

Council

RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE –
ENDORSEMENT OF RECOMMENDATION – TRAILS
DEVELOPMENT BUDGET

Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes
– 11 November 2020

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RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

SECTION 5.9(2)(a) LGA 1995

Committee Brief

The duties of the committee shall be:

- a) Oversee and make recommendation to the Council regarding the implementation of special projects that align with the Shire of Plantagenet Strategic Community Plan;*
- b) Liaise as necessary with community groups Recreation Centre Advisory Group, the Department of Sport and Recreation and other bodies; and*
- c) To advise the Council on the strategic direction of recreation throughout Plantagenet.*

A meeting of the Recreation Advisory Committee was held in the
Committee Room, Lowood Road, Mount Barker WA 6324
3:00pm on Wednesday 11 November 2020

Paul Sheedy
ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Committee Members:

Cr C Pavlovich, Cr B Bell, Cr Moir, and Cr K Woltering, (Deputy Cr S Etherington) - (Resolution NO. 207/19)

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Chairperson: Cr C Pavlovich

Membership: Quorum (4)

Cr C Pavlovich	Council Representative
Cr B Bell	Council Representative
Cr C Moir	Council Representative
Cr K Woltering	Council Representative
Cr S Etherington	Deputy Council Representative

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

3.00pm The Presiding Member declared the meeting open.

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

Cr C Pavlovich – Presiding Member
Cr B Bell
Cr J Moir
Cr K Woltering

Staff

Mr A Budrikis, Executive Manager Strategic Development
Ms S Parker, Community Development Officer

Apologies**3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Moved Cr B Bell, seconded Cr K Woltering

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Recreation Advisory Committee, held 25 August 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 MOUNT BARKER MEMORIAL SWIMMING POOL**

The committee noted that a workshop on the pool design was held with the Council on the 3 November 2020. Tenders for construction of Stage 1A will be called in late November and close prior to the Christmas break. It is expected that a tender acceptance recommendation will be taken to the January 2021 the Council meeting for the Council to consider.

It was also noted that the Shire of Plantagenet Community Sport Recreation Facility Fund (CSRFF) grant application was still under consideration by the Department of Local Government Sport and Cultural Industries.

Some points of the design were discussed and it was noted that care would have to be taken with the selection of artificial turf as these surfaces can become hot in direct sunlight. It was also noted that the fence on top of the retaining wall should be of a better quality and design than standard fencing. This item will be included as a provisional item in the tender documents so further consideration of the fence can take place once a contractor is appointed.

5.2 MOUNT BARKER HILL CONCEPT PLANS

The Executive Manager Strategic Development tabled the boardwalk and path design (attached). The proposed walkway would be approximately 75m long and approximately 4.7m above the ground at the highest point. The boardwalk would slope upwards from the east towards the west with flat sections. The ramped sections would not be steeper than 1:14. The Committee suggested that the flat sections be made wider so that bench seating can be fitted in place at strategic viewing points.

The boardwalk would be constructed of hot dipped galvanised steel. The proposed design was a concept design and contractors would be asked to provide the final design, including structural engineering design.

The Committee preferred that the walking paths be bitumen (red colour) to facilitate use by wheel chairs. It was noted that the pathways should also aim not to be steeper than 1:14. Provision should be made for future lighting of the path by providing a suitable in ground conduit for cabling during construction.

The Executive Manager Strategic Development will be seeking quotes on the boardwalk and walking paths in the first instance. The budget estimates indicate that the cost of building the main carpark and bus drop off bays would exceed the current Stage 1 budget of \$455,000.00 (noting that the Shire has not been successful in obtaining a Regional Economic Development Scheme grant). Once quotes on the boardwalk and paths had been finalised the budget picture would be clearer. Committee members felt that the budget allocation towards low granite walls was not a priority.

It was noted that the report on the tower lighting trials was not yet available for discussion.

5.3 FROST PARK

There were no new items noted.

5.4 SOUNNESS PARK

It was noted that the renewal of the MOU with the Hockey Club was still being finalised and that the Hockey Club should be matching the Shire contributions towards the future replacement of the artificial turf.

5.5 YOUTH PRECINCT

The Community Development Officer gave the committee a briefing of the youth park consultation process. A survey is being conducted with 85 responses so far. The survey was tabled and discussed. Promotion of the survey included three original posts on Facebook followed by two refresher posts as well as advertising in the Plantagenet News and the Mount Barker College newsletter. The Community Development Officer will be conducting further meetings with the Mount Barker Community College students.

The committee further discussed the development of the youth park and noted that a number of regional local governments were investing in significant youth park developments. It was thought that the development of the Mount Barker youth precinct would most likely take place over a number of years, depending on grant funding opportunities and the Council's ability to match grant funds. It was also noted that the development of a professional concept plan would facilitate grant fund applications where professional plans were expected.

In the short term, it was noted that steps be taken to improve the lighting of the park and investigate CCTV options.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION/COMMITTEE DECISION

Moved Cr K Woltering, seconded Cr B Bell:

That it be a recommendation to the Council:

That the Council allocates \$20,000.00 in the FY 2021-22 annual budget to develop a professional concept plan for the youth precinct.

CARRIED

5.6 PLAYGROUND STRATEGY

The Executive Manager Strategic Development tabled an inventory of the Shire of Plantagenet's playgrounds and play equipment (attached). Councillor Moir also tabled an email from a Narrikup resident outlining the poor state of the playground equipment in Narrikup. The Committee noted that some of the Shire's playgrounds had new equipment while others did not. The Committee would like a short playground strategy addressing a five-year plan to upgrade playground equipment prepared before the next annual budget preparations.

5.7 REGIONAL TRAILS

The Committee discussed the development of trails in the Shire of Plantagenet following the review of the Plantagenet Trails Master Plan. To progress trail developments, it was thought that the Council should allow some \$10,000.00 per annum in the Shire's annual budget so that trail improvements, including trail markers and signs, can be actioned each year.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION/COMMITTEE DECISION

Moved Cr J Moir, seconded Cr B Bell

That it be a recommendation to the Council:

That the Council allocates \$10,000.00 in the Shire of Plantagenet annual budget from FY 2021-22 for trail development and improvements.

CARRIED

6 GENERAL BUSINESS

None

7 NEXT MEETING

TBA

8 CLOSURE OF MEETING

5.21 pm The Presiding Member declared the meeting closed.

CONFIRMED: PRESIDING MEMBER _____ **DATE:** ____/____/____