtain costings. A report will be submitted to the June Ordinary Council meeting on this matter.

Alan Veacock – also asked about a Council motion in April that all funding be stopped for Deadmans Creek Road which he believed was moved by Cr Sharon Cadwallader.

The Committee reviewed the minutes of the April Council meeting on the screen and the comment did not appear to be in the minutes.

10. Next Meeting

Monday 15 July 2019 at 4.30 pm

11. Meeting Closure

6.05 pm