



MOUNT BARKER HILL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

SECTION 5.9(2)(a) LGA 1995

Committee Brief

The duties of the committee are to advise the Council with regard to:

- a) *The mechanisms needing to be employed to light the communication tower;*
- b) *Working with the Trails Advisory Committee regarding integration of trails into other Mount Barker Hill proposals; and*
- c) *Further development of the present Rotary lookout and the potential for other lookouts, including information boards.*

A meeting of the Mount Barker Hill Advisory Committee was held in the Committee Room, Lowood Road, Mount Barker WA 6324
4:00pm on Tuesday 17 March 2020

Rob Stewart
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Committee Members:

*Cr Jon Oldfield, Cr Ken Clements, Cr S Etherington and Cr Woltering, (Deputy Cr Len Handasyde)
(Resolution NO. 284/19 and 53/20)*

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Chairperson: Cr K Woltering

Membership: Quorum (4)

Cr J Oldfield	Council Representative
Cr K Clements	Council Representative
Cr S Etherington	Council Representative
Cr K Woltering	Council Representative
Cr L Handasyde	Deputy Council Representative

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

4.03pm The Presiding Member declared the meeting open.

2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / LEAVE OF ABSENCE (PREVIOUSLY APPROVED)

Members Present

Cr K Woltering – Presiding Member
Cr J Oldfield
Cr K Clements
Cr S Etherington

Staff

Mr A Budrikis, Executive Manager Strategic Development

Other

Cr L Handasyde

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved Cr S Etherington, seconded Cr J Oldfield:

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Mount Barker Hill Advisory Committee, held 23 January 2020 excluding item 6A as circulated, and adopted as a correct record.

CARRIED

4 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Nil

5 REPORTS OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

5.1 LIGHTING OF TOWER ON MOUNT BARKER HILL

Electrical Lighting Design

A quote to develop a concept plan and cost estimate for lighting the tower has been received (\$4,400.00 + GST).

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION/COMMITTEE DECISION

Moved Cr S Etherington, seconded Cr J Oldfield:

That it be a recommendation to the Council:

That:

- 1. A lighting concept plan at a cost of \$4,400.00 + GST be developed for the Mount Barker Hill**
- 2. The funds be made available from the trails review budget.**

CARRIED

5.2 MOUNT BARKER HILL – MTB TRAILS (GSCORE)

GSCORE has initiated the flora, fauna and dieback surveys (total cost approx. \$17,000.00 + GST). These surveys are currently underway.

At this stage Aboriginal consultation will take place with the local Noongar families prior to any wider consultation being proposed.

GSCORE has also developed a project brief for obtaining quotes from trail designers to undertake the concept planning of the mountain bike (MTB) trails. GSCORE would like the Mount Barker Hill Advisory Group to review the quotes (possibly on 24 or 25 March) and later attend a start-up meeting with the trail designer (possibly the following week).

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION/COMMITTEE DECISION

Moved Cr J Oldfield, seconded Cr K Clements:

That the opportunity to continue to work with GSCORE as a control group developing the mountain bike trail plan for Mount Barker Hill be welcomed.

CARRIED

5.3 MOUNT BARKER HILL CONCEPT PLAN (GSCORE)

The GSCORE brief only refers to MTB trails. The Shire of Plantagenet will have to engage a landscape architect to develop concept plans.

GSCORE will include the 2011/12 Peter Duncan concept plan in the brief but no further work will be undertaken by the trail designer. It is important that these the concept plan and trails plans are integrated.

Further discussion indicated that the lighting of the tower was the priority and that the scope of items to include in the concept plans includes:

- (a) Tower lighting;
- (b) Adequate parking for cars (50 spaces) and long vehicles/ buses (2 of);
- (c) An additional observation platform to be located to the south west, looking towards Denmark. This observation platform would be also used by astronomers;
- (d) A boardwalk connecting lookouts;
- (e) Toilets as appropriate including universal access toilets;
- (f) Road loop on the hill should be one way;
- (g) Pathways to be lit by solar lights; and
- (h) The area behind the tower could be used for overflow parking.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION/COMMITTEE DECISION

Moved Cr K Clements, seconded Cr K Clements:

That it be a recommendation to the Council:

That:

- 1. The CEO be requested to obtain quotes to undertake the landscape concept planning for the landscape component of the Mount Barker Hill Concept Plan, excluding the mountain bike trails.**
- 2. A budget estimate be developed to undertake the concept planning for inclusion in the draft 2020/21 budget.**

CARRIED

6 GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 HANG GLIDING

There was a discussion on whether hang gliding would be appropriate from the hill. It seemed that this would be problematical.

7 NEXT MEETING

Next meeting would be held in the week commencing 30/3/2020 to liaise with GSCORE

8 CLOSURE OF MEETING

4:58pm The Presiding Member declared the meeting closed.

CONFIRMED: PRESIDING MEMBER _____ DATE: ___/___/___