

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF BALLINA SHIRE COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE BALLINA SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
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**Attendance**

Crs David Wright (Mayor - in the chair), Phillip Meehan (by audio-visual link), Sharon Parry (by audio-visual link), Jeff Johnson (by audio-visual link), Eoin Johnston (arrived late), Stephen McCarthy, Keith Williams, Sharon Cadwallader and Ben Smith.

Paul Hickey (General Manager), John Truman (Director, Civil Services Division), Matthew Wood (Director, Planning and Environmental Health Division), Kelly Brown (Director, Corporate and Community Division) and Sarah Carden (Secretary) were in attendance.

There were 0 people in the gallery at this time.

**1. Australian National Anthem**

The National Anthem was performed by Councillors and staff.

**2. Acknowledgement of Country**

In opening the meeting the Mayor provided an Acknowledgement of Country.

**3. Apologies**

An apology was received from Cr Nathan Willis and Cr Eoin Johnston will be arriving late.

**260320/1            RESOLVED**

(Cr Ben Smith/Cr Sharon Cadwallader)

That such apologies be accepted and leave of absence granted.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Phillip Meehan, Cr Eoin Johnston and Cr Nathan Willis

**4. Confirmation of Minutes**

**260320/2            RESOLVED**

(Cr Sharon Cadwallader/Cr Keith Williams)

That Council confirms the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Ballina Shire Council held on Thursday 27 February 2020.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Phillip Meehan, Cr Eoin Johnston and Cr Nathan Willis

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**5. Declarations of Interest and Reportable Political Donations**

- **Matthew Wood** – declared an interest in Item 8.1 – Wollongbar – Community Infrastructure (Nature of Interest: non-significant, non-pecuniary – a family friend has expressed interest in the purchase of land being considered for the purpose of a child care/community facility). He will be leaving the meeting whilst the matter is discussed.
- **Paul Hickey** – declared an interest in Item 11.1 – Rescission Motion – DA 2019/519 – 23 Northcott Crescent, Alstonville (Nature of Interest: non-significant, non-pecuniary - Damian Chapelle from Newton, Denny, Chapelle has recently lodged an unrelated development application on his and his daughter's behalf. Mr Chapelle is not the planner handling the application for the applicant in Item 11.1 and Mr Hickey has not been involved in the assessment of the application or the determination). He will be remaining in the meeting while the matter is discussed as
- **Sharon Cadwallader** – declared an interest in Item 10.7 – Policy (Review) – Cemetery Management (Nature of Interest: non-significant, non-pecuniary – she is a civil celebrant). She will be remaining in the meeting while the matter is discussed and voting on the matter.
- **Cr Sharon Parry** – declared an interest in Item 11.1 – Rescission Motion – DA 2019/519 – 23 Northcott Crescent, Alstonville (Nature of Interest: non-significant, non-pecuniary – she has been sent an unsolicited email from the landowner). She will be remaining in the meeting and voting on the matter.
- **Cr Steve McCarthy** – declared an interest in Item 10.1 – Ballina Sport and Recreation Facility Plan – Finalisation and Adoption (Nature of Interest: non-significant, non-pecuniary – He is a public officer and coach/referee of one of the tenants of the BISC). He will be remaining in the meeting and voting on the matter.
- **Cr Jeff Johnson** – declared an interest in Item 12.1 – Finance Committee Minutes – 17 March 2020 (Nature of Interest: non-significant, non-pecuniary – he is a member of the Ocean Pool Committee incorporated and the Ocean Pool Committee). He will be remaining in the meeting and voting on the matter.

Cr Phillip Meehan joined the meeting at 09:03 am.

