

**Minutes of the 'A' Ward Committee Meeting
Held 10 March 2020
In the Committee Rooms, 40 Cherry Street, Ballina**

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
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
Joanne McIntosh	Ballina Lighthouse & Lismore Surf Lifesaving Club
Geoff Jacobs	Ballina Bears Cricket Club
David Felsch	Ballina Peninsular Residents Association
Marilyn McIntosh	Ballina Evening View Club
John Bout	Summerhill Residents Group

Observers

Alan Brown	Ballina & District Citizens & Ratepayers Association
Valda Cross	Ballina & District Citizens & Ratepayers Association
Denis Magnay	Ballina & District Citizens & Ratepayers Association

Council Staff in Attendance

John Truman	Director Civil Services Division
Joanne Cordery	Secretary - Civil Services Division

Apologies

Cr Nathan Willis	Councillor
Mary Burton	Ballina Environment Society
George Young	Ballina Lions Club
Andrew Playford	Ballina Coast High School
Andrew Dougherty	Ballina lighthouse & Lismore Surf Lifesaving Club

3. Resignations/Changes to Memberships

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

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 8 May, 2018 were accepted as a true and correct record.

7. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Airport Upgrade – Security Entrance

The information in the staff report was noted.

Illegal Camping South Ballina

The information in the staff report was noted.

8. Staff Presentation – Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS)

Council's Strategic Planner, Klaus Kerzinger, provided a presentation on the Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS).

9. General Business

NA

10. Council Documents on Exhibition

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

11. Business Without Notice

i) Illegal Camping

Ross Pickering advised that there was a van illegally camped at Lighthouse Beach at the main lookout and asked if the Rangers could investigate.

ii) Lighthouse Beach Surf Club – New Storage Facility

Phil Meehan asked about the new storage facility at the surf club.

Joanne McIntosh reported the facility was meeting the club's equipment storage needs.

iii) Airport Runway

Cr Wright advised that he had met with Kevin Hogan MP and discussions were held regarding the possibility of \$10million funding grant for the Ballina Airport runway.

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iv) *Solar Light – Deadmans Creek Road*

John Bout advised that the new solar light made an adequate difference to the intersection and that he had made a request to Council to change the timing of the light.

John Truman advised that he had tasked staff to investigate with the manufacturer if it is possible to change the automatic sensors which turn the light on and off. If this change is possible, we will align the control to be as close to the street lighting system as possible.

v) *Update from Ballina Chamber of Commerce*

Susan Meehan noted that reports in the media regarding any interaction between the Chamber of Commerce and the Ballina and District Ratepayers Association with regard to the River Street four laning project were incorrect.

Susan also advised that the Christmas in River Street project was a success and they were looking to make it even better next year. That the International Women's Day was a wonderful event and that the Chamber was looking at running an International Men's day on 16 November 2020.

Susan also thanked the Ballina CWA ladies, the Men's Shed and Bunnings for contributing to the successful launch of the Boomerang Bag Project located in the Wigmore Arcade. Boomerang Books are also available.

vi) *Brighton Street – Fenced off Area*

Susan Meehan asked if the fenced off area in Brighton Street could be mown and tidied up as it was looking unkempt.

Post Meeting Note

Staff have been liaising with JALI to assess how this area can be maintained. An agreement is now in place and work completed.

vii) *Subsidence in River Drive, South Ballina*

David Felsch advised of a subsidence in the road in River Drive where the under boring had been carried out by Essential Energy. He said it was the section of River Drive located between Keith Hall Lane and Danns Lane.

viii) *Danns Lane Respiratory Issue*

David Felsch advised that a number of the residents living in Danns Lane had respiratory issues and they believed it could possibly be silicosis from the sand mining trucks.

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John Truman advised David that residents should consult their General Practitioner who would undertake any reporting to NSW Health if that was required. John also advised it was likely the quarry operated under an environmental licence and licence compliance concerns can be reported to the EPA. Council is also able to monitor compliance with any relevant conditions of development consent.

