



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 Thursday 19 March 2020

Rob Stewart
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

3.03pm 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 K Woltering

Staff

Mr A Budrikis, Executive Manager Strategic Development
Ms L Adams, Economic Development Officer

Apologies

Cr B Bell
Cr J Moir

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved Cr K Woltering, seconded Cr C Pavlovich

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Recreation Advisory Committee, held 14 November 2019 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

Feasibility Study:

The Mount Barker Memorial Swimming Pool Feasibility Study is being undertaken by Consulting Great Southern. The consultants brief includes the following scope:

1. *Conduct needs-based assessment into upgrades to the facility for the Shire of Plantagenet community*
2. *Investigate and report on the social and financial viability of upgrades to the Mount Barker Memorial Swimming Pool facilities. Financial viability is to include capital, servicing and operating cost estimates*
3. *Consider Mount Barker Memorial Swimming Pool as a facility that will suitably meet the needs of the Great Southern Region*
4. *Identify any upgrade option that will maximise access to the facility for residents of the Shire and also those in the broader regional area;*
5. *Investigate and report on any special facility needs that should be incorporated into the design; specifically access and participation for seniors and those with disabilities*
6. *Analyse planning and construction costs of alternative sites, designs and management models and make a recommendation for the best long-term option. Alternate sites investigated should include Sounness Park and the Mount Barker Community College, but not be restricted to just these sites*
7. *Provide concept plans appropriate for progression with funding bodies.*

Project Update:

Structural Testing: GHD was engaged to undertake structural core sampling and testing of the concrete pool shell (Council approved scope OCM 8/10/2019). The report received confirms that the remaining service life of the concrete pool shell is expected to be 20 + years provided the pool floor cracks are appropriately repaired, the hydraulic pipes are repaired or preferably replaced and that the other associated assets are also repaired.

The report also states the 'office/kiosk, change rooms and ablutions and first aid room and plant are past their design service life.'

Modelling of chlorine penetration also shows that the reinforcement within the pool copings will not commence corrosion for at least 50 years.

The Needs Assessment Report October 2019 was completed by Consulting Great Southern (previously circulated). There were four development options outlined in the report (plus Option 5: do nothing).

At the Council meeting on 3 December 2019 the Council endorsed 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;*
- 5. A further report be prepared for consideration by 21 April 2020; and*
- 6. The consultant consider the following points as part of their report:*
 - a) The entrance be from the south;*
 - b) Refer to the Wagin pool development;*
 - c) Elevate the administration/ kiosk areas to enhance observation of the pool deck;*
 - d) Consider parking options; and*
 - e) Consider staging options so as to minimise the closing of the pool.’*

A draft of the feasibility study, costings and revised concept plans for Option 1 was considered by the project control group at a meeting on 20 February 2020. Feedback from the control group has been included in the final draft of the feasibility study.

OFFICER’S RECOMMENDATION/COMMITTEE DECISION

Moved Cr K Woltering, seconded Cr C Pavlovich:

That is be a recommendation to the Council:

That:

- 1. The Mount Barker Memorial Swimming Pool Feasibility Study prepared by Consulting Great Southern be received.**
- 2. The detailed design phase of the project be authorised.**
- 3. The Entry, Change rooms and associated buildings and site works be prioritised.**
- 4. The construction phase commence in the 2020/21 financial year, subject to funding availability.**

CARRIED

5.2 MOUNT BARKER HILL CONCEPT PLAN (GSCORE)

A discussion was held on local Noongar consultation for the Mount Barker Hill trails and other developments. It was noted that the group convened by Sgt Johnston would be consulted and that Karl Hansom from GSCORE would

attend. It was also noted that this would be an opportunity to ask the local Noongar's what the traditional name for the hill is.

5.3 FROST PARK

Frost Park MOU: A revised MOU has been drafted and circulated to User Group members.

It was noted that the CEO and Economic Development Officer met with the Frost Park User Group to discuss the review of the Frost Park User Group MOU and that further work was required on integrating the MOU with the Turf Club License.

