

Minutes Ordinary Meeting

Thursday, 24 April 2025



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MINUTES OF THE BYRON SHIRE COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 24 APRIL 2025 COMMENCING AT 3:03PM AND CONCLUDING AT 8:48PM.

I2025/541

PRESENT: Cr S Ndiaye (Mayor), Cr J Dods, Cr E Hauge, Cr D Kay, Cr M Lowe, Cr M Lyon (audio-visual), Cr A Pugh, Cr J Swain, Cr D Warth

Staff: Mark Arnold (General Manager)
Heather Sills (A/Director Corporate and Community Services)
Phil Holloway (Director Infrastructure Services)
Shannon Burt (Director Sustainable Environment and Economy)
Matt Meir (Legal Counsel)
Alex Caras (A/Manager Environmental and Economic Planning) – 13.6
Storm Townsend (Minute Taker)

The Mayor opened the meeting and acknowledged that the meeting is being held on Arakwal Country and that we pay our respects to the elders past and present and extend our respect to the Bundjalung clans whose lands and waters are part of the Shire.

PUBLIC ACCESS

Prior to dealing with the circulated reports and associated information, a Public Access Session was held and Council was addressed on the following:

Public Access

Report No and Title	For/ Against	Name	Representing Organisation	Submission Received in form of
9.5	For	Duncan Dey	Self	In Person
	Against	Vee Hunt and Dale Emerson	Mullumbimby Residents Association	In Person
13.3	For	Duncan Dey	Self	In Person
13.6	Against	Stephen Connelly	Goonengerry Heights MO	In Person

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Report No and Title		For/ Against	Name	Representing Organisation	Submission Received in form of
13.8	Update Resolution 24-440 Grant Application for Lot 22 Masterplan	For	Techa Beaumont	Mullum SEED Inc	In Person
13.9	Naming of Unnamed Laneway, Suffolk Park	For	Kieren Perrow	Self	Zoom
		Against	Lynne Anne Richardson	Byron Bay Historical Society	In Person
			Donald Maughan	Suffolk Park Progress Association	In Person

Submissions

Subject	Name	Representing Organisation	Submission Received in form of
Securing a home for Byron Bay Men's Shed	Bryan Frew and Garry Eastburn	Byron Bay Mens Shed Incorp	In Person
Byron Shire 60-day STRA cap under attack	David Wallace	Victims of Holiday Letting (VOHL)	In Person
Mullumbimby Road Upgrade	Kirsten Nugent	Self	In Person
Request for Byron Council to inform both Council and the public with projections of global warming induced coastal sea level rise inundation	John Lazarus	Self	Read by Staff

Question No. 1 Wildlife Corridors on Council Land

Jan Barham asked the following question (as read by staff):

Can it be explained if there is a reason why on the website Interactive Wildlife Corridor Map not all council land is defined as being part of a wildlife corridor, when it is surrounded by a defined corridor?

The Director Sustainable Environment and Economy took the question on notice.

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Question No. 2 Report 13.6 Summary of E Zone Mapping Changes

John Lazarus asked the following question (as read by staff):

As Council staff have identified that in Report 13.6, Summary of E Zone Mapping Changes, that staff made an initial mistake in rezoning forest at LilliPilli for residential development. Can Council confirm that there were no other zoning mistakes that converted non Adopted residential development zones to residential development zones, in that staff E Zone Mapping Changes final Report?

The Director Sustainable Environment and Economy responded:

The report, as published, covers all matters pertaining to that issue.

The meeting adjourned at 4.35pm for recess and reconvened at 4.56pm.

APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

APPLICATIONS TO ATTEND BY AUDIO-VISUAL LINK

PROCEDURAL MOTION

25-132 Resolved that Cr Lyon be permitted to attend the meeting held on 24 April 2025 by audio-visual link. (Lowe/Dods)

The motion was put to the vote and carried unanimously.

