

1. Attendance and Apologies

Councillor Ben Smith (Chair) (part time)
Mayor David Wright (Chair post Councillor Smith's departure)
Councillor Sharon Parry
Councillor Eoin Johnston

Pat Carney – Wardell Progress Association
Mary Birch – Wollongbar Progress Association
Jim Hahn – Probus Club of Alstonville
Jane Gardiner – Alstonville Plateau Historical Society
Steve Miller – Rous Mill Ratepayers
Russell Priddle – Alstonville FC
Des Burke – Alstonville Lions
Paul Mitchell – Alstonville Chamber of Commerce
Malcolm Johnson – Ballina Environment Society
Ria Keenan – Alstonville Community Preschool
Elva Fitzell – Rotary eClub

Others in Attendance

Marilyn Hahn – Probus Club of Alstonville
Marilyn Perkins – Wollongbar Progress Association
Ron Birch – Wollongbar Progress Association

Staff in Attendance

Matthew Wood – Director Planning and Environmental Health
Samala Heart – Waste Education Officer

Apologies

Barry Jeffress – Tuckombil Landcare

The apologies were accepted.

2. Declarations of Interest

Nil.

3. Deputations

Nil.

4. Confirmation of Minutes 11 July 2019

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 11 July 2019 were confirmed as a true and correct record (Jane Gardiner/Mary Birch).

5. Business Arising from Minutes – 11 July 2019

(a) Roundabout Vegetation – Teven Road

Jim Hahn clarified that his concern was that drivers tend to not obey the road rules in relation to roundabouts.

Councillor Parry enquired about the possibility of speed humps on Teven Road. Potential negatives associated with this type of traffic control device were raised by others on the Committee.

Councillor Smith noted the staff response indicated that direction is required from the Council if further action is to be taken.

The Committee noted traffic counters on the road and asked to see the traffic count and speed data that is collected. To be referred to Council's Engineering Works Section for consideration of the request.

(b) Roundabout in Main Street

The information provided in the agenda was noted.

6. Presentation – Waste Management and Resource Recovery

Samala Heart made a presentation to the Committee on waste management and recycling in Ballina Shire.

The presentation included an activity seeking both 'bright ideas' and identification of initiatives that the group would like continued or expanded.

7. Staff Presentation - Ballina Arterial Roads Strategy

The planned presentation on the arterial roads strategy by John Truman was deferred to a future meeting of the Committee.

8. Review of Ward Committee Membership

The information provided in the agenda was noted.

9. Council Documents on Exhibition

The list of Council documents recently exhibited for public comment was noted.

10. Reporting of Safety Related Matters

The information provided in the agenda was noted.

11. Items raised by members of the Committee

(a) Park at Rifle Range Road

Ron Birch asked whether the grass in the park at Rifle Range Road (old drive in theatre) can be slashed due to concerns about bushfire.

To be referred to Council's Commercial Services Section for review.

(b) Open Space and Community Facilities Contributions Plan

Mary Birch asked when the review of facilities for Wollongbar is to occur and whether this will include community engagement. Matthew Wood advised a review of infrastructure and facilities with respect to the plan is scheduled to occur this financial year with a formal review of the contributions plan due to commence in the next financial year. At this stage the approach to community engagement has not been confirmed.

To be referred to the Strategic Planning Section to consider the community engagement approach.

(c) Alstonville Main Street Pedestrian Crossing

Eoin Johnston raised concern about the safety of the pedestrian crossing in the Alstonville main street and has advised the General Manager of a near accident. Councillor Johnston invited further feedback from others on the Committee in relation to the safety of the crossing.

Councillor Johnston advised the General Manager has indicated this matter will be reviewed.

To be referred to Council's Engineering Works Section for review.

(d) Duplication of Entry Roads into Ballina - Bikeways

Mary Birch asked whether it is possible for the road duplications to include bike paths. Mayor Wright advised this is possible but is dependent on the available land.

Matthew Wood advised may be opportunity to discuss this further as part of the planned arterial road network presentation at a future meeting.

(e) Support Provided by Council to Crawford House

Jane Gardiner enquired about the particular reference to Crawford House being a beneficiary of Council support in the September edition of Community Connect (with other beneficiaries not being noted). The concern is that this may appear to others that Crawford house receives a level of support that others do not.

Mayor Wright advised this reference relates to Council paying the rates for Crawford House.

To be referred to Council's Communications Section for review.

(f) Bulwinkle Park Improvement Works

Malcolm Johnson referenced a submission on park improvements, seating and the shelter at Bulwinkle Park. Malcolm noted tree removal and mulching work that has been completed. Malcolm thanked James Brideson and Paul at the nursery for the assistance provided.

Malcolm indicated that Bulwinkle Park requires some seating and has offered \$6000 towards seating and a shelter. Malcolm tabled a submission in relation to this for consideration.

To be referred to Council's Open Space Section for review.

(g) Teven Vegetation Restoration Project

Malcolm Johnson advised that a further 20 plants have been stolen from the Teven vegetation restoration project.

(h) Wardell Shade Shelters

Pat Carney enquired about the status of the shade shelters at Wardell.

To be referred to Council's Open Space Section for review.

12. General Business

(a) Staff Speaker Time

Councillor Johnston asked that Council staff speakers have a reduced time to speak. This could be addressed by indicating the expected time for the presentation on the agenda.

To be considered by staff in the preparation of the next meeting agenda.

13. Next Meeting - Thursday 14 November 2019 at 5.00 pm

14. Meeting Closure

The meeting was closed at 6.10 pm