

Attendance and Apologies

Councillor Ben Smith (Chair) (via Zoom)
Cr David Wright (Mayor)
Councillor Sharon Parry (via Zoom)

Jane Gardiner – Alstonville Plateau Historical Society
Mary Birch – Wollongbar Progress Association
Jim Hahn – Probus Club of Alstonville
Tyrone McGillick – Alstonville Asphalt Watch
Des Burke – Alstonville Lions

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
Janelle Snellgrove – Executive Support Officer
Caroline Klose – Manager Communications
Tracy Lister – Coordinator Communications

Apologies

Malcolm Johnson – Ballina Environment Society
Russell Priddle – Alstonville & District Football Club

2. Declarations of Interest

Nil.

3. Deputations

Nil.

4. Confirmation of Minutes 12 March 2020

That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 12 March 2020 be accepted as a true and correct record subject to the following amendment:

Barry Jeffress – Tuckombil Landcare had the following correction to Item 8(b) of the minutes:

TLC acknowledge the generous and supportive role played by NSW police to date. Accordingly could the second sentence of para 1 be amended as follows:

8. Items raised by members of the Committee
(b) Tuckombil Landcare – Stolen Plants – Teven Memorial Park

Plants continue to be stolen at Teven Memorial Park. Barry Jeffress and Sharron Gillett advised ~~Police will not investigate or prosecute without definitive images showing number plates.~~ that while NSW Police have been active in investigating this matter they require definitive images of number plates in order to identify suspects.

Meeting between Council, Landcare and Police has been organised for Monday 23 March.

5. Business Arising from Minutes – 12 March 2020

(a) Bulwinkle Park Improvements – Offer of Financial Support for Seating and Shelter

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

(b) Large Vehicles Parked on Roads

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

(c) Low Hanging Tree – Parkland Drive

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

Confirmed that this item was raised by Jim Hahn (previous minutes indicate the matter was raised by Marilyn Perkins).

(d) Tuckombil Quarry, Boral Bitupave

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

(e) Wollongbar District Park Area

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

(f) Traffic Safety Black Spots

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

(g) Pesticide Policy

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

6. Update on COVID-19

Matthew Wood provided an update on Covid-19 and what actions and practices Council has put in place. Included overview of service operations, staff arrangements and customer and business support initiatives.

As part of this discussion Councillor Parry enquired about staff productivity when working from home and Jane Gardiner sought information about what relief Council has provided for its tenants due to COVID-19.

Matthew noted that staff output in working from home situations has been very positive with key functions being provided to the expected standard. Matthew also provided details about Council's business relief package as it relates to Council building tenants.

7. Wardell Bypassed Town Signage

The Committee was invited to provide feedback on signage proposed by Transport for NSW for Wardell in relation to the bypass of the village.

No feedback was provided from the Committee.

8. Delivery Program and Operational Plan 2020/2021 – 2023/2024

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

9. Council Documents on Exhibition

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

10. Items raised by members of the Committee

(a) Alstonville Memorial Pool Amenities

Marilyn Hahn requested an update on the refurbishment of the ladies amenities at Alstonville Pool.

Cr Ben Smith advised the tender for construction of new male and female amenities recently closed and will likely be on the agenda next Ordinary meeting.

Post Meeting Update

The tender for the works will be considered by Council at its May 2020 Ordinary meeting.

(b) Wollongbar District Park

Mary Birch requested a status update on Wollongbar District Park and requested that the park be mowed. To be referred to Commercial Services Section for review.

Matthew Wood advised the development application for the Wollongbar District Park will be reported to Council for determination in May.

Post Meeting Update

A contractor has now carried out maintenance works on the site (including mowing, hand clearing and brushcutting)

(c) Wollongbar Community Hall

Mary Birch raised the provision of signage for Wollongbar Community Hall. To be referred to Community Facilities Section for review.

11. **General Business**

(a) Wollongbar Community Hall

Mary Birch thanked and commended Council for the Wollongbar Community Hall door repairs that were recently completed.

(b) Teven Quarry

Tyrone McGillick questioned the safety of nearby residents to Teven quarry and what was stored on the site. He was concerned about trucks entering the property containing explosives.

Matthew Wood advised that Ron Southon has a lease on a parcel of land adjacent to the quarry and has approval to store explosives. The storage of explosives is regulated by State Government authorities.

12. **Next Meeting** - Thursday 9 July 2020 at 5.00 pm

13. **Meeting Closure** - The meeting closed at 5.34 pm