



RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Section 5.9(2)(a) LGA 1995

Committee Brief

The role of the Committee is to:

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

A meeting of the Recreation Advisory Committee was held at the Shire of Plantagenet Committee Room, Mount Barker
14 November, 2019 at 3.00pm.

DAVID LYNCH
ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Committee Members

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

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MEMBERSHIP

Cr C Pavlovich

Cr B Bell

Cr J Moir

Cr K Woltering

Cr S Etherington (deputy)

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Executive Manager Strategic Development, Mr Budrikis declared the meeting open at 3.00pm.

2 ELECTION OF PRESIDING MEMBER

Nominations were called for the position of Presiding Member. Cr Pavlovich was nominated for the position and declared elected unopposed.

3 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES

Attendees

Cr C Pavlovich
Cr B Bell
Cr J Moir
Cr K Woltering

Observers

Cr S Etherington (deputy)

Officers

Mr R Stewart
Mr A Budrikis

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved: Cr B Bell, Seconded: Cr J Moir;

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Recreation Advisory Committee held on 20 September 2019 as circulated, be taken as read and adopted as a correct record.

CARRIED

5 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Nil.

6 MOUNT BARKER MEMORIAL SWIMMING POOL – FEASIBILITY STUDY

The Executive Manager Strategic Development addressed the Committee with regard to progress of the Mount Barker Memorial Swimming Pool Feasibility Study.

He noted that Great Southern Consulting had completed the Needs Assessment Report (October 2019). The nominated five options for further concept planning were:

1. Refurbish existing pool;
2. New 50m pool x six lane adjacent to the current facility;
3. New 25m x eight lane pool and learn to swim pool adjacent to the current facility;
4. Relocate pool and supporting infrastructure to the Sounness Park Sports Precinct: and
5. Do nothing.

Concept plans had been prepared by Roberts Gardiner Architects and costs for each prepared by Chris O'Keefe Construction Cost Consultant (attached). A discussion of the options was held with the following points made:

- The preliminary structural findings for the existing pool concrete bowl were favourable. The full test results and engineers report was not yet available;
- It was noted that the community would prefer not to lose a swim season;
- It was noted that a longer swim season would be preferred by the swim club and other members of the community;
- It was also noted that in the survey 40% of respondents wished the pool to remain a 50m pool;
- The change rooms, buildings and seating facilities were poor;
- The learn to swim (LTS) pool for the 50m pool options (one and two) would not be as big as the LTS proposed for the 25m pool option three. This LTS pool would have at least three 25 m swim lanes at a constant depth of under 1m;
- The LTS pool shown in option one would be better located to the east or south east corner;
- The proposals include space for future developments such as a gym room, café and hydrotherapy pool;
- It was noted that 60% of those surveyed believed a hydrotherapy pool was desirable;
- It was noted the swimming club wished to have a club room;

- A number of members sited the Wagin pool development as a good model to follow (note pool refurb and learn to swim cost \$2.2m);
- The entrance would be better from the south with observation from the entry/ kiosk elevated and looking towards the north (not into the setting sun);
- Mead Street could accommodate 45 degree angle parking on the north side with road modifications; and
- In the first instance the Shire should aim to build the complete project, The ability to achieve this would depend on funds raised.

Moved: Cr J Moir, Seconded: Cr B Bell

That it be a recommendation to the Council that:

- 1. Option One based on the retention of the existing 50 metre pool be authorised for further development in conjunction with the consultant;**
- 2. The inclusion of a learn to swim pool be incorporated into the planning, the exact site of such pool to be determined;**
- 3. Future clubrooms, gymnasium, cafe, hydro-therapy pool and parking options also be incorporated;**
- 4. Funding options be investigated; and**
- 5. A further report be prepared for consideration by April 2020.**

CARRIED

It was also noted that the consultant should be advised that in investigating further option one the following be taken into account:

1. The entrance may be relocated to the south end;
2. Refer to the Wagin pool development;
3. Elevate the administration/ kiosk areas to enhance observation of the pool deck;
4. Consider all parking options; and
5. Consider staging options so as to minimise the closing of the pool.

7 FROST PARK

Councillors noted that any developments on Frost Park should be first reviewed and agreed by the Frost Park User Group. It was noted that the Frost Park User Group MOU was being reviewed.

Moved: Cr J Moir, Seconded: Cr B Bell

That Cr Pavlovich be a representative of the Recreation Advisory Group on the Frost Park User Group.

CARRIED

8 SOUNNESS PARK

The proposed equipment policy was further discussed. The proposal as it stood was considered to include too many variables. The draft policy is to be re-drafted.

9 YOUTH PRECINCT

Councillors discussed the need to fund a Youth Precinct and that a priority should be placed on planning this project after the swimming pool feasibility study is completed. It was noted that the Bremer Bay Youth Precinct was a good example of such a facility.

10 REGIONAL TRAILS

It was noted that the Great Southern Centre for Outdoor Recreation Excellence (GSCORE) Draft Regional Trails Masterplan should be available for public comment within a few weeks.

11 PLAYGROUND STRATEGY

Rob Stewart informed the committee that he had authorised the construction of a small fence around the west end of the Wilson Park playground "tunnel".

It was also noted that the Shire had not yet developed a playground strategy.

12 NEXT MEETING

TBA.

13 MEETING CLOSURE

5:20pm The Presiding Member declared the meeting closed.

CONFIRMED: PRESIDING MEMBER _____ DATE: _____