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

There were no requests for leave of absence.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY

There were no declarations of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests.

TABLING OF PECUNIARY INTEREST RETURNS

In accordance with section 440AAB of the Local Government Act and clause 4.22 of the Code of Conduct for Staff, Annual Pecuniary Interest Returns for Councillors and Designated Persons were tabled for:

- Cr David Warth
 - Cr Janet Swain
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ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

25-133 Resolved that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held 27 March 2025 be confirmed.
(Ndiaye/Dods)

The motion was put to the vote and carried unanimously.

RESERVATION OF ITEMS FOR DEBATE AND ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Mayor suspended standing orders to allow for items to be reserved for debate, being:

STAFF REPORTS

General Manager

Report No. 13.1 Brunswick Heads Visitor Centre Contribution

Corporate and Community Services

Report No. 13.3 Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy

Sustainable Environment and Economy

Report No. 13.6 PLANNING - 26.2022.3.1 Submissions report for Stage 4 C zones
Planning Proposal

Infrastructure Services

Report No. 13.9 Naming of Unnamed Laneway, Suffolk Park

Report No. 13.10 Bangalow Road, Cooper Street and Paterson Street Intersection, Byron
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Report No. 13.11 Piccabeen Park Bangalow - Parking Signage

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Sustainable Environment and Economy

Report No. 14.2 Report of the Coast and ICOLL Advisory Committee Meeting held on 20
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The remaining Recommendations and Committee Recommendation were adopted as a whole, being moved by Cr Dods and seconded by Cr Hauge. Each recommendation is recorded with a separate resolution number commencing at Resolution No. **25-134** and concluding with Resolution No. **25-146**.

STAFF REPORTS - CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Report No. 13.2 **Grants April 2025**
File No: I2025/140

25-134 **Resolved** that Council notes the Grant Submissions Report for the month of March 2025 (Attachment 1 #E2025/35941). (Dods/Hauge)

Report No. 13.4 **Requests for Financial Assistance - Ocean Shores Art Expo and Bangalow Film Festival**
File No: I2025/452

25-135 **Resolved** that Council:

1. Approves the facility hire fee waivers for the 2024 Ocean Shores Art Expo and 2025 Bangalow Film Festival as one-off financial assistance through the following:
 - a) Waiving the facility hire fees for the 2024 Ocean Shores Art Expo at no cost to the Ocean Shores Section 355 Committee totalling \$1,050 as a Section 356 donation payable to the Ocean Shores Art Expo.
 - b) Waiving the facility hire fees for the 2025 Bangalow Film Festival amounting to \$2,200 via a refund of hall hire fees by the Bangalow A&I Hall Section 355 Committee.
 2. Advises the Applicants that future one-off requests for facility hire fee waivers should be sought through Council's ongoing Grant programs outlined in this report under the heading 'Available Council funding programs'. (Dods/Hauge)
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Report No. 13.5 **Council Investments - 1 March 2025 to 31 March 2025**
File No: I2025/523

25-136 **Resolved** that Council notes the report listing Council's investments and overall cash position as of 31 March 2025. (Dods/Hauge)

STAFF REPORTS - SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT AND ECONOMY

Report No. 13.7 Draft Pest Animal Management Plan 2025 - 2030 for Public Exhibition

File No: I2025/436

25-137 Resolved that Council:

1. Approves the draft Pest Animal Management Plan (Attachment 1 - E2025/22626) for public exhibition;
2. Notes the draft Pest Animal Management Plan will be on public exhibition and open for feedback for a period of 6 weeks; and
3. Receives a Submissions Report following the public exhibition and feedback period for the draft Pest Animal Management Plan. (Dods/Hauge)

Report No. 13.8 Update Resolution 24-440 Grant Application for Lot 22 Masterplan

File No: I2025/494

25-138 Resolved that Council endorses the Memorandum of Understanding (Attachment 1 #2025/39320) and approves of its signing by the General Manager along with Mullum Seed to facilitate work with Council in applying for a Regional Precincts and Partnerships Program Grant. (Dods/Hauge)