**6. Deputations**

- **Marilyn Perkins** – deputation made in writing in favour of Item 8.1 – Wollongbar – Community Infrastructure
- **Karina Vikstrom from Newton Denny Chapelle** – deputation made in writing in opposition to Item 11.1 – Rescission Motion – DA 2019/519 - 23 Northcott Crescent, Alstonville.
- **Max Ryan** – spoke via video recording in favour of Item 11.2 – Notice of Motion – Tender – Coastal Recreational Walk
- **David Felsch** – deputation made in writing in favour of Item 11.4 – Notice of Motion – 4WD Permit System – South Ballina

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**7. Mayoral Minutes**

**7.1 Mayoral Minute - Plan to Save our Recycling**

**260320/3 A Motion was moved by Cr David Wright**

1. That Council acknowledges the growing imperative to manage waste and recycling within NSW and calls for urgent action from the State Government to help build a circular economy in NSW.
2. That Council endorses Local Government NSW's sector-wide Save our Recycling campaign, and asks the State Government to reinvest the Waste Levy in:
  - a) Funding councils to collaboratively develop regional-scale plans for the future of waste and recycling in their regions
  - b) The delivery of the priority infrastructure and other local government projects needed to deliver regional-scale plans, particularly where a market failure has been identified
  - c) Support for the purchase of recycled content by all levels of government, to help create new markets
  - d) Funding and delivery of a state-wide education campaign on the importance of recycling, including the right way to recycle, the purchase of products with recycled content and the importance of waste avoidance.
3. That Council write to our local State Members, the Minister for Energy and Environment the Hon Matthew Kean MP, Local Government Minister the Hon Shelley Hancock MP, NSW Treasurer the Hon Dominic Perrottet MP, Premier the Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP, Opposition Leader Jodi McKay MP, Shadow Minister for Environment and Heritage Kate Washington MP, and Shadow Minister for Local Government Greg Warren MP to confirm their support for recycling and outline the urgent need to educate, innovate and invest in local waste and recycling services via the Waste Levy.
4. That Council advise LGNSW President Linda Scott of the passage of this Mayoral Minute.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Eoin Johnston and Cr Nathan Willis

**7.2 Mayoral Minute - Business Relief Package**

**260320/4 A Motion was moved by Cr David Wright**

1. That Council adopts the financial support package, as per Table One of this Mayoral Minute, and authorises the General Manager to implement the necessary actions to deliver this package to our community.

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2. That Council adopts a nil interest rate for overdue rates and charges for the period 1 April 2020 to 30 June 2021.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Eoin Johnston and Cr Nathan Willis

Matthew Wood left the meeting at 9:20 am.

**8. Planning and Environmental Health Division Reports**

**8.1 Wollongbar - Community Infrastructure**

**260320/5 RESOLVED**

(Cr Sharon Parry/Cr Sharon Cadwallader)

1. That Council include a review of the Ballina Shire Community Facilities Strategy 2008, and the Open Space and Community Facilities Contributions Plan 2016 as actions in the 2020/21 Operational Plan.
2. That proposed Lot 31, in the approved subdivision (DA 2018/753), not be sold, until adoption of the documents referenced in point one confirms whether or not the site is required for Council owned community facilities at Wollongbar.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Eoin Johnston and Cr Nathan Willis

Matthew Wood returned to the meeting at 9:23 am.

**8.2 Coastal Management Program - Lake Ainsworth, Lennox Head**

**260320/6 RESOLVED**

(Cr Sharon Cadwallader/Cr Ben Smith)

1. That Council approves the Lake Ainsworth Coastal Management Program, as attached to this report.
2. That Council submit the Lake Ainsworth Coastal Management Program to the Minister for approval and certification in accordance with the NSW Coastal Management Manual.
3. That Council receive a report to the April 2020 Finance Committee meeting outlining a preferred funding strategy, and sources, for the implementation of the actions identified in the Lake Ainsworth Coastal Management Plan.

