

**Minutes of the 'A' Ward Committee Meeting
Held 9 March 2021
In the Council Chambers, 40 Cherry Street, Ballina and via ZOOM**

Time Commenced

The meeting commenced at 4.05pm. The chairperson for the meeting was Cr Stephen McCarthy.

1. Acknowledgement of Country

In opening the meeting Cr McCarthy provided an Acknowledgement of Country.

2. Attendance and Apologies

Attendance

Cr David Wright	Mayor (Council Chambers)
Cr Stephen McCarthy	Councillor (Council Chambers)
Margaret Hains	Ballina Day View Club (Zoom)
Mary O'Brien	Lighthouse Day Club (Council Chambers)
Andrew Playford	Ballina Coast High School (Council Chambers)
David Felsch	Ballina Peninsular Residents Assoc (Council Chambers)
Claudia P. Caliarì	Ballina Environment Society (Zoom)
Sue Eaton	East Ballina Lions Club (Zoom)

Council Staff in Attendance

John Truman	Director - Civil Services Division (Council Chambers)
Joanne Cordery	Secretary - Civil Services Division (Council Chambers)

Apologies

Cr Nathan Willis	Councillor
Cr Phil Meehan	Councillor
Marilyn McIntosh	Ballina Evening View Club
Geoff Jacobs	Ballina Bears Cricket Club
John Bout	Summerhill Residents Group

3. Resignations/Changes to Memberships

Claudia P Caliarì representing the Ballina Environment Society was welcomed as a new member.

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 8 September and 10 November, 2021 were accepted as a true and correct record.

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7. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Andrew Playford asked a question in relation to the heavy patching response in the minutes from 10 November, why was Prospect Street East Ballina resealed as in his opinion the works have not been done very well.

Paul Busmanis advised it would have been preventative maintenance, in accordance with our heavy patching program, and he will ask staff to reinspect the work.

8. Council Documents on Exhibition

The list of previously advertised documents was noted.

9. Business Without Notice

i) Ballina Lighthouse Day Club

Mary O'Brien advised that the Ballina Lighthouse Day Club is hoping to resume meetings from 1 July 2021.

ii) Clean Up Australia Day

Andrew Playford discussed Clean Up Australia Day and commented that the Shaws Bay area was very clean. He also congratulated Council on the work at Pop Denison Park.

Sue Eaton supported Andrew's comments and commented that there was not as much rubbish as previous years.

iii) Regatta Avenue

Andrew Playford congratulated Council on the changes in Regatta Avenue and asked if there was a way to prevent cars from driving on the pathway at the Naval Museum.

Paul Busmanis advised he would ask staff to inspect this area.

iv) Mowing over Christmas Period

Andrew Playford thanked staff for a fantastic job of mowing over Christmas.

v) North Wall Maintenance

Andrew Playford suggested that North Wall Walkway needed some maintenance work done, mainly patching work.

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vi) Serpentine Park

Andrew Playford asked if branches could be cut back on the bike path in Serpentine Park.

vii) Ballina Airport

Andrew Playford asked if it was true that Council was building a tower at the airport.

Cr Wright advised the tower would be constructed when the threshold passenger numbers are achieved and that Air Services Australia, not Council will provide the tower.

viii) River Street – Coloured Lights

Andrew Playford asked about the coloured lights in River Street and why they didn't go all the way down.

Cr Wright advised the lights were a Chamber of Commerce project and he presumed the scope of the project was determined by available funding, noting Council provided some support to the project.

ix) Carrs Bridge

David Felsch thanked Council for the works on Carrs Bridge.

x) Ballina Peninsular Residents Association

David Felsch advised the Committee that the association had provided a letter to Council requesting a jump pack on the ferry, a speed limit change and compensation for ferry ticket holders during the Carrs Bridge construction.

xi) Tree Pruning Request – River Drive, South Ballina

David Felsch requested that Council prune the trees back from the road on River Drive as indicated in his tabled document (attached).

Post Meeting Note

The information provided to David Felsch in a response dated 8 October 2020 has not changed. An Extract of that information has been provided below:

2. *Sight Distance – across corner of first left hand bend leaving the ferry (southbound), southern approach*

As discussed at the site meeting the sight distance provided across the corner of the first left hand bend (southbound leaving the ferry) appeared to be maintained to a historic cleared line of existing taller vegetation.

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A check has been made of the road alignment (radius) and the distance (clearance) to the edge of the taller vegetation, and the minimum sight distance required for drivers is being achieved. Therefore there is no further requirement for removal of vegetation in this sensitive environment.

xii) Congratulations to Council

Margaret Hains congratulated Council on the works completed in Pop Denison Park, Regatta Avenue and Martin Street.

xiii) Ballina Environment Society

Claudia Caliarì advised that climate change is an important priority for the Society.

xiv) Tamarind Drive

This Item was received by staff managing the meeting after the meeting concluded.

John Bout asked if Council could provide lighting to illuminate the water lying over Tamarind Drive at frequent intervals of king tide and wet weather events.

10. General Business

Council's Manager Engineering Works, Paul Busmanis, provided an update on the River Street Duplication project. The information from Paul's presentation is available on Council's website.

11. Next Meeting

The next meeting is to be held at 4.00pm on Tuesday 11 May 2021.

12. Meeting Close

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 5.15pm.

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A Ward Zoom & Face to Face Meeting Attendance Sheet – 9 March 2021		
Name	Business	Signature
Cr Nathan Willis	Ballina Shire Council	Apology
Cr Phil Meehan	Ballina Shire Council	Apology
Cr Stephen McCarthy	Ballina Shire Council	<i>S.McCarthy</i>
Cr David Wright	Ballina Shire Council	<i>D.Wright</i>
Yvonne Scarrabelotti	Ballina CWA	_____
Laine Ballard	Ballina CWA	_____
George Young	Ballina Lions Club	_____
Debbie Grant	Ballina Chamber of Commerce	_____
Margaret Hains	Ballina Day View Club	Zoom
Marilyn McIntosh	Ballina Evening View Club	Apology
Mary O'Brien	Lighthouse Day Club	<i>MO'Brien 3.50</i>
David Felsch	South Ballina Community Association	<i>D.Felsch 3.52</i>
	South Ballina Community Association	_____
Geoff Jacobs	Ballina Bears Cricket Club	Late Apology
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>Andrew Playford 3.55</i>
Claudia P. Caliarì	Ballina Environment Society	Zoom
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Tabled by David Felsch – item xi).

