

**MINUTES OF THE C WARD COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE CRAWFORD HOUSE
10 WARDELL ROAD, ALSTONVILLE,
ON 14/09/23 AT 5PM**

1. Acknowledgment of Country

In opening the meeting, the Chair provided an Acknowledgement of Country.

2. Attendance and Apologies (including updates/changes in membership)

Members

Cr Eoin Johnston (Chair)

Cr Simon Chate

Pat Carney - Wardell Progress Association

Steve Miller - Rous Mill Ratepayers Association

Wayne Garrard - Alstonville and District Cricket Association

Malcolm Johnson – Ballina Environment Society and Tuckombil Landcare

Sandy Jeudwine – Alstonville/Wollongbar Chamber of Commerce

Russell Priddle – Alstonville Football Club

Joel Orchard – WardellCORE

Marilyn Perkins – Wollongbar Progress Association Inc

Council Staff

Janelle Snellgrove - Executive Support Officer

Caroline Klose – Acting Director Corporate and Community Division

Samala Heart – Resource Recovery Education Officer

Observers

Nil

Apologies

Cr Sharon Cadwallader (Mayor)

Mark Quilligan – LinC Alstonville

Kelly Brown - Director Corporate and Community Division

Mary Birch - Wollongbar Progress Association

Jane Gardiner - Ballina Plateau Historical Society

Narelle Walker – Alstonville Community Preschool

3. Declarations of Interest

Nil items.

4. Presentations

Council's Resource Recovery Education Officer, Samala Heart provided the members with a recycling presentation.

Post meeting note:

Useful links on Council's website relating to recycling are:

<https://ballina.nsw.gov.au/where-does-my-waste-go>

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For further info on council programs generally, the Waste and Recycling Guide covers most initiatives and can be downloaded from the Resources webpage at <https://ballina.nsw.gov.au/resources> (there are a range of downloadable resource recovery resources available – info guides, stickers etc.)

All resource recovery webpages are accessible from https://ballina.nsw.gov.au/cp_themes/default/page.asp?c=739 (Residents drop down - > Waste and Recycling)

A copy of Samala's presentation will be issued with the minutes.

5. Confirmation of Minutes

RECOMMENDATION

Minutes of the C Ward Committee Meeting held on Thursday 13 July 2023 confirmed.

6. Business Arising from Minutes

6.1 Business Arising from Minutes of 13 July 2023 and 14 September 2023 - Wollongbar Progress Association - Wollongbar Rainforest Concerns

Item 6.5 Wollongbar Rainforest Concerns

Marilyn raised concerns about the Wollongbar rainforest as it is unique and potato vine and asparagus fern are taking it over. The rainforest is on Council land.

The Committee discussed the lack of knowledge of this important area and the need for maintenance.

Cr Chate advised that this area may be a potential site for school students to work on the environment and would raise this with the school.

TAFE students was also a further suggestion.

Action: Kelly Brown to discuss the potential of TAFE and local schools to assist in maintaining the rainforest with Council's Open Spaces staff.

Staff comment

Council to continue to investigate, further information to be provided at the next meeting.

Action: Council to discuss the potential of TAFE and local schools to assist in maintaining the rainforest with Council's Open Spaces staff.

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6.2 Business Arising from Minutes of 13 July 2023 - WardellCORE - Coral Trees

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

6.3 Business Arising from Minutes of 13 July 2023 - Alstonville and District Cricket Association - Funnell Ants on Crawford Park and Geoff Watt Oval

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

Russell Priddle explained a grant was received to irrigate and resurface Crawford Park (the main field). These works may help with the funnell ant problem on this field. During dry weather the funnell ant problems on the fields increase.

Sandy Jeudwine requested Russell advise the Alstonville Chamber of Commerce of any future sporting events so that small business in Alstonville / Wollongbar can remain open. Russell agreed.

6.4 Business Arising from Minutes of 13 July 2023 - Wollongbar Progress Association - C Ward Update

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

Caroline Klose provided an update to the members.

Cr Chate enquired what the deadline is for Parkland Drive, Alstonville pathway construction. All projects funded are due to be completed by June 2024.

Action: Referred Council's Engineering Works Section to provide an update / deadline for the Parkland Drive pathway construction.

Post meeting note: Council's Engineering Works Section advised that Parkland Drive, Alstonville is in the 2024/25 budget. Planning and design hasn't yet commenced.

7. General Business

Nil Items

8. Business With Notice

8.1 Business With Notice - Alstonville Plateau Historical Society Inc - Planting in Daley Street, Alstonville

Jane Gardiner expressed concerns about the garden in Daley Street, Alstonville. The previous garden was removed 12 months ago. Jane suggested this could be done while finishing Elizabeth Anne Brown Park.

Staff Comment

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Council's Open Spaces staff and Engineering Works staff have been working together as there are considerations regarding the impact of large vehicles driving over the gardens while navigating the intersection, traffic design standards, pedestrian safety and staff safety to maintain any new plantings that must be resolved with the design before new planting can be carried out.

Staff are working through these in order to complete the request for replanting. At the meeting Cr Johnston advised the area Jane is referring to is near the Elizabeth Brown Park, the garden outside the bottleshop in the Main Street.

Action: Refer to Open Spaces Section to investigate the location of the garden Jane is referring to and provide a comment.

Post meeting note: Cr Johnston has provided images of the subject location.

9. Business Without Notice

9.1 Federal Hotel Development Application (DA 2022/723)

Sandy Jeudwine discussed the community issues surrounding DA 2022/723 for the Federal Hotel. Many in the community are concerned the development is excessive and the development application is lengthy and overwhelming. Concerns were raised about noise and parking.

Some members of the community require assistance and an extension of time to prepare their submission. The Council DA notification letter received doesn't clearly state how to make a submission.

Sandy was advised that any person seeking an extension of time to make a submission should email Council requesting an extension.

Action: Refer to Development Service to review the Development Application Notification letter to ensure it is clear how to make a submission.

Post meeting note: Development Services are reviewing the DA notification template and will include information on how to make a submission.

9.2 Alstonville Wollongbar Rural Fire Brigade Extension Update

Mal Johnson advised that construction works have commenced at the Alstonville Wollongbar Rural Fire Brigade. Mal expressed gratitude to Council staff for Planning Portal assistance.

9.3 Landcare Plant Sale

Mal Johnson advised that Landcare is holding a plant sale on Saturday 16 September 2023 at the Alstonville Wollongbar Rural Fire Brigade.

9.4 Ballina Shire Concert Band Update

Marilyn Perkins advised that the Ballina Shire Concert Band is performing with The Sapphire City Band in the Town Hall at Inverell on 16 September.

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The following Sunday morning they played at the Warialda School with some of the students, Sapphire City Band and Moree Band. The Ballina Shire Concert Band is celebrating 140 years and has 38 members.

9.5 Wardell Hotel

Pat Carney commented that Wardell Hotel hasn't been maintained for many years and enquired if Council are able to intervene and have it tidied up.

Action: Refer to Development Services to investigate the status of Wardell Hotel.

Post meeting note: Council receives regular reports on the condition and status of the Wardell Hotel. Each report is considered. At this stage there is no further action Council can take.

10. Council Documents on Exhibition

10.1 Council Documents on Exhibition

The list of Council documents recently exhibited for public comment was noted.

11. Next Meeting/Future meeting Dates

The next meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday 9 November 2023 at 5pm.

MEETING CLOSURE

6.15pm