David tabled information and John Truman agreed to forward it to our Environmental Health section for their information.

ix) Ferry Trailer Charges

David Felsch tabled a letter requesting a review of the trailer charges for the Ferry.

John Truman advised that we would register the request as a submission in response to the public exhibition of the fees and charges which would be placed on public exhibition later in the year.

Post Meeting Note

The submission was reported to the Finance Committee Meeting held 8 April 2020. Council did not agree to include any changes regarding trailer fees in the draft document that has been endorsed for public exhibition.

x) Clarification of Yellow Parking Line on Ferry Deck

David Felsch tabled a letter suggesting there was confusion in the South Ballina community regarding the purpose of the yellow parking line on the deck of the ferry and sought clarification.

Post Meeting Note

This line was removed during the recent ferry dry dock maintenance.

xi) Request for Reduction in Ferry Ticket Fee

David Felsch tabled a letter requesting a reduction on the seasonal ticket price for the ferry for days lost whilst the ferry was out of service.

John Truman advised that the season ticket is offered at the same pricing for the years when the slip is scheduled and for the years where no slip has been undertaken. Ferry fees are placed on public exhibition each year.

John Truman provided an update on the ferry slip and advised that the ferry would revert back to an annual slip commencing from 2021.

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xii) Regatta Park

Ross Pickering asked why you were no longer able to park on the area near the Naval Museum.

Cr Meehan advised that the area was a public reserve, which should not be driven on and that a shared path connected through it and it was not safe for pedestrians.

xiii) Boatharbour Road Bicycle Linemarking

Ross Pickering raised the issue of the linemarking in Boatharbour Road not being correct.

John Truman advised that we had dealt with this matter at a previous meeting and would provide the information in the minutes.

Post Meeting Note

Extract from the minutes of 9 July 2019.

Boatharbour Road Bicycle Linemarking – River Street to Sunnybank Drive

Staff have inspected Boatharbour Road and Sunnybank Drive.

Boatharbour Road is linemarked with the cyclist symbol and dedicated lane. Sunny bank Drive is marked with larger cyclist symbols.

The reason for this difference is Boatharbour Road has a parking restriction for the length of the cycle lane whereas Sunnybank Drive does not.

Repeating the Boatharbour Road arrangement in Sunnybank Drive is not preferred as the line can be confusing for motorists in respect of parking restrictions and furthermore the parked vehicles cover the cyclist symbol.

The current configuration in Sunnybank Drive means the cyclist symbol is offset from the kerb and parking lane when compared to Boatharbour Road.

The inspector noted the high frequency of the cyclist symbols. This is shown in the picture below.

Staff recommend no changes to these arrangements.

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xiv) River Street Four Laning Project

Ross Pickering asked about the cost analysis for the Flathead Road option of the project.

Cr Meehan advised that the service road next to the motorway had been examined however Council decided not to pursue that route or the costings associated with it. He advised that \$35,000 had been allocated for a study of costs and structure matters to examine the Barlows Road option as a route.

Information regarding the decision is available on Council's website.

xv) Cr Nathan Willis

Ross Pickering asked whether Cr Nathan Willis was a resident of Ballina Shire and if he was transferring to Lismore Council.

Mr Pickering was advised he should direct that question to Cr Willis.

xvi) Fripp Oval

Geoff Jacobs advised that the Club would like to air condition the clubhouse at no cost to Council. Do they require Council approval?

John Truman advised that the Club will need to advise Council in writing of the details and we would respond to that request.

Geoff also advised that the Club had recently supported the annual under 13 junior cricket carnival which was now in its 30th.year. He thanked Council and especially Will Bennett and his crew for the excellent work they do on the fields.

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xvii) Sport & Recreation Plan

John Truman discussed the public exhibition of the Sport and Recreation Plan and advised that we had received significant interest and helpful feedback from community groups. The exhibition outcomes will be reported to Council in March 2020.

xviii) Ballina Swimming Pool

Cr Meehan advised the Committee that the Ballina swimming pool was operating at with a financial surplus and that the community had embraced the new facility.

12. Next Meeting

The next meeting is to be held at 4.00pm on Tuesday 12 May 2020.