FOR VOTE - Cr David Wright, Cr Phillip Meehan, Cr Sharon Parry, Cr Jeff Johnson, Cr Stephen McCarthy and Cr Sharon Cadwallader

AGAINST VOTE - Cr Keith Williams and Cr Ben Smith

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Eoin Johnston and Cr Nathan Willis

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**8.3 Ballina Community Markets - Provision of temporary toilets**

**260320/7            RESOLVED**

(Cr Sharon Cadwallader/Cr Ben Smith)

1. That Council confirms that it will continue to fund the provision of temporary toilets to the Ballina Community Markets to 30 June 2020.
2. That in respect to the period from 1 July 2020 onwards, the market managers are invited to apply for funding from Council's annual community donations program, with that program to be advertised during May and June.
3. That Council recognises and thanks the East Ballina Lions Club members for the contribution that they make to our community.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Eoin Johnston and Cr Nathan Willis

**8.4 Development Applications - Works in Progress - March 2020**

**260320/8            RESOLVED**

(Cr Ben Smith/Cr Sharon Cadwallader)

That Council notes the contents of the report on the status of outstanding development applications for March 2020.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Eoin Johnston and Cr Nathan Willis

**9. Corporate and Community Division Reports**

**9.1 Use of Council Seal**

**260320/9            RESOLVED**

(Cr Sharon Cadwallader/Cr Ben Smith)

That Council affix the Common Seal to the following document.

US 20/09	That Council as the appointed Crown Land Manager for reserve R54223 approves the use of the Common Seal for the renewal of the 12 month short-term licence between Council and the Tintenbar Tennis Club Incorporated for the period 14 March 2020 to 13 March 2021 at statutory minimum rental.
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FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Eoin Johnston and Cr Nathan Willis

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**9.2 Investment Summary - February 2020**

**260320/10      RESOLVED**

(Cr Ben Smith/Cr Sharon Cadwallader)

That Council notes the record of banking and investments for February 2020.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Eoin Johnston and Cr Nathan Willis

**9.3 Donations - Australian Representation**

**260320/11      RESOLVED**

(Cr Sharon Cadwallader/Cr Sharon Parry)

That Council approves a donation of \$469 for Ms Serene Peiti towards the cost of travel for her selection in the Over 45's Australian Women's Masters Hockey Team as per Council's *Donations – Australian Representation* policy.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Eoin Johnston and Cr Nathan Willis

**9.4 Tender - Screening and Security Services, Airport**

**260320/12      RESOLVED**

(Cr Keith Williams/Cr Ben Smith)

That Council not accepts the tender from MSS Security Pty Ltd for the Provision of Screening and Security Services at the Ballina Byron Gateway Airport based on the current environment.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Eoin Johnston and Cr Nathan Willis

**9.5 Policy (Review) - Private Structures within Council Owned Waterways**

**260320/13      RESOLVED**

(Cr Sharon Cadwallader/Cr Stephen McCarthy)

1. That Council adopts the amended Private Structures within Council Owned Waterways Policy, as attached to this report.
2. That Council place this policy on exhibition for public comment, with any submissions received to be resubmitted back to Council. If no submissions are received then no further action is required.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Eoin Johnston and Cr Nathan Willis

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**10. Civil Services Division Reports**

**10.1 Ballina Sport and Recreation Facility Plan - Finalisation and Adoption**

**260320/14 RESOLVED**

(Cr Keith Williams/Cr Ben Smith)

1. That Council adopts the Ballina Sport and Recreation Facility Plan, as exhibited, subject to the recommended amendments set out in Table Two of this report.
2. That Council thank all the key stakeholders and submitters for their active participation in the preparation of the draft plan.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Eoin Johnston and Cr Nathan Willis

**10.2 Beach Naming - East Ballina**

**260320/15 RESOLVED**

(Cr Keith Williams/Cr Phillip Meehan)

That Council confirms its support to make an application to the Geographical Names Board to name the beach area immediate east of the northern end of Missingham Bridge, Gawandii Beach.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Eoin Johnston and Cr Nathan Willis

