

**Minutes of the 'A' Ward Committee Meeting
Held 11 May 2021
In the Committee Rooms, 40 Cherry Street, Ballina**

Time Commenced

The meeting commenced at 4.05pm.

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 (Zoom)
Yvonne Scarrabelotti	Ballina CWA
Andrew Playford	Ballina Coast High School

Council Staff in Attendance

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

Apologies

Cr Nathan Willis	Councillor
George Young	Ballina Lions Club
Geoff Jacobs	Ballina Bears Cricket Club
Marilyn McIntosh	Ballina Evening View Club
John Bout	Summerhill Residents Group
Sue Eaton	East Ballina Lions Club

3. Resignations/Changes to Memberships

Post Meeting Note – The Ballina & District Citizens & Ratepayers Association Representative, Ross Pickering has advised that he will no longer be attending A Ward Meetings as he has stepped down as President. The Association will advise Council of their new representative when elected. A letter of appreciation for his contribution to the Committee has been sent to Ross.

4. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

5. Deputations

Nil

6. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 9 March 2021 were accepted as a true and correct record.

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7. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Prospect Street

The information in the staff report was noted.

Regatta Avenue

The information in the staff report was noted.

North Wall Maintenance

The information in the staff report is noted.

Serpentine Park

The information in the staff report is noted.

Tamarind Drive

The information in the staff report is noted.

Cr Meehan discussed a further email that he had received from John Bout regarding safety issues and a request for further consideration of full lighting on the intersection.

John Truman advised he would provide a copy of the information that was provided to the B Ward Committee in regard to this matter in the minutes. Refer below:

Recently approval was provided to install advisory warning signs for animals crossing Deadman's Creek Road. The installation of these signs is now included in the work program for our road maintenance section. This approval, in part, was supported because of the unique aspect of Deadman's Creek Road being rural and immediately adjacent to wetland areas and an urban estate.

The lighting and flooding for Tamarind Drive was also raised by members at the A Ward committee meeting. The information provided to A Ward was that Council's current roads program and street lighting program does not include a project for the illumination of Tamarind Drive. The draft works program approved by Council is currently on public exhibition for comment.

Staff are currently liaising with TfNSW in respect of a study examining aspects of the drainage in this area. This study may assist to identify options to improve the drainage, reducing the tide and flood impacts on Tamarind Drive.

Staff are also finalising environmental approvals to adjust the drain and weir immediately north of the Deadman's Creek Road intersection as this proposed work has been identified to provide improvements. This work will commence after final environmental approval and when ground conditions allow.

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In respect of the risks associated with the water on the road, Council manages these risks through warning signage and when the circumstances require, traffic control officers are deployed to increase the warning with flashing lights etc. The deployment of these resources is not limited to day times.

During the recent period of wet weather, the response also included closing Tamarind Drive to non local traffic.

Andrew Playford asked if Council received funding when Tamarind Drive was handed over from the RMS.

John Truman advised Council received a negotiated lump sum which was determined on the basis of a State policy which is intended to resource Council to undertake renewal and maintenance of the assets for 10 years.

Andrew also asked about the on/off ramps for Cumbalum interchange.

Cr Wright advised that the Minister had verbally agreed to a site visit but Council had received no written response to their request.

8. General Business

2021 Local Government Election – Saturday 4 September 2021

The information in the staff report is noted.

Cr Meehan, Cr Wright and Cr McCarthy discussed their experiences as Councillors and encouraged Committee members to consider nominations for election.

9. Delivery Program and Operational Plan 2021/2022 – 2024/2025

The information in the staff report is noted.

10. Council Documents on Exhibition

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

11. Business Without Notice

i) Serpentine Park & North Wall Pathway

Andrew Playford congratulated Council on the works done in Serpentine Park and the North Wall Pathway.

ii) Ballina CWA

Cr Meehan commented what a marvellous group the CWA was and how welcoming they were to new members.

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Yvonne Scarrabelotti responded saying that there are many things the CWA does that do not get publicised and they are celebrating 100 years next year.

iii) Shaws Bay – Fenced of Area

Andrew Playford asked for an update on the fenced of area in Shaws Bay and asked about timed parking and also parking restrictions on the reserve.

John Truman advised that Council was consulting with Jali Land Council in regard to the management of this area. In respect of timed parking, staff have been investigating possible options.

Cr Meehan advised that a Plan of Management was currently being prepared for this area and this may address some of the issues.

iv) Activated Groundwater

Andrew Playford asked a question relating to an article that was in the Community Extra regarding activated groundwater.

John Truman advised that Rous County Council's (RCC) draft Future Water Project proposed ground water was the preferred augmentation to the Region's water supply. Information regarding the Future Water project is available on the RCC website.

v) Speed Limit Pine Avenue

Margaret Hain asked why the section of Pine Avenue East Ballina, from Manly Street to Suvla Street had been changed to 50kph.

John Truman advised Transport for NSW determined speed zones. This change was in response to a review due to concerns in the urban area. The 50kph was extended to the bushland area as this was required to meet minimum zone lengths under the relevant guidelines.

12. Next Meeting

The next meeting is to be held at 4.00pm on Tuesday, 13 July 2021.

13. Meeting Close

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

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A Ward Zoom & Face to Face Meeting Attendance Sheet – 11 May 2021		
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>Yvonne Scarrabelotti</i>
Laine Ballard	Ballina CWA	_____
George Young	Ballina Lions Club	Apology
Debbie Grant	Ballina Chamber of Commerce	_____
Margaret Hains	Ballina Day View Club	<i>Zoom</i>
Marilyn McIntosh	Ballina Evening View Club	<i>Apology</i>
Mary O'Brien	Lighthouse Day Club	_____
David Felsch	South Ballina Community Association	_____
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Geoff Jacobs	Ballina Bears Cricket Club	<i>Apology</i>
Ross Pickering	Ballina & District Citizens & Ratepayers Association	_____
Andrew Dougherty	Ballina Lighthouse & Lismore Surf Lifesaving Club	_____
Joanne McIntosh	Ballina Lighthouse & Lismore Surf Lifesaving Club	_____
Andrew Playford	Ballina Coast High School	<i>Present</i>
Claudia P. Caliarì	Ballina Environment Society	_____
Sue Eaton	East Ballina Lions Club	<i>Apology</i>
John Bout	Summerhill Residents Group	<i>Apology</i>
John Truman	Director Civil Services Division	<i>Present</i>
Joanne Cordery	Secretary Civil Services Division	<i>Present</i>