

1. Attendance and Apologies

Members

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

Alan Veacock - Cumbalum Residents Association Inc.
Shaun Eastment - Lennox Head Landcare (via Zoom)
Geoff Wegg - Lennox Head Residents Association (via Zoom)
Darel Vidler - Lennox Head Combined Services Assoc

Council Staff

Kelly Brown - Director Corporate and Community Division
Janelle Snellgrove - Secretary

Observers

Kiri Dicker (via Zoom)

Apologies

Lorraine Leuckel – Marine Rescue Ballina
Cr Jeff Johnson
Brad Pollard - Lennox Head Chamber of Commerce

2. Declarations of Interest

Nil.

3. Confirmation of Minutes

That the Minutes of the "B" Ward Committee held on 19 July 2021 be taken as read and confirmed. (Alan Veacock / Shaun Eastment)

4. General Business

a) **Update - B Ward Committee Meeting and Election Information**

Advice was received on Monday 26 July advising that Council elections have been postponed until 4 December 2021. The decision to postpone all council elections has been made in response to the escalating outbreak of the Delta variant of the COVID-19 virus in Greater Sydney and the potential for further outbreaks in regional areas.

Current Councillors and popularly elected mayors will continue to hold their civic offices until council elections are held.

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

5. **Outstanding Business – 19 July 2021**

Nil.

6. **Business with Notice from Members**

a) **Aircraft Noise Pollution - Lennox Head**

Lennox Head Residents Association (LHRA) raised the issue of aircraft noise pollution in Lennox Head.

LHRA would like the Ballina Byron Gateway Airport (BBGA) noise issue to be reviewed and remain on the agenda at the September B Ward committee meeting as they believe the matter has not been dealt with adequately or appropriately.

LHRA request Council follow up on this issue directly with Jetstar.

Geoff Wegg further discussed the airport noise control issues and advised that AirServices have referred LHRA back to the Ballina airport administration.

Kelly Brown reiterated the previous advice provided by Council's Airport Manager that Council does not control what pilots do once they are in airspace and can only control what occurs at the airport/airport infrastructure.

It was understood that the only available option to Council would be to write to Jetstar and forward on the community concerns.

Action: Kelly Brown to write to Jetstar on behalf of LHRA and express concerns raised by LHRA.

7. **Business without Notice**

a) **4WD on seven mile beach**

Geoff Wegg raised concerns about the increase of vehicles using the beach since the access closure of South Ballina Beach. Geoff requested Council to investigate the use of drones on the beaches as surveillance. This would also be beneficial for the Rangers as it would avoid the potential for confrontation.

Kelly Brown communicated the privacy considerations and legal requirements with operating drones in public spaces. It was acknowledged that these would need to be carefully considered by Council prior to adopting this as an additional method to surveillance 4WD vehicle activity on seven mile beach.

Action: To be referred to Manager Environmental Health to enable consideration in the potential use of drones as a further surveillance tool to monitor 4WD on seven mile beach.

b) **Christmas Carols 2021**

Darel Vidler advised the Christmas Carols will unfortunately need to be postponed again due to Covid.

c) **Dogs off Leash**

Shaun discussed the issue of dogs off leash particularly from Pat Morton to Sharpes Beach. Landcare are concerned about the preservation of wildlife habitat in the area due to dogs off leash and are prepared to collect data.

Cr Cadwallader advised that a notice of motion was going to the September 2021 Ordinary Council meeting regarding the need to increase education signage and program at the walking track between Pat Morton and Sharpes Beach.

This was focused on bikes however it was acknowledged that responsible dog control was also important to protect the fauna and flora at this location.

Action: To be referred to Manager Environmental Health to enable consideration of increased education to dog owners as well as monitoring of dogs off leash at this location in order to protect the wildlife habitat in the area.

d) **Ballina Heights Shopping Centre**

Alan Veacock requested an update on the progress of the Ballina Heights Shopping Centre.

Cr Cadwallader advised there is a Councillor briefing on the rezoning in early October.

Kelly Brown explained the rezoning is the next stage in the process to support the shopping centre to be constructed and that further updates will continue to be provided on the progress of the rezoning and construction of shopping centre.

e) **Street Lighting and Roadworks**

Alan Veacock enquired if there are any works at the end of Deadmans Creek Road, Cumbalum.

Kelly Brown advised that Council is continuing to work with RMS to resolve the flooding. At this stage there is no further funding to increase the street lighting at this location.

The Mayor further advised the lighting for the Teven Road intersection was funded by RMS, Blackspot funding.

f) **Ballina Heights Drive, Cumbalum**

Alan Veacock advised the Ballina Heights Drive is in poor condition and requires maintenance.

Action: CRM to be raised and directed to Civil Services for action.

Post Meeting Note: Customer Request prepared and forwarded to Civil Services for action (CRM 103808/2021).

g) **Community Connect**

Cr Cadwallader shared articles from the community connects and commended council for the information it contains for the community.

8. Council Documents on Exhibition

The list of documents currently on public exhibition was noted.

9. Next Meeting

Monday 15 November 2021 - 4.30 pm

10. Meeting closure

5.03 pm