STAFF REPORTS - INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

Report No. 13.12 Brunswick Heads Laneways Traffic Investigation

File No: I2025/164

25-139 Resolved that Council:

1. Implements No Parking restrictions, subject to Local Traffic Committee approval, including a free exemption for residents and (where required) a clear zone on waste bin collection days on Balun Lane, Slessor Lane, Shapcott Lane, Galleon Lane, Nelson Lane, Ring Lane and Whittall Lane in Brunswick Heads.
2. Investigates traffic and parking restrictions at laneway intersections.
3. Advises residents of the outcome of this report and provide information relating to proposed changes and parking regulations.
4. Considers other resident concerns for inclusion in future works programs and plans. (Dods/Hauge)

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES - CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

**Report No. 14.1 Report of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee
Meeting held on 18 February 2025**

File No: I2025/379

25-140 Resolved that Council notes the minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting held on 18 February 2025. (Dods/Hauge)

25-141 Resolved that Council adopts the following Committee Recommendations:

**Report No. 4.1 Risk Management Improvement Plan 2025 - 2026 & Quarter 2
Risk Report 2024-2025**

File No: I2025/69

Committee Recommendation 4.1.1

That Council notes the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee:

1. Endorsed the Risk Management and Improvement Plan 2025 – 2026; and
2. Noted the updates to the status of Strategic and Operational risks. (Dods/Hauge)

25-142 Resolved that Council adopts the following Committee Recommendations:

**Report No. 4.1 Risk Management Improvement Plan 2025 - 2026 & Quarter 2
Risk Report 2024-2025**

File No: I2025/69

Committee Recommendation 4.1.1

That Council notes the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee:

1. Endorsed the Risk Management and Improvement Plan 2025 – 2026; and
2. Noted the updates to the status of Strategic and Operational risks. (Dods/Hauge)

25-143 Resolved that Council adopts the following Committee Recommendations:

**Report No. 5.1 Internal Audit Report Quarter 2 2024-2025 including Water and
Sewer Utilities Management Review**

File No: I2025/53

Committee Recommendation 5.1.1

That Council:

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1. Notes the Internal Audit Recommendations Status Report for Quarter 2 2024-2025;
2. Endorses the closure of the 24 completed internal audit recommendations from Quarter 2 2024-2025, as listed in Table 1 of this report (a summary from Attachment 1);
3. Implements the recommendations made in the internal audit of Water and Sewer Utilities Management (Attachment 2 E2025/6832); and
4. Notes the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee discussed suggestions from Centium regarding future reporting of quarterly internal audit recommendations. (Dods/Hauge)

No. 14.1.5.2 2024 Year End Management Letter
File No: I2025/93

25-144 Resolved that Council adopts the following Committee Recommendation:

Report No. 5.2 2024 Year End Management Letter
File No: I2025/93

Committee Recommendation 5.2.1

That Council notes the comments provided by Management in response to issues raised in the 2024 Year End Audit Management Letter (#E2025/12451) (Dods/Hauge)

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES - INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

Report No. 14.3 Report of the Local Traffic Committee Meeting held on 1 April 2025
File No: I2025/440

25-145 Resolved that Council notes the minutes of the Local Traffic Committee Meeting held on 1 April 2025. (Dods/Hauge)

25-146 Resolved that Council adopts the following Committee Recommendations:

Report No. 6.1 Upgrade of intersection at 533 Bangalow Road, Talofa
File No: I2025/307

Committee Recommendation 6.1.1

That Council endorses the proposed regulatory signage and line markings for intersection upgrade as nominated in Attachment 1 (E2025/26157). (Dods/Hauge)

