

Council

RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE –
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Recreation Advisory Committee
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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
3:30pm on Thursday 4 March 2021

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

3.30pm 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 K Woltering, seconded Cr B Bell

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Recreation Advisory Committee, held 11 November 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 Executive Manager Strategic Development updated the Committee on progress to negotiate a revised contract price for Stage 1A of the Mount Barker Pool Redevelopment with Wauters Enterprises Pty Ltd as per Council's resolution (No. 041/21) of 27 January 2021.

To bring the contract sum below budget the following changes have been made:

- a) Reduction of the retaining wall scope by removing the retaining wall east of the ramp including associated hard landscape and changing tier retaining walls to limestone solid block walls;
- b) Delete the works in the Mead Street Road reserve – to be included in the Mead Street upgrade project; and
- c) Retain the existing fences with modifications as necessary to tie back into the new building.

The deleted retaining walls, landscape and new fencing will be included in the next stage of development.

The construction contract with Wauters Enterprises Pty Ltd should be finalised next week. The revised contract sum is \$1,593,188.08 + GST. Work is scheduled to commence in mid-March. Further costs will be incurred to upgrade the power to the site.

It was noted that if the construction of Stage 1A was not completed by the start of next summer's swimming season it would still be possible to open the pool as the building site was being fenced with a 1.8m high chain-link fence.

5.2 MOUNT BARKER HILL CONCEPT PLANS

Tower Lighting

The Executive Manager Strategic Development tabled the lighting memo's previously circulated (3/11/20 and 19/01/21 attached) regarding the lighting trial on Mount Barker Hill. The committee discussed the effectiveness of the lighting trial with the following points made:

- a) There had both positive and negative feedback on the effectiveness of the trial;
- b) The tower structure probably did not have enough structure to reflect sufficient light to be effective;
- c) The trial had been undertaken on a full moon;
- d) Council has other priorities to focus on; and
- e) The current project should complete the concept plan so that accurate costings of construction and operating costs can be obtained.

The Committee requested that the Executive Manager of Strategic Development hold a workshop with Councillors on the next Council meeting day to review the project and lighting options.

Mount Barker Hill Tourism Infrastructure

The Executive Manager Strategic Development informed the Committee of the progress regarding the construction of the galvanised steel boardwalk. A contract had been given to Plantagenet Sheds and Steel to design and construct the boardwalk. Survey work has commenced with the detailed design to follow.

The scope of the pathway was being finalised and contractors would be asked to quote on this work.

The Committee felt that the costs of the pathway and boardwalk should be finalised before the remainder of the budget was committed. It was noted that the car park and coach parking was included in the BBRF application being prepared by GSCORE.

Mount Barker Hill (Tower Hill) Mountain Bike Trails Network

The Great Southern Centre for Outdoor Recreation Excellence (GSCORE) is finalising the BBRF Round 5 grant application on behalf of the Shire of Plantagenet and City of Albany. The grant application was due on 5 March 2021.

It was noted that the South Coast Alliance had declined to take on the Mount Barker Hill Mountain Bike Network project as requested by Council.

5.3 FROST PARK

There were no new items noted.

5.4 SOUNNESS PARK

It was noted again 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. Any request to change this previously agreed arrangement for financing the eventual replacement of the hockey pitch artificial turf would need to be directed to Council.

5.5 YOUTH PRECINCT

The Community Development Officer gave the Committee a briefing on the outcomes of the community consultation process regarding proposed upgrades to the site known as the Youth Precinct (including skate-park, Wilson Park and surrounds) and tabled the Youth Precinct Report (attached).

Key findings are that the community is highly supportive of site upgrades; there is a desire for implementing a greater range of new infrastructure items as well as providing events and programs at the site. Priority rankings of these features were provided to the Committee with the intention to incorporate these into the design of the Youth Precinct Concept Plan in the 2021/11 FY.

It was noted that in the short term, while the larger concept plan is being developed, that a series of 'quick wins' could be delivered to improve the site facilities and enhance community utilisation. The Committee discussed examples including a drink fountain, solar lighting, provision of Wi-Fi and seating. It was thought that an annual budget of \$10,000.00 would be sufficient to develop this infrastructure.

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 FY 2021-22 annual budget for on-going minor works improvements to the youth precinct.

CARRIED

The Community Development Officer also highlighted there was notable support for community involvement in the project, with survey and workshop participants supporting the establishment of a Youth Precinct Volunteer Group. This group would help run events, take care of the site and be actively involved in the design and future event programming. The Recreation Advisory Committee requested Officers provide a further report detailing a recommended approach to establishing a Youth Advisory Committee.

5.6 PLAYGROUND STRATEGY

The Community Development Officer gave the committee a briefing advising that the development of a Shire of Plantagenet Play Spaces Strategy is underway and a draft will be presented to a future committee meeting.

5.7 WILSON PARK

Council at the 23 February meeting (resolution No. 050/21) referred the issue of installing a child-proof fence at Wilson Park for investigation and recommendation to the Recreation Advisory Committee.

The Committee discussed options for fencing including the need for a review by Officers into options and costs for installing fencing. This would include:

1. Pipe frame and plastic-coated chain mech fencing. This option would need to be longer and extend all the way to the southern access point. Most likely a theme to be extended to the rail reserve in future works
2. Pine post and chain mesh. To join up with the existing pine rail fencing and,
3. Pine post and plastic-coated plain wire (single strand). Fence to be the same or slightly higher than the existing pine fence to keep view open from both sides.

Officers will present a report with the anticipated expenditure and preferred style to the next Committee meeting. The Committee supported the allocation of funds in the 2021/22 FY budget to cater for the cost of this project with value to be confirmed at next committee meeting

6 GENERAL BUSINESS

None

7 NEXT MEETING

TBA

8 CLOSURE OF MEETING

5.35 pm The Presiding Member declared the meeting closed.

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