



## **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 Chambers Room, Lowood Road, Mount Barker WA 6324  
4.00pm on Wednesday 21 October 2020

**Paul Sheedy**  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

### Committee Members:

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

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**1 DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS**

4.00pm 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

Observer

Cr L Handasyde

**3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Moved Cr J Oldfield, seconded Cr K Clements:

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Mount Barker Hill Advisory Committee, held 25 June 2020 as circulated, be taken as read 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**

A project update on the BCA lighting testing program will be given at the meeting.

*The Executive Manager Strategic Development has advised the committee that BCA has confirmed they will be testing the lighting of the tower with a suitable floodlight brought in from the Eastern states on Friday, 30 October 2020. BCA will test both a wide and narrow beam light.*

*A memo has been sent to Councillors inviting them to take up vantage points on Friday evening to view the testing from various locations and report back their impressions.*

### **5.2 MOUNT BARKER HILL – MTB TRAILS (GSCORE/MAGIC DIRT)**

The Shire has engaged GSCORE through a MOU to provide assistance to the Shire to obtain funding for the Mount Barker Hill MTB trails. The Federal Government has announced that the next BBRF round will include \$100m for tourism infrastructure projects.

It is expected that the BBRF will only fund 50% of any project. Attached are some possible funding scenarios that would apply if GSCORE was to lodge a BBRF grant application on behalf of the Shire of Plantagenet.

It is likely that GSCORE will lodge a BBRF application on behalf of the City of Albany and the Shire of Denmark as well as part of a regional tourism infrastructure project.

### **OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

*The Mount Barker Hill Advisory Committee recommends that:*

- 1. An application for funding from the Building Better Regions Fund (BBRF) be submitted by Great Southern Centre for Outdoor Recreation Excellence (GSCORE) on behalf of the Shire of Plantagenet to construct the Mount Barker Hill Tourism Infrastructure project comprising the mountain bike trails and infrastructure, boardwalk and walkways and tower lighting.*
- 2. The Council borrow the balance of funds required to fund the project if the BBRF grant application is successful.*

## COMMITTEE DECISION

Moved Cr K Clements, seconded Cr J Oldfield:

That it be a recommendation to the Council:

That:

1. An application for funding from the Better Building Regions Fund (BBRF) be submitted by Great Southern Centre for Outdoor Recreation Excellence (GSCORE) on behalf of the Shire of Plantagenet to construct the Mount Barker Hill Tourism Infrastructure project comprising the mountain bike trails and infrastructure, boardwalk and walkways and tower lighting.
2. The Council borrow the balance of funds required to fund the project if the BBRF grant application is successful subject to a Council workshop on project funding.

**CARRIED**

### 5.3 MOUNT BARKER HILL CONCEPT PLAN (EMERGE ASSOCIATES)

An update of progress on the boardwalk and walkways will be given at the meeting.

*The proposed surveyed walk trail (Tower Hill Walk Trail) and the longer version (Tower Hill Long Trail) were reviewed. The project budget allows for 1150m<sup>2</sup> of pathways. It was noted that the Executive Manager Works and Services recommends that the pathways be 2m wide and constructed of stabilised compacted gravel. It was also noted that the current proposed pathway was probably be only 300m long and therefore additional pathways could be accommodated in the budget. The EMSD will further develop the surveyed pathway design to confirm actual lengths.*

*The proposed walkway design was discussed. The design would include a galvanised steel deck such as Rhino grating (attached). The balustrade and structure would be constructed of galvanised steel (drawing attached). The design would be similar to the walkway at Mount Archer but would most likely not be more than 1.5m above ground level at any point. Contractors will be asked to quote on the walkway design but will have to provide structural design details. The walkway survey drawings indicate where the walkway will be built with the attached picture showing the view from this area. It was noted that if there were sufficient funds a secondary walkway could be constructed nearer to the existing observation deck. The EMSD will further investigate this as the design details and costs are firmed up.*

## 6 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

**7 NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting TBA

**8 CLOSURE OF MEETING**

5.08pm The Presiding Member declared the meeting closed.

**CONFIRMED: PRESIDING MEMBER** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_