

**MINUTES OF THE C WARD COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD IN THE CRAWFORD HOUSE  
10 WARDELL ROAD, ALSTONVILLE,  
ON 29/08/24 AT 5PM**

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**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 Simon Chate (Chair)

Cr Sharon Cadwallader (Mayor)

Pat Carney - Wardell Progress Association

Wayne Garrard - Alstonville and District Cricket Association

Russell Priddle – Alstonville Football Club

Zac Convery – Alstonville Agricultural Society Inc

*Council Staff*

Caroline Klose - Director Corporate and Community Division

Janelle Snellgrove - Executive Support Officer

*Observers*

Dr Simon Kinny

*Apologies*

Cr Eoin Johnston

Jane Gardiner - Alstonville Plateau Historical Society

Malcolm Johnson - Ballina Environment Society and Tuckombil Landcare

**3. Declarations of Interest**

Nil.

**4. Presentations**

Nil.

**5. Confirmation of Minutes**

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Minutes of the C Ward Committee Meeting held on Thursday 11 July 2024 were confirmed.

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**6. Business Arising from Minutes**

**6.1 Business Arising from Minutes of 9 May 2024 and 11 July 2024 - Alstonville Plateau Historical Society Inc - Reinstating "Tidy Towns" signs in Freeborn Park, Alstonville**

At the meeting Cr Chate further discussed the placement of the Tidy Towns plaques with the members and it was agreed to request that Council further investigate a suitable location for the plaques.

**Action:** Council to consider investigate a suitable location for the placement of the Tidy Towns plaques.

Post meeting note:

No suitable alternative locations for the placement of the tidy towns plaques on public land have been identified.

**6.2 Business Arising from Minutes of 9 May 2024 and 11 July 2024 - Alstonville FC - Ongoing Funnel Ant Problem**

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

The funnel ant problem was further discussed at the meeting, further inspection and treatment was discussed during the transition period.

**Action:** Council to inspect and treat the funnel ant problem at the playing fields and surrounding area during the transition period.

Post meeting note:

Council staff regularly monitor the condition of all playing fields in the shire including Geoff Watt Oval. Chemical application to treat funnel ants is determined in line with Council's policy on chemical application. Treatment of Geoff Watt Oval is not currently proposed but it should be noted this can change based on the outcomes of inspections.

If a member of the community, user group or a Councillor wishes to pursue a chemical application different to normal operations under Council's existing policy, this would necessitate a notice of motion from a Councillor. This matter is now considered to be closed from a staff perspective as the committee has now been provided with consistent advice on this matter on several occasions.

**6.3 Business Arising from Minutes of 11 July 2024 - Ballina Environmental Society and Tuckombil Landcare - Clarification on Planting Macaranga Trees**

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

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**7. General Business**

Nil Items

**8. Business With Notice**

**8.1 Business With Notice - C Ward Update**

Information provided to the committee each meeting specifically on what is happening in C Ward. The item below has been identified as an item of interest to the C Ward committee:

- **New flight paths into Ballina** - Council recently included information regarding the public consultation process underway by Airservices Australia in our recent edition of Community Connect (page 17) [Community Newsletter | Ballina Shire Council \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.ballina.nsw.gov.au/newsletters).

At the meeting Caroline advised that flight paths community consultation is currently underway by Air Services Australia and open until September 2024. CASA will do the stakeholders consultation.

The Mayor explained that a digital control system will operate out of Brisbane. This is a safety improvement.

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

**8.2 Business With Notice - Outgoing C Ward Councillors**

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

At the meeting the C Ward Committee members acknowledged and thanked the outgoing C Ward Councillors Eoin Johnston and Cr Nigel Buchanan.

At the meeting the group applauded Cr Johnston for Chairing the C Ward committee meetings.

Cr Chate acknowledged outgoing Councillors Johnston and Buchanan and commended them for being excellent Councillors.

Pat Carney commended Cr Johnston as a Councillor, particularly for his efforts during the flood event around Wardell.

**9. Business Without Notice**

**9.1 Alstonville Agricultural Society Inc Update**

Zac Convery announced the launch of the Alstonville Community Market on the third Saturday of each month, commencing September. Alstonville Show will be 25 to 27 October.

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**10. Council Documents on Exhibition**

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

At the meeting Caroline explained the Events on Public Land policy.

**11. Next Meeting/Future meeting Dates**

The next meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday 14 November 2024 at 5pm.

**MEETING CLOSURE**

5.26pm