The motions (Res 25-134 to 25-146) were put to the vote and carried unanimously

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PROCEDURAL MOTION

- 25-147** **Resolved** that Council change the order of business to deal with Reports 13.6, 13.10, 9.5, 13.3 and 13.9 next on the Agenda. (Ndiaye/Hauge)
- The motion was put to the vote and carried unanimously.*

STAFF REPORTS - SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT AND ECONOMY

Report No. 13.6 **PLANNING - 26.2022.3.1 Submissions report for Stage 4 C zones Planning Proposal**
File No: I2025/304

- 25-148** **Resolved** that Council:
1. In relation to Stage 4 C Zones Planning Proposal adopts:
 - a) the proposed LEP 2014 map changes for properties identified in Attachment 1; and
 - b) the proposed LEP 2014 zones (environmental and non-environmental) and consequential mapping for the 'not agreed' properties contained in Attachment 2;
 2. Submits the updated Planning Proposal to the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure, as the plan-making authority in this instance, along with a request to make the final LEP for notification on the NSW Government legislation website.
 3. Notes that, post consideration of the submissions and endorsement of the final planning proposal, landowners whose land will be subject to an C zone are to be notified in writing of Council's decision and advised that they have 28 days to notify the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure to request a review of the proposed zoning of their property. (Lyon/Dods)

The motion was put to the vote and carried unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS - INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

Report No. 13.10 **Bangalow Road, Cooper Street and Paterson Street Intersection, Byron Bay - Traffic and Safety Assessment**
File No: I2025/76

- 25-149** **Resolved** that Council defers the Report to the Council Planning Meeting to be held on 8 May 2025. (Pugh/Ndiaye)
- The motion was put to the vote and carried unanimously.*

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NOTICES OF MOTION

Notice of Motion No. 9.5 Reiterate Council's support for local decision making
File No: I2025/478

25-150 Resolved that Council:

1. Reiterates our position that as the level of government closest to our community, local councils are best placed to understand the needs and desires of their own local communities.
2. Reiterates our long-held position of advocating for our local council to retain as much decision-making power as possible.
3. Notes that Mullumbimby Residents Association has lodged a petition to the NSW Legislative Assembly that asks the NSW Government to “stop the [affordable housing] project at 57 Station Street”.
4. Rejects calls by the Mullumbimby Residents Group for politicians in Sydney to override the decisions of our local council to build affordable housing.
5. Notes that it was reported in the Echo on 11 February that our local Member of Parliament, Tamara Smith is sponsoring the petition by the Mullumbimby Residents Association.
6. Writes to our local state Member of Parliament, Tamara Smith, regarding the above issues and requests that she withdraw her sponsorship of the petition to NSW Parliament by the Mullumbimby Residents Group and instead supports Council's efforts to build affordable housing. (Pugh/Lyon)

PROCEDURAL MOTION

25-151 Resolved that Cr Pugh be granted a one minute extension to his speech. (Ndiaye/Dods)

The motion was put to the vote and carried unanimously.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

25-152 Resolved that Cr Ndiaye be granted a one minute extension to her speech. (Hauge/Pugh)

The motion was put to the vote and carried unanimously.

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PROCEDURAL MOTION

25-153 Resolved that Cr Hauge be granted a one minute extension to her speech.
(Ndiaye/Warth)

The motion was put to the vote and carried unanimously.

*The motion (**Res 25-150**) was put to the vote and carried.
Crs Lyon, Pugh, Dods, Swain and Warth voted in favour of the motion.
Crs Ndiaye, Kay, Hauge and Lowe voted against the motion.*

STAFF REPORTS - CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Report No. 13.3 Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy
File No: I2025/385

25-154 Resolved that:

1. In accordance with Section 253 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council endorses the Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy (#E2024/95121) to be placed on public exhibition for a minimum period of 28 days.
2. With the following amendment to include Clause 6.58 in the Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy (#E2024/95121), as follows:

