

**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF BALLINA SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE BALLINA SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
40 CHERRY STREET BALLINA,
ON 3/02/21 AT 4.00PM**

Attendance

Crs David Wright (Mayor - in the chair), Phillip Meehan, Sharon Parry (via Zoom), Jeff Johnson (via Zoom), Eoin Johnston, 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 Sandra Bailey (Secretary) were in attendance.

There were 22 people in the gallery at this time.

1. Acknowledgement of Country

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

2. Apologies

An apology was received from Cr Nathan Willis.

030221/1 RESOLVED

(Cr Ben Smith/Cr Sharon Cadwallader)

That such apology be accepted and leave of absence granted.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Nathan Willis

3. Declarations of Interest and Reportable Political Donations

Nil

There were no reportable political donations.

4. Deputations

- **Ben Holmes** – spoke in opposition to Item 5.1 - Event Proposal – World Surf League, Lennox Head.
- **Nick Mercer** – spoke in opposition to Item 5.1 - Event Proposal – World Surf League, Lennox Head.
- **Andrew Stark, General Manager, World Surf League (WSL) & Kelly Slater Wave Co** – spoke in favour of Item 5.1 – Event Proposal – World Surf League, Lennox Head.

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0 Deputation - Extension of Time

030221/2 RESOLVED

(Cr Keith Williams/Cr Sharon Cadwallader)

That Mr Stark be granted an extension of time for his deputation.

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

5.1 Event Proposal - World Surf League, Lennox Head

030221/3 RESOLVED

(Cr Jeff Johnson/Cr Phillip Meehan)

That Council reject the proposal by WSL to hold a surf contest at Lennox Point from 1 – 11 April 2021 for the following reasons:

- The unacceptable risk that the event presents to our community due to Covid.
- The unacceptable impact on the Lennox community in term of loss of amenity and over-crowding during a busy holiday period.
- The surfing reserve has been established as a surfing sanctuary and is not to be used by a private commercial operator to the exclusion of all other users.
- The lack of an actual application for the event, proper process and community consultation.

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

MEETING CLOSURE

5.11 pm

The Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on 3/02/21 were submitted for confirmation by council on 25 February 2021 and amendments (if any) are contained in the confirming resolution. Such Minutes were signed by the Mayor at the meeting on 25 February 2021.