13. Meeting Close

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 5.25pm.

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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>
<i>Naive Ballard</i>	Ballina CWA	<i>N Ballard</i>
Mr George Young	Ballina Lions Club	Apology
Mrs Susan Meehan	Ballina Chamber of Commerce & Ballina Retail Action Group	<i>S Meehan</i>
Ms Margaret Hains	Ballina Day View Club	<i>M M Hains</i>
Ms Marilyn McIntosh	Ballina Evening View Club	<i>M McIntosh</i>
Ms Mary O'Brien	Lighthouse Day Club	
Mr David Felsch	South Ballina Community Association	<i>D Felsch</i>
	South Ballina Community Association	
Mr Geoff Jacobs	Ballina Bears Cricket Club	<i>G Jacobs</i>
Mr Ross Pickering	Ballina & District Citizens & Ratepayers Association	<i>R Pickering</i>
Andrew Dougherty	Ballina Lighthouse & Lismore Surf Lifesaving Club	Apology
Joanne McIntosh	Ballina Lighthouse & Lismore Surf Lifesaving Club	<i>J McIntosh</i>
Andrew Playford	Ballina Coast High School	Apology
Mary Burton	Ballina Environment Society	Apology
	West Ballina Quays Consultative Group	
Mr John Bout	Summerhill Residents Group	<i>J Bout</i>
Mr John Truman	Director Civil Services Division	<i>J Truman</i> Attended.
Ms Joanne Cordery	Civil Services Division	<i>J Cordery</i>
<i>observers</i>	<i>Alan Brown, Valda Cross, Denis Magray</i>	<i>Ballina Ratepayers Association</i>

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David Felsch

971 river dr

Keith Hall

9/3/ 2020

The General Manager
Ballina Shire council

Dear Paul

A Number Of Peninsula resident have asked me to make represantion to the council for a reduced cost to seasonal tickey for ferry in lou of days of used lost throught servicing.Maybe something like \$30 off the next Ticket.
Only my thought.
Your Sincerly



David felsch

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CLARIFICATION REGARDING ROLE OF YELLOW PARKING LINE ON FERRY DECK

Background

Around 2 years ago, a decision was made to paint a yellow line on the deck of the Burns Point Ferry on the lane next to the cabin.

Issue

This has caused some confusion for users in that the ferry masters sometimes require people to stop at the line whilst others require motorists to proceed up to where the ramp begins. I have personally witnessed a woman in tears because she was told she was doing the wrong thing by stopping at the line.

Proposal

There is a need for clarification as to what motorists should do. One possible solution may be to install a sign which illuminates and flashes to gain the motorists' attention when the ferry master requires cars to stop at the line.

Above all we are appreciative of the fact that, at peak times, it is not good to lose a car space and that this need to have a line should only be enforced if it is deemed to be absolutely necessary. Possibly the operating authority should look at other ways of meeting the needs of the ferry master in this respect.

Sincerely



D. J. FELSCH
President
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REQUEST TO REVIEW TRAILER CHARGES

We are writing to propose a review of the charges that are presently levied on trailers owned by members of the community.

At present trailers are charged at the same rate as a motor car. This appears to be inequitable, particularly for annual or periodic tickets. In the case of occasional use the cost is such that many residents opt to avoid using the ferry and drive to Ballina via Wardell which is a significant impost on their time.

It should be noted that the Council has seen fit to issue annual ferry passes for bicycles. We propose that trailers should be viewed in the same light. One of the reasons for suggesting this is that residents only occasionally use a trailer yet they are being charged on an annual ticket at the same rate as for their vehicles which they use regularly. This seems iniquitous. To prevent abuse of this system, it is suggested that a trailer pass would be displayed on the windscreen of a car that already has an annual or periodic pass. We suggest this concession would not be open to contractors who regularly tow a trailer and use the ferry during peak periods of activity.

We therefore propose that the cost of an annual or periodic pass for a trailer should be set at 1/10th that of a car. Even at this rate, the Council is winning because residents do not pull a trailer at anything like once every 10 trips by their cars.

Sincerely



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