

**MINUTES OF THE B WARD COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD IN THE BALLINA SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
40 CHERRY STREET, BALLINA,  
ON 18/11/24 AT 4:30PM**

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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 Kiri Dicker

Cr Michelle Bailey

Geoff Wegg - Lennox Head Residents Association

Jim Gilchrist - Preserving Lake Ainsworth Assoc. (Inc)

Lou Wilson – Lennox Head - Alstonville Surf Life Saving Club

Shaun Eastment - Lennox Head Landcare

Sharon Clark – Marine Rescue Ballina

*Council Staff*

Matthew Wood - Director Development and Environmental Health Division

Christina Casey - Executive Support Officer

*Observers*

Gary Patterson - Lennox Head Landcare (left the meeting at the conclusion of Item 8.2)

*Apologies*

Cr Sharon Cadwallader (Mayor)

Cr Eva Ramsey

Darel Vidler - Lennox Head Combined Services Assoc

**3. Declarations of Interest**

Nil

**4. Presentations**

Nil

**5. Confirmation of Minutes**

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Minutes of the B Ward Committee Meeting held on Monday 15 July 2024 were confirmed

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**6. Business Arising from Minutes**

**6.1 Business Arising from Minutes of 18 March 2024 - Lennox Chamber of Commerce - Relocation of RFS and New Car Parking (Water Reservoir)**

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

**6.2 Business Arising from Minutes of 18 March 2024 - Lennox Head Residents Association - Commemorative Plaques - Ross Park**

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

**6.3 Business Arising from Minutes of 15 July 2024 - Scullcandy Competition - Lennox Head**

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

**7. General Business**

**7.1 Appointment of Chair**

The committee agreed that each of the Councillors would chair the meeting on a rotational basis, alternating between Cr Dicker, Cr Bailey, Cr Ramsey, with Cr Dicker chairing the first meeting.

**7.2 Committee Guidelines**

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

**7.3 Public Interest Disclosures Act**

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

**7.4 Code of Conduct**

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

**7.5 Current Membership - B Ward Committee**

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

**8. Business With Notice**

**8.1 Business With Notice - Preserving Lake Ainsworth Association - Rezoning and Subdivision Proposals**

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

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Matthew Wood provided an overview of the Shire's strategic planning framework, including key documents, urban planning policy and an overview of planned growth areas and their status in Kinvara, Lennox Head and Skennars Head

**8.2 Business With Notice - Lennox Head Landcare - Lennox Head Foreshore Fencing**

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

Item 8.2 was discussed as first item of business with notice.

Gary Patterson addressed the meeting on behalf of Lennox Head Landcare. Garry noted that the investment in beautification of Lennox Head village did not include upgrading beach access, except for Ross Park and in front of the toilets. It was noted that the fencing between Lake Ainsworth and Dress Circle Drive does not match the style and standard of the main street.

It was proposed that Council conduct a dilapidation survey and create design options for locals to consider.

Matt Wood noted that there are several avenues where Council can consider the matters raised including:

- An audit of koppers log fencing in the Shire has been undertaken by staff and various fencing removed or repaired based on a risk assessment. This is an ongoing program as resources permit.
- Council is looking at options for provision of improved pedestrian access between Lake Ainsworth and Lennox Head's village centre. Beach access, fencing and environmental outcomes are key considerations in this process (which is in its early stages and scope and outcomes are not yet confirmed).
- Council is undertaking design and planning to examine provision of beach access for persons with a disability near the surf club at Lake Ainsworth. A coastal hazard assessment is the next step in this process.

Gary left the meeting 4:48pm.

**9. Business Without Notice**

**9.1 Shared Zone Signage - Rayner Lane**

Geoff Wegg raised that there is a lack of signage on Rayner Lane (when turning from Ballina St into Rayner Lane to travel south) and that the structure of road deteriorates at the end of shared zone sign.

It was noted that there is nothing at the start of the Lane to indicate the shared zone. It was suggested that Council install a start of shared zone and 10km/hr limit sign, and that the restructure of Rayner Lane be included in future development plans for DPOP.

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Cr Dicker acknowledged that Council have noted the area for future upgrade, and also noted that recent Lennox investment may need to be balanced with works in other areas of the Shire, ahead of the works suggested above.

ACTION: Signage request for shared zone and 10km/hr limit to be referred to Council's Engineering Works Section.

**9.2 Event to Promote Community Organisations**

Cr Dicker advised that along with Cr Bailey and Cr Ramsey, an event to promote and encourage participation in community groups is being coordinated. The event will be held on 8 February 2025 at the Lennox Head Community Centre.

**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 Monday 17 March 2025 at 4:30pm.

Monday 19 May 2025 at 4:30pm

Monday 21 July 2025 at 4:30pm

Monday 15 September 2025 at 4:30pm

Monday 17 November 2025 at 4:30pm.

**MEETING CLOSURE**

5:27pm