Attendance at Events

Where tickets are issued to Council for major community events (such as Bluesfest or the Byron Writers Festival), they may be distributed to Councillors for the purpose of attending as representatives of Council, subject to the following:

- *Tickets are provided to Council as part of an official invitation;*
- *Distribution of tickets will be coordinated by the General Manager (or delegate) to ensure equitable access and appropriate representation;*
- *Councillors attending under this provision do so in an official capacity, and not for personal or political purposes;*
- *Attendance and acceptance of tickets must be recorded in accordance with the Councillor Code of Conduct and any applicable disclosure requirements.*

This provision recognises the ongoing significance of significant community events in Byron Shire and ensures Councillor participation is managed transparently and appropriately.

3. In the event:
 - a) any Submissions are received on the draft Policy, those Submissions be reported back to Council, prior to the adoption of the Policy; and
 - b) no Submissions are received on the draft Policy, the Policy be adopted.
(Dods/Lowe)

The motion was put to the vote and carried unanimously.

DELEGATES' REPORTS

Cr Hauge provided a Delegates Report on her attendance at the first meeting of the Community Battery Working Group.

Cr Warth provided a Delegates Report on his discussions with Scott Charlton, Department of Primary Industries, in relation to the NSW Fireants program.

Cr Ndiaye provided a Delegates Report on her attendance with John Graham, NSW Minister for Transport, for the announcement of the Kickstart Grant for the trial of the Special Entertainment Precinct.

Cr Ndiaye provided a Delegates Report on her conversations with Joe Muller of Music NSW regarding the upcoming Remote and Regional Music Summit in July 2025.

Cr Ndiaye provided a Delegates Report on her meeting with Superintendent Scott Tanner, NSW Police Force, and Steve Pearce, CEO of Surf Lifesaving NSW to discuss safety of beach entrances.

Cr Ndiaye provided a Delegates Report on her meeting with Mike Marom, Regional General Manager of Telstra, and Steve and Peter from Wilsons Creek Community Association, to discuss ideas to ensure telephone connectivity during any power outages caused by disasters.

STAFF REPORTS - INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

Report No. 13.9 **Naming of Unnamed Laneway, Suffolk Park**
File No: 12025/90

25-155 **Resolved**

1. That Council defers the Report to a future meeting and engages with Traditional Custodians on the naming of the unnamed laneway.
2. Further documentation to support naming associated with Harry Bray be sought.
(Lowe/Ndiaye)

The motion was put to the vote and carried unanimously.

NOTICES OF MOTION

PROCEDURAL MOTION

25-156 Resolved

1. That pursuant to Section 10A(2)(f) of the Local Government Act, 1993, Council resolves to move into Confidential Session to discuss Notice of Motion No. 9.1 "Potential site for expanded crisis, emergency or temporary accommodation".
2. That the reasons for closing the meeting to the public to consider this item be that the report contains matters affecting the security of the council, councillors, council staff or council property.
3. That on balance it is considered that receipt and discussion of the matter in open Council would be contrary to the public interest, as the address of the land is confidential to protect the personal safety of the vulnerable people accessing services at the address and to maintain law and order. (Ndiaye/Dods)

The motion was put to the vote and carried unanimously.

Notice of Motion No. 9.1 Potential site for expanded crisis, emergency or temporary accommodation

File No: I2025/467

25-157 Resolved that Council:

1. Acknowledges the limited availability of crisis, emergency, and temporary accommodation options in the Byron Shire, which support individuals experiencing domestic and family violence, as well as those who are, or are at risk of experiencing homelessness including women, men, young people, and families, noting that Byron Shire has the highest number of rough sleepers of any Local Government area in the State;
2. Notes that one of the limited options for crisis accommodation for families experiencing domestic violence is facilitated by Council, on land leased to a crisis accommodation provider. (The address of the land is confidential to protect the personal safety of the vulnerable people accessing services at the address and to maintain law and order.); and
3. Requests staff to investigate and present to a Councillor workshop options and pathways for expansion of the existing accommodation uses such as for more crisis, emergency, temporary or other accommodation, noting relevant considerations and constraints. (Pugh/Ndiaye)

The motion was put to the vote and carried unanimously.