**10.3 Angels Beach Drive - Acquisition of Crown Land**

**260320/16 RESOLVED**

(Cr Ben Smith/Cr Sharon Cadwallader)

1. That Council resolves to compulsorily acquire Crown land for Angels Beach Drive, as shown on the diagrams attached to this report, in accordance with the provisions of the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991 and the Local Government Act 1993.
2. That Council resolves to make an application to the Office of Local Government, the Minister and the Governor for the approval of the compulsory acquisition (by agreement) of the Crown land.
3. That Council authorise the General Manager to conduct and finalise negotiations with NSW Planning, Industry & Environment - Crown Lands to acquire the Crown land.
4. That Council approves the use of the Council seal on any documents associated with the acquisition of the Crown land.

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5. That Council confirms that following acquisition the land is to be dedicated as public road.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Eoin Johnston and Cr Nathan Willis

Cr Keith Williams left the meeting at 10:07 am.

**10.4 Policy (Review) - Festival and Events Sponsorship**

**260320/17 RESOLVED**

(Cr Ben Smith/Cr Sharon Cadwallader)

1. That Council adopts the amended Festival and Events (Community and Commercial) Sponsorship Program Policies, as attached to this report.
2. That Council place these policies on exhibition for public comment, with any submissions received to be resubmitted back to Council. If no submissions are received then no further action is required.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Eoin Johnston, Cr Nathan Willis and Cr Keith Williams

Cr Keith Williams returned to the meeting at 10:10 am.

**10.5 Policy (Review) - Street Light Shielding**

**260320/18 RESOLVED**

(Cr Sharon Cadwallader/Cr Ben Smith)

1. That Council adopts the amended Street Light Shielding Policy, as attached to this report.
2. That Council place this policy on exhibition for public comment, with any submissions received to be resubmitted back to Council. If no submissions are received then no further action is required.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Eoin Johnston and Cr Nathan Willis

**10.6 Policy (Review) - Building Over or Adjacent to Council Assets**

**260320/19 RESOLVED**

(Cr Ben Smith/Cr Sharon Cadwallader)

1. That Council adopts the amended Building over or adjacent to Council Assets Policy, as attached to this report.



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2. That Council place this policy on exhibition for public comment, with any submissions received to be resubmitted back to Council. If no submissions are received then no further action is required.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Eoin Johnston and Cr Nathan Willis

**10.7 Policy (Review) - Cemetery Management**

A **Motion** was moved by Cr Sharon Cadwallader.

1. That Council adopts the amended Cemetery Management Policy, as attached to this report with the addition under section 10 of the policy that Religious/Denominational sections be signposted.
2. That Council place this policy on exhibition for public comment, with any submissions received to be resubmitted back to Council. If no submissions are received then no further action is required.

The Motion **LAPSED**.

A **Motion** was moved by Cr Keith Williams and seconded by Cr Ben Smith

1. That Council adopts the amended Cemetery Management Policy, as attached to this report.
2. That Council place this policy on exhibition for public comment, with any submissions received to be resubmitted back to Council. If no submissions are received then no further action is required.
3. That Council receive a further report on the development of a register or map that helps identify the location of graves.

An **Amendment** was moved by Cr Jeff Johnson and seconded by Cr Sharon Cadwallader

That we defer the adoption of the Cemetery Management Policy.

That consideration be given to a register or map that helps identify the location of graves and the Draft Policy come back to Council for further consideration.

The Amendment was **WITHDRAWN**.

The **Motion** was **CARRIED**.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Eoin Johnston and Cr Nathan Willis

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**260320/20      RESOLVED**

(Cr Keith Williams/Cr Ben Smith)

1. That Council adopts the amended Cemetery Management Policy, as attached to this report.
2. That Council place this policy on exhibition for public comment, with any submissions received to be resubmitted back to Council. If no submissions are received then no further action is required.
3. That Council receive a further report on the development of a register or map that helps identify the location of graves.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Eoin Johnston and Cr Nathan Willis

**Adjournment**

The Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 10.40 am.