5.4 SOUNNESS PARK

Hockey Scoreboard: Scoreboard delivered. Steel structure to mount the board is being constructed.

It was noted that the hockey season was not starting until 1 May 2020.

5.5 YOUTH PRECINCT

A discussion was held on developing youth outdoor recreation facilities in Mount Barker. The following points were made:

- a) The current location has advantages based on being close enough to Wilson Park that parents can oversee both age groups if their children are using different parks
- b) A brief should be developed in consultation with the Mount Barker Community College (MBCC)
- c) The committee asked that the CEO be requested to draft a letter to the Principal of the MBCC requesting that the school asks students to develop a youth park requirements wish list
- d) The Lions were to fabricate a basketball ring. The Executive Manager of Strategic Development would follow this up.

5.6 PLAYGROUND STRATEGY

It was noted there is current funding for two playground upgrades; Kendenup Town Hall and Bonnyup Park.

5.7 REGIONAL TRAILS

Plantagenet Trails

The Plantagenet Trails Working Group was formed at the 16 July 2019 Council Meeting.

Working Group Brief

The role of the Working Group is to:

1. *Review the Plantagenet Trails Masterplan 2006, investigate new trail proposals and advise the Council on appropriate trail developments*
2. *'Appropriate Trail Developments' will include, but not be limited to, trails suitable for walking, bicycle riding, horse riding and motor vehicle driving*
3. *The group shall report to the Council no later than 30 April 2020*
4. *The Group shall dissolve on 1 May 2020.*

Plantagenet Trails Working Group membership consists of :

CR Ken Clements (Chair)
Cr Marie O'Dea
Cr Chris Pavlovich
Andrus Budrikis (Executive Manager Strategic Development)
Community Members:
Darrel Drage
Kevin Edwards
Chelle Fisher
Kathryn MacNeil
Noah Middleton
Bill Shanklin
Tony Smith
Mike Thorn

The draft *Plantagenet Trails Masterplan Review 2019* is now complete and is being circulated for review.

GSCORE Great Southern Regional Trails Masterplan

GSCORE presented the draft of the Great Southern Regional Trails Masterplan to the Shire of Plantagenet Council at the 25 February 2020 meeting. GSCORE is seeking endorsement by Council of the Great Southern Regional Trails Masterplan.

GSCORE have proposed the 11 regional priority trails as core priority trails to establish the Great Southern as a 'World Class Trails Destination'.

These priority trails are:

1. Tower Hill Mountain Bike (MTB) Trails;
2. Walpole and Nornalup Inlets Marine Park Paddle Experience;
3. Great Southern Treasures Recreation Circuit;
4. Greens Pool to Lights Beach Coastal Hiking Trail;
5. Albany's Historic Whaling Station to The Gap Coastal Hiking Trail;
6. Albany's Heritage Park Trails (walking and mountain bike);
7. Mt Hallowell MTB Trails;
8. Porongurup MTB Trails;
9. Albany to Whaling Station Dual Use Trails;
10. Grain Trail Rail Trails; and
11. Stirling Range Valleys Cycle Touring Trails.

It should be noted that to create a "World Class Trails Destination" for our region these trails need to be developed as a group.

It was noted that GSCORE made a presentation to Council on 25 February 2020 on the Great Southern Regional Trails Masterplan and that this report would be presented to Council for endorsement at a later time.

It was also noted that the draft Plantagenet Trails Masterplan Review 2019 is now complete and is being circulated for review.

6 GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 WILSON PARK ROTUNDA

It was noted that access to the Rotunda at the Volunteers Day BBQ was difficult for aged persons and that a ramp should be constructed to provide universal access.

6.2 WILSON PARK

It was also noted that wind breaks and sun shelter were also required in Wilson Park.

7 NEXT MEETING

To be confirmed.

8 CLOSURE OF MEETING

4.37pm The Presiding Member declared the meeting closed.

CONFIRMED: PRESIDING MEMBER_____ **DATE:**____/____/____