

**MINUTES OF THE C WARD COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN THE WOLLONGBAR HALL, HALL COURT, WOLLONGBAR
ON 11/07/24 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
Cr Sharon Cadwallader (Mayor)

Steve Miller - Rous Mill Ratepayers Association
Malcolm Johnson – Ballina Environment Society and Tuckombil Landcare
Russell Priddle – Alstonville Football Club
Mark Quilligan – LinC Alstonville
Josh Seage – Wollongbar Community Action Network (WCAN)

Council Staff

Caroline Klose - Director Corporate and Community Division
Janelle Snellgrove - Executive Support Officer
Paul Tsikleas – Manager Commercial Services
Leanne Harding – Coordinator Property

Observers

Marilyn Perkins - Wollongbar Community Action Network (WCAN)
Cr Rod Bruem
Cr Kiri Dicker
Observers attended for the Wollongbar Medium Density Project Presentation (19)

Apologies

Jane Gardiner - Alstonville Plateau Historical Society
Roslyn Potter – Alstonville/Wollongbar Chamber of Commerce
Zac Convery – Alstonville Agricultural Society Inc

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Presentations

Paul Tsikleas provided a presentation on Wollongbar Medium Density Project to the C Ward members and observers that were in attendance.

5. Confirmation of Minutes

RECOMMENDATION

The Minutes of the C Ward Committee Meeting held on Thursday 9 May 2024 were confirmed.

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6. Business Arising from Minutes

6.1 Business Arising from Minutes of 14 March 2024 - Alstonville Plateau Historical Society Inc - Reinstating "Tidy Towns" signs in Elizabeth Brown Park

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

Cr Johnston recommended that the Tidy Towns signs are placed on the rock wall Freeborn Park, Alstonville.

Action: Council to investigate placing the Tidy Towns signs on the rock wall at Freeborn Park.

6.2 Business Arising from Minutes of 9 May 2024 - Alstonville FC - Ongoing Funnel Ant Problem

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

Russell Priddle presented the Committee with photographs of the current funnel ant problem. The committee agreed that Council inspect / investigate the funnel ant problem again.

Action: Open Spaces Section to inspect / investigate the funnel ant problem on the playing fields again.

Post meeting note: Following the meeting Russell Priddle emailed Council photographs of the current funnel ant problem. This email has been registered in Council's document management system for Open Spaces Section to review (refer to CM 24/47782).

7. General Business

Nil Items

8. Business With Notice

8.1 Business With Notice - Ballina Environment Society and Bulwinkel Landcare - Report on Bulwinkel Landcare Fund Distribution

For purposes of transparency, Mal Johnson requested a report on Bulwinkel Landcare fund distribution as the funds are donated by the Alstonville community.

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

8.2 Business With Notice - Ballina Environment Society and Tuckombil Landcare - Clarification on planting of Macaranga Trees

Mal Johnson seeks clarification from Council regarding a letter issued to Landcare groups in Ballina Shire advising that Macaranga trees should not be planted. Evidently this instruction was based on misinformation and we haven't been told that this instruction has been rescinded.

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

Mal Johnson would like a scientific reason why Macaranga trees can't be

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planted in suitable areas.

Cr Bruem commented that he was unaware the letter was issued to groups in the plateau.

It was suggested that Councillors lodge a recission motion in relation to the planting of Macaranga trees in the plateau.

Action: Councillors to lodge a recission motion in relation to not allowing planting of Macaranga trees in suitable areas (such as the Plateau).

8.3 Business With Notice - C Ward Update

Information provided to the committee each meeting specifically on what is happening in C Ward.

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

9. Business Without Notice

9.1 WCAN President Introduction

Marilyn advised that Wollongbar Progress Association is now Wollongbar Community Action Network (WCAN) and introduced Josh Seage as the new President.

9.2 Fill and Status Update for GemLife Development, Burns Point Ferry Road West Ballina

Mal raised concerns about large amounts of fill and the quality of fill GemLife proposes to fill Burns Point Ferry Road site. The Mayor advised she was unsure if the Development is proceeding.

Action: Council to investigate where the fill will be transported from and if the Development is proceeding.

Post meeting note: The DA was appealed and the hearing is 16-23 September 2024. If the court grants approval, the quality of the fill will be conditioned.

(The DA was determined by way of refusal by the Northern Regional Planning Panel in December 2023).

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 29 August 2024 at 5pm.

Thursday, 14 November 2024.

MEETING CLOSURE

6.20pm.