The meeting resumed at 11.05 am.

Cr Eoin Johnston arrived at the meeting at 11:05 am.

**11. Notices of Motion**

**11.1 Rescission Motion - DA 2019/519 - 23 Northcott Crescent, Alstonville**

**260320/21      RESOLVED**

(Cr Sharon Parry/Cr Jeff Johnson)

That resolution 270220/6, as follows, be rescinded:

*That Development Application 2019/519 to establish a depot and storage premises and to undertake earthworks and retaining of the site at Lot 2 DP 1237064, No. 23 Northcott Crescent, Alstonville be **APPROVED** subject to standard planning, civil and environmental health conditions.*

FOR VOTE - Cr Sharon Parry, Cr Jeff Johnson, Cr Eoin Johnston, Cr Keith Williams and Cr Sharon Cadwallader

AGAINST VOTE - Cr David Wright, Cr Phillip Meehan, Cr Stephen McCarthy and Cr Ben Smith

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Nathan Willis

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**260320/22      RESOLVED**

(Cr Sharon Parry/Cr Jeff Johnson)

That Development Application 2019/519 to establish a depot and storage premises and to undertake earthworks and retaining of the site at Lot 2 DP 1237064, No. 23 Northcott Crescent, Alstonville be **APPROVED** subject to conditions of consent as set out in Attachment 3 inclusive of the following conditions:

**Stormwater Management Plan & Designs**

The provision of stormwater controls on site shall be in accordance with the Water Sensitive Design requirements of Council's Development Control Plan Chapter 2 – Section 3.9 - Stormwater Management and in general accordance with the Site Stormwater Management Plan by Newton Denny Chapelle, dated June 2019.

Overland flow paths must be incorporated into the design directing overflows around the perimeter of the site to the stormwater treatment/attenuation structure and from the structure via the easement at the north/east of the site.

Detailed design and construction plans must be submitted with the Stormwater Management Plan, to and approved by the Principal Certifying Authority prior to the issue of the Construction Certificate, detailing (but not limited to), the following:

- Typical cross-sections of the proposed drainage swales adjacent to the top of the retaining walls and perimeter of the site; design of the swale capacity to manage and capture up to the 100 year ARI event; details of how the stormwater flows transition from the swale into the stormwater treatment /attenuation structure; swale profile and material (concrete or an approved equivalent).
- Design details of how the perimeter drainage flows transition and enter into the treatment/attenuation structure.
- Design details of the overflow weir in the event the treatment/attenuation structure overflows.
- Design details of the overland flow path profile and construction materials for the length of the swale throughout the easement downstream of the treatment/attenuation structure.
- Details of the maintenance access into the treatment/attenuation structure for people and plant/machines in a safe, workable and practical manner.
- Details of how debris/gravel/silt is to be cleaned out of the treatment/attenuation structure.
- Note that the use of mulch is not permitted.
- Structural design of the proposed block retaining walls to the treatment/attenuation structure.

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**Storage of empty skip bins**

The depot permits the storage of empty bins and skips. The bins and skips shall be stored in suitably clean condition to prevent the creation of an odour or pest nuisance or leachate generation. A procedure must be developed and implemented during operations to ensure all bins are received in a suitably clean condition. No waste shall be transported to or stored at the site, other than any waste generated at the site itself, without the prior approval of Council.

**Dust management**

Dust shall be managed using water suppression, re-establishment of vegetation cover, stockpile management, covering loads, preventing spoil tracking onto roads and halting works on site in extreme wind events. Further guidance can be sourced from 'No Dust No Fuss: Guidelines for controlling dust from construction sites' NSW EPA.