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- 25-158 Resolved** that the meeting move out of confidential session. (Ndiaye/Warth)
The motion was put to the vote and carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6.37pm for a dinner break and reconvened at 7.15pm.

Notice of Motion No. 9.2 Byron Shire Biodiversity: Supporting Wildlife Corridors, Koala Habitat Protection and Ending Native Forest Logging

File No: I2025/473

- 25-159 Resolved** that Council:

1. Thanks Bangalow Koalas for their ongoing extraordinary conservation efforts and for inviting councillors to participate in tree planting activities as they approach their milestone of 500,000 trees planted by the end of 2025 and acknowledges the vital conservation work being undertaken by local organisations including Friends of the Koala, Northern Rivers Wildlife Hospital and Byron Bay Wildlife Hospital.
2. Reaffirms Council's commitment to restoring native habitat and supporting wildlife corridors in the Byron Shire through initiatives including:
 - a) Implementation of the Byron Shire Coastal Koala Plan of Management;
 - b) Council support (advertising, organisation and financial support) for community-led habitat restoration and bush regeneration initiatives; and
 - c) Promotion of the Byron Wildlife Corridors System to landowners and residents
3. Advocates to the State and Federal Governments to protect biodiversity and critical habitat by:
 - a) Ending native forest logging across Australia;
 - b) Implementing an immediate moratorium on clearing koala habitat;
 - c) Establishing the Great Koala National Park as promised by the NSW Government;
 - d) Closing loopholes in the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act that exempt native forest logging from federal environmental protections. (Lowe/Kay)

The motion was put to the vote and carried unanimously.

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Notice of Motion No. 9.3 Emergency Housing Village

File No: I2025/475

25-160 Resolved that Council:

1. Investigates and presents at a Councillor Workshop, potential Council-owned or managed land that could be suitable for an emergency housing village for people experiencing homelessness in Byron Shire, including the planning pathways required to enable such a use.
2. Subject to point 1 identifying suitable option/s, requests a report which outlines the findings, proposed next steps and resource allocation required to enable the progression of this initiative. This may include:
 - a) Identified suitable sites that could accommodate an emergency housing village, including required planning pathways
 - b) Infrastructure requirements and estimated costs
 - c) Grant funding opportunities that could support the establishment of the village
 - d) Potential management models for the village, including partnership opportunities with local service providers
3. Engages with key stakeholders including local homelessness service providers, Housing NSW, the Byron Shire Homelessness Working Group, and people with lived experience of homelessness at the appropriate time, to inform this initiative.

(Ndiaye/Hauge)

PROCEDURAL MOTION

- 25-161 Resolved that Cr Ndiaye be granted a one minute extension to her speech.

(Dods/Hauge)

The motion was put to the vote and carried unanimously.

The motion (Res 25-160) was put to the vote and carried unanimously.

Notice of Motion No. 9.4 In principal support for using the church on Argyle St for accommodation

File No: 12025/477

25-162 Resolved that Council:

1. Acknowledges the limited availability of crisis, emergency, and temporary accommodation options in the Byron Shire, which support individuals experiencing domestic and family violence, as well as those who are, or are at risk of experiencing homelessness including women, men, young people, and families, noting that Byron Shire has the highest number of rough sleepers of any local government area in the State.
2. Notes that the Seventh Day Adventist Church on Argyle Street, Mullumbimby is currently for sale as are Lots 5 and 6 DP 26049 in the Laneway behind the Church.
3. Gives in principal support for using this property for affordable, temporary, emergency or other form of appropriate accommodation, subject to all applicable planning and other rules and due diligence on any proposal.
4. Writes to relevant NSW Government Ministers and Departments, including the Housing Minister Rose Jackson, drawing their attention to the opportunities provided by the site for accommodation.
5. Writes to appropriate Community Housing Providers, including Northern Rivers Housing, Social Futures and Momentum Collective, drawing their attention to the opportunities provided by the site.
6. Ensures that there is appropriate consultation with the community and stakeholders about this proposal if there is government or not for profit interest in moving forward. (Pugh/Ndiaye)

The motion was put to the vote and carried unanimously.

