

**MINUTES OF A WARD COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN THE BALLINA SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
40 CHERRY STREET, BALLINA,
ON 9/07/24 AT 4:00 PM**

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 Rodney Bruem (Chair)
Cr Stephen McCarthy
Cr Sharon Cadwallader (Mayor)

Claudia Caliri – Ballina Environment Society
Janet Chester – St Vincent de Paul
Julie Stephan – Ballina Evening View Club
Kay Oxley – Cumbalum Residents Association
Margery Fitzgerald – Ballina Naval and Maritime Museum
Meg Pickup – Dementia Inclusive Ballina Alliance
Richard Hughes – Ballina Croquet Incorporated
Ros Felsch – The Ballina Peninsular Residents Association
Therese Crollick – Ballina Lighthouse and Lismore Surf Lifesaving Club (online)
Mick Albany – St Vincent de Paul

Council Staff

Matthew Wood - Director Development and Environmental Health Division
Christina Casey - Executive Support Officer

Observers

Sharon Daley – Ballina Croquet Incorporated

Apologies

Cr Phillip Meehan
Andrew Playford – Northern Rivers Disc Golf Club
Deb Pawsey – Ballina Rotary of Ballina on Richmond
Maureen Fletcher – Ballina Cancer Advocacy Network (BCAN)

3. Declarations of Interest

Nil

4. Presentations

Nil

5. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the A Ward Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 14 May 2024 were confirmed.

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6. Business Arising from Minutes

6.1 Business Arising from Minutes of 12 March, 14 May 2024 and 9 July 2024 - The Ballina Peninsular Residents Association - Hydrological Survey for River Drive and the impacts on the road

Items 9.1,6.3 & 6.1Hydrological Survey for River Dr & impacts on the road

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

At the meeting Matthew Wood provided a further update as follows:

Signage options have been reviewed and standard signage does not incorporate a suitable warning sign that addresses the situation along River Drive. Council is now investigating guardrail alongside the river side of the road to determine if this is a suitable approach.

Action: Engineering works to provide an update on investigation into the use of a guardrail adjacent to River Drive at South Ballina in relation to presence of a deep water hazard.

6.2 Business Arising from Minutes of 14 May 2024 - Cumbalum Residents Association Inc - DA2022/173 - Maintenance and Infrastructure Concerns

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

6.3 Business Arising from Minutes of 14 May 2024 - Northern Rivers Disc Golf Club - Accessing Missingham Bridge from the Bike Path (request for steps)

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

6.4 Business Arising from Minutes of 14 May 2024 - Shaws Bay - tracks left by fishermen

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

7. General Business

7.1 General Business - Committee Guidelines and General Information

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

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8. Business With Notice

8.1 Business With Notice - Cumbalum Residents Association - Request to extend the Tamarind Drive Dual Carriageway

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

8.2 Business With Notice - Cumbalum Residents Association - Safety concerns due to Lighting on Tamarind Drive

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

8.3 Business With Notice - St Vincent de Paul - Truth Telling Sessions at the Ballina Library

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

As part of the general discussion about this item Matthew noted that Council is continuing to progress partnership agreement work with Aboriginal stakeholder groups. To date this has focused on conversation with Aboriginal stakeholders about key issues and matters of importance.

8.4 Business With Notice - St Vincent de Paul - Homelessness issues in Ballina

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

8.5 Business With Notice - St Vincent de Paul - Additional Facilities on / near Sporting Fields

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

9. Business Without Notice

9.1 Cyclists Safety Grant Street, Ballina

Meg Pickup raised concerns about the variation in gap between side of road and road lanes in River Street west of Grant Street. The parking/cycling lane measures 2.8m at the Kerr Street end and 47cm at the Grant Street end. There has been an accident involving a bicycle in this location. Painted road signage in this location may be an option.

Action: Civil Services to review the lane configuration having regard for cyclists and potential for visual indicators with respect to cyclist safety in River Street between Grant Street and Kerr Street.

9.2 Gratitude to Council Staff

Ros Felsch acknowledged that Council has a new piece of equipment for cutting grass on the road verges which has improved visibility along the roads.

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Ros also mentioned road improvement works done near Mobbs Bay and along the south wall roadway but noted there are still erosion issues in this area.

Ros expressed gratitude to Council for sealing works done on Moylans Lane.

Ros noted a State Government announcement on drainage maintenance works.

Post meeting note: Feedback forwarded to relevant Council sections.

9.3 Footpath / Laneway Pedestrian Safety

Julie Stephan raised pedestrian safety concerns with respect to footpaths that cross laneways. Where footpaths are intersected by laneways, there is often no change in levels to indicate that there is a pedestrian footpath present and there is no signage to indicate who has right of way (the intersection of Holden Lane with the footpath at the rear of the post office building in Ballina and Winton Lane behind the Heritage Motel were given as examples).

Action: Civil Services to review examples of laneway and pedestrian pathway intersections provided relative to applicable standards having regard for road and pedestrian safety.

9.4 Croquet State Tournament

Richard Hughes noted that Ballina has hosted a State croquet tournament in association with the Byron Bay Croquet Club.

Richard also noted a proposal by the Cherry Street Sports Club to increase croquet lawn fees for Ballina Croquet.

9.5 Flood Height Measurement

Meg enquired about the point from which flood heights are measured.

Matthew outlined that the heights are typically relative to AHD (Australian Height Datum). This means that heights of flood water vary relative to buildings depending on where structures are located.

10. Council Documents on Exhibition

10.1 Council Documents on Exhibition

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

11. Next Meeting/Future meeting Dates

The next meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday 27 August 2024 at 4pm.

MEETING CLOSURE

5.10pm