**Dust generation**

The surface of the site must be maintained to prevent the generation of dust.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Nathan Willis

**11.2 Notice of Motion - Tender - Coastal Recreational Walk**

**260320/23      RESOLVED**

(Cr Stephen McCarthy/Cr Keith Williams)

That Council replace the proposed sand path (from chainage 4420.00 to 4660.0 and chainage 4880.00 to 5039.776) with compacted gravel path consistent with the development application plan consent (approved 26 June 2014). This then provides improved accessibility for the section from the southern end of Boulder Beach to the new boardwalk around the back of Boulder Beach and continues to the base of the southern side of Lennox Headland.

FOR VOTE - Cr David Wright, Cr Sharon Parry, Cr Jeff Johnson, Cr Eoin Johnston, Cr Stephen McCarthy, Cr Keith Williams, Cr Sharon Cadwallader and Cr Ben Smith

AGAINST VOTE - Cr Phillip Meehan

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Nathan Willis

**11.3 Notice of Motion - National General Assembly of Local Government**

**260320/24      RESOLVED**

(Cr Sharon Cadwallader/Cr Jeff Johnson)

That Council submit the following Motion to the 2020 ALGA National General Assembly of Local Government:

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*That the National General Assembly call on the Australian Government to work in collaboration with councils and the states and territories to develop and implement a national climate change adaptation plan to minimise the destructive impact on our communities of coastal erosion, inundation and other hazards, including extreme weather events and bushfires.*

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.  
ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Nathan Willis

**11.4 Notice of Motion - 4WD Permit System - South Ballina**

**A Motion** was moved by Cr Eoin Johnston and seconded by Cr Keith Williams

1. That Council convene a meeting with the land authorities responsible for management of the 4WD accessible area of South Ballina / Patches Beach (i.e. National Parks and Wildlife, Crown, Richmond Valley Council) to examine whether all agencies can work together to implement a permit system along the following principles:
  - Permits as per Seven Mile Beach
  - Revenue to be allocated to ranger resources to regularly patrol this locality (this may be full time or part-time)
  - The ranger resource could be employed by any one of the agencies
  - Any estimated shortfall in the cost of funding the ranger resource is to be funded through joint contributions from the various agencies.
2. That Council receive a report back on the outcomes from these discussions.
3. That Council call for submissions from key community groups.

An **Amendment** was moved by Cr Phil Meehan and seconded by Cr Sharon Parry

That Council convene a meeting with the land authorities responsible for management of the 4WD accessible area of South Ballina / Patches Beach (i.e. National Parks and Wildlife, Crown, Richmond Valley Council) to examine the feasibility of limiting vehicular access to those beaches.

FOR VOTE - Cr Phillip Meehan, Cr Sharon Parry and Cr Jeff Johnson  
AGAINST VOTE - Cr David Wright, Cr Eoin Johnston, Cr Stephen McCarthy, Cr Keith Williams, Cr Sharon Cadwallader and Cr Ben Smith  
ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Nathan Willis

The Amendment was **LOST**.

The Motion was **CARRIED**.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.  
ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Nathan Willis

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**260320/25      RESOLVED**

(Cr Eoin Johnston/Cr Keith Williams)

1. That Council convene a meeting with the land authorities responsible for management of the 4WD accessible area of South Ballina / Patches Beach (i.e. National Parks and Wildlife, Crown, Richmond Valley Council) to examine whether all agencies can work together to implement a permit system along the following principles:
  - Permits as per Seven Mile Beach
  - Revenue to be allocated to ranger resources to regularly patrol this locality (this may be full time or part-time)
  - The ranger resource could be employed by any one of the agencies
  - Any estimated shortfall in the cost of funding the ranger resource is to be funded through joint contributions from the various agencies.
2. That Council receive a report back on the outcomes from these discussions.
3. That Council call for submissions from key community groups.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.  
ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Nathan Willis

**11.5      Notice of Motion - Proposed Access on Bruxner Highway at Alstonville**

A **Motion** was moved by Cr Eoin Johnston and seconded by Cr Ben Smith

That Council confirms that it does not support any proposal for the eastern access to Alstonville from the Bruxner Highway which results in traffic being directed back through Alstonville as a consequence of not being able to head west from the eastern access.