Notice of Motion No. 9.6 Enforcement Action on Unauthorised Dwellings

File No: I2025/487

25-163 Resolved that Council:

1. Acknowledges the severe housing crisis affecting Byron Shire and recognises uncertainty for residents can cause distress;
2. Requests a quote for legal advice on a suspension of action on demolition orders during the period the enforcement policy is being reviewed, or 12 months (whichever is longer), and a corresponding extension for the orders and notices enforced under the new policy;
3. Makes the legal advice described in Part 2 public; and
4. Requests a Councillor Workshop on potential models for regularising unauthorised dwellings that reduce or defer upfront Development Application costs, particularly focusing on:
 - a) Options for alternative pathways such as staged payment plans for Development Application fees, particularly for large or complex DAs like Multiple Occupancies;
 - b) Exploring Grant opportunities, no-interest loan programs or hardship provisions to assist vulnerable residents with Development Application and associated consultant fees;
 - c) Innovative approaches adopted by other Councils facing similar challenges;
 - d) Means of preventing the construction of further dwellings without authorisation; and
 - e) Discuss the parameters for a Report to Council on the matters discussed at the workshop. (Hauge/Ndiaye)

The motion was put to the vote and carried.

Crs Ndiaye, Warth, Kay, Hauge and Lowe voted in favour of the motion.

Crs Lyon, Pugh, Dods and Swain voted against the motion.

MAYORAL MINUTE

There was no Mayoral Minute presented.

PETITIONS

There were no Petitions tabled at the meeting.

STAFF REPORTS - GENERAL MANAGER

Report No. 13.1 **Brunswick Heads Visitor Centre Contribution**
File No: I2025/472

25-164 **Resolved** that Council:

1. Include an additional contribution of \$35,000 for the Brunswick Heads Visitor Centre in the draft 2025/26 Budget, funded from the Brunswick Heads Pay Parking scheme; and
2. Makes an advance payment of \$20,000 to the Brunswick Heads Visitor Centre, in the 2024/25 financial Year from the 2025/26 Financial Year budget allocation, to assist the Centre with the current cash flow issues impacting on the operation of the Centre. (Pugh/Ndiaye)

The motion was put to the vote and carried unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS - INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

Report No. 13.11 **Piccabeen Park Bangalow - Parking Signage**
File No: I2025/77

25-165 **Resolved** that Council:

1. Removes the existing parking restrictions in Piccabeen Park; and
2. Liaise with the Bangalow Farmers Markets on how to ensure the markets can function appropriately
3. Requests relevant staff to investigate ways to improve the amenity for park users (such as reducing the number of signs, reviewing toilet use, etc).
4. Monitor the situation and be open to reinstating the parking restrictions if required. (Pugh/Kay)

The motion was put to the vote and carried unanimously.

BYRON SHIRE COUNCIL

ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES

24 April 2025

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES - SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT AND ECONOMY

Report No. 14.2 **Report of the Coast and ICOLL Advisory Committee Meeting held on 20 March 2025**

File No: I2025/384

25-166 **Resolved:** that Council notes the minutes of the Coast and ICOLL Advisory Committee Meeting held on 20 March 2025. (Warth/Lyon)

The motion was put to the vote and carried unanimously.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 8.48pm.

I hereby certify that these are the true and correct Minutes of this Meeting as confirmed at Council's Ordinary Meeting on 22 May 2025.

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Mayor Sarah Ndiaye