An **Amendment** was moved by Cr Phil Meehan and seconded by Cr Keith Williams.

That Council defer this matter until after the Council briefing with RMS.

FOR VOTE - Cr Phillip Meehan and Cr Keith Williams  
AGAINST VOTE - Cr David Wright, Cr Sharon Parry, Cr Jeff Johnson, Cr Eoin Johnston, Cr Stephen McCarthy, Cr Sharon Cadwallader and Cr Ben Smith  
ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Nathan Willis

The Amendment was **LOST**.

The Motion was **CARRIED**.

FOR VOTE - Cr David Wright, Cr Sharon Parry, Cr Jeff Johnson, Cr Eoin Johnston, Cr Stephen McCarthy, Cr Keith Williams, Cr Sharon Cadwallader and Cr Ben Smith  
AGAINST VOTE - Cr Phillip Meehan  
ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Nathan Willis

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**260320/26      RESOLVED**

(Cr Eoin Johnston/Cr Ben Smith)

That Council confirms that it does not support any proposal for the eastern access to Alstonville from the Bruxner Highway which results in traffic being directed back through Alstonville as a consequence of not being able to head west from the eastern access.

FOR VOTE - Cr David Wright, Cr Sharon Parry, Cr Jeff Johnson, Cr Eoin Johnston, Cr Stephen McCarthy, Cr Keith Williams, Cr Sharon Cadwallader and Cr Ben Smith

AGAINST VOTE - Cr Phillip Meehan

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Nathan Willis

**11.6      Notice of Motion - Farmland Rating Policy**

Cr Keith Williams **WITHDREW** this Motion.

**11.7      Notice of Motion - Cumbalum Interchange**

**260320/27      RESOLVED**

(Cr Jeff Johnson/Cr Ben Smith)

1. That Council write to the local Federal and State MP's and all relevant Government Ministers requesting that funding consideration be given to complete the Cumbalum Interchange project.
2. That Council also approach Transport for NSW to confirm the proposed design for the completion of the Cumbalum Interchange along with a current cost estimate for the project.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Nathan Willis

**11.8      Notice of Motion - Ross Lane Flooding**

**260320/28      RESOLVED**

(Cr Jeff Johnson/Cr Sharon Cadwallader)

1. That Council thank the NSW State Government for their recent announcement that Council has been allocated \$3.5m over three years for safety improvements to Ross Lane and Byron Bay Road (between Ross Lane and Byron St Lennox Head)
2. That Council write to our local State and Federal Government Parliamentarians, and the relevant Ministers, seeking additional funding support to allow the proposed works for Ross Lane to also include

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mitigation measures (eg. culverts, raising the road) to reduce the need to close the road during flooding.

3. This request for funding recognises that Ross Lane has become a major transport connection for the high population growth area of Lennox Head and also acts as a key detour route when the freeway is closed in this location.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.  
ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Nathan Willis

**12. Advisory Committee Minutes**

**12.1 Finance Committee Minutes - 17 March 2020**

**260320/29 RESOLVED**

(Cr Sharon Cadwallader/Cr Keith Williams)

That Council confirms the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held 17 March 2020 and that the recommendations contained within the minutes be adopted with changes to Item 4.3 - Beach Cleanup – that Council allocate existing resources to remove excess debris from our Shire beaches.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.  
ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Nathan Willis

**13. Reports from Councillors on Attendance on Council's behalf**

**13.1 Mayoral Meetings**

**260320/30 RESOLVED**

(Cr David Wright/Cr Keith Williams)

That Council notes the contents of the report on Mayoral meetings.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.  
ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Nathan Willis

**MEETING CLOSURE**

1.27 pm

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 26/03/20 were submitted for confirmation by council on 23 April 2020 and amendments (if any) are contained in the confirming resolution. Such Minutes were signed by the Mayor at the meeting on 23 April 2020.