



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
20 September, 2019 at 3.00pm.

**ROB STEWART
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

Committee Members

Cr Moir, Cr B Bell, Cr B Lang and Cr C Pavlovich - (Resolution No. 229/17).

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MEMBERSHIP

Cr B Bell

Cr B Lang

Cr J Moir

Cr C Pavlovich

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The presiding member, Cr Pavlovich declared the meeting open at 3.00pm.

2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES

Attendees

Cr C Pavlovich (Presiding Member)

Cr B Bell

Cr B Lang

Cr J Moir

Observers

Nil

Officers

Ms A Budrikis

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Recreation Advisory Committee held on 25 June 2019 as circulated, be taken as read and adopted as a correct record.

CARRIED

4 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Nil.

5 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 the *Phase 1 Report: Community and Stakeholder Engagement* had been received from Great Southern Consulting and circulated to Recreation Advisory Committee members. In addition two public consultation workshops had been held on 17 September 2019.

Councillors discussed the *Phase 1 Report: Community and Stakeholder Engagement* and other aspects of the pool redevelopment project. The following points were raised:

- a) The pool redevelopment would represent a significant investment by the Council. The Council would need to be aware of the costs and either support the redevelopment or propose a Frost Pavilion style staged refurbishment;
- b) The cost of operating a new pool development would be a significant factor in considering what would be the best redevelopment option;
- c) The public consultation carried out indicated that there was wide support for keeping the pool where it is and increasing the pools water temperature in cooler months;
- d) The survey indicated that the most important aspect of the pool was for learning to swim;
- e) There was some support in the survey (20% each) to relocate the pool to Sounness Park or the Mount Barker Community College adjacent to the Recreation Centre;
- f) The current pool filtration system may not cope with increased water temperatures as the pipework was not sufficiently large enough for the required increased flow rates to prevent bacteria growth;
- g) Different funding sources should be explored including Building Better Regions Fund, Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries and any funding that may support aged person facilities such as hydrotherapy pools;
- h) A pool development may have to be considered in stages;
- i) Co-location of the pool with other facilities could possibly save operating costs; and
- j) A kiosk could be replaced with vending machines.

5.1 POOL CONCRETE SHELL LIFE EXPECTANCY

Mr Budrikis stated that no structural tests have been carried out on the swimming pool in the past that would establish whether the concrete shell has a life expectancy exceeding 25 years. Great Southern Consulting has confirmed that the Department of Local Government Sport and Cultural Industries may not fund a pool refurbishment unless this life expectancy for the existing pool could be verified. Quotes received to carry out suitable structural tests indicated a cost of \$20,000 or more to do so.

Moved: Cr B Bell, Seconded: Cr B Lang

That it be a recommendation to the Council:

That the scope of work for the Mount Barker Memorial Pool Feasibility Study be extended to include structural tests to verify the life expectancy of the existing pool concrete shell.

CARRIED

5.2 COMMITTEE INVESTIGATION OF OTHER POOL PROJECTS

Mr Budrikis advised that the budget for the swimming pool feasibility study was fully committed and that the carry over funds from the previous structural work were required to conduct further structural tests. Further investigation of other swimming pools was not currently funded.

5.3 EXTERNAL FUNDING

Councillors noted that a significant swimming pool redevelopment would require external funding.

6 FROST PARK

Councillors noted that the refurbishment of the kitchen was taking place this year and that the refurbishment of the toilets would require the inclusion of a universal access toilet facility. It was also noted that users such as the Turf Club should provide feedback to Council through the Frost Park User Group.

7 SOUNNESS PARK – HOCKEY CLUB SCOREBOARD/ ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT POLICY

Some discussion took place on an electronic equipment policy to clarify the Shire's and third party obligations when the Shire fully or partially funds equipment such as the Hockey Club electronic scoreboard.

The Executive Manager Strategic Development is to bring back a policy draft to the next Recreation Advisory Committee meeting based on the principles that:

- a) The equipment would remain the property of the third party;
- b) Could be funded to a maximum of 1/3 by the Shire of Plantagenet with the third party raising the remaining funds;
- c) Any Shire funding should be through the Financial Assistance Grants process; and

- d) The equipment would be the responsibility of the third party to maintain. The third party could request the Shire to carry out the maintenance but would be required to provide funds to cover this at the time or through an on-going contribution fund.

8 YOUTH PRECINCT

Councillors discussed the need to fund a Youth Precinct concept plan but noted that the swimming pool feasibility study was underway and should be completed first. Councillors supported the construction of a half-court basketball ring at the current skate park location but acknowledged that this might not be the best location for a future youth park. The ring would be installed to be relocated in the future if required. The Lions Club, or other service clubs, would be approached to see if they would sponsor the construction of a basketball ring. It was proposed that line marking would be on to the existing bitumen surface.

9 REGIONAL TRAILS

The Executive Manager Strategic Development advised that the Plantagenet Trails Working Group was formed at the 16 July 2019 Council meeting and had held five workshops to review the Plantagenet Trails Masterplan 2006 and propose suitable trails to be included in a revised masterplan. The proposed trails included the following trails:

1. Mount Barker town site trails from Frost park to Tower Hill including a series of downhill mountain bike runs at Tower Hill;
2. Cycle trail along O'Neil Road linking Mount Barker trails to the Porongurup;
3. Porongurup trail loops including:
 - a) Skywalk/Potato Patch loop;
 - b) Nancy peak – maintenance;
 - c) Millinup Pass; and
 - d) Western Loop;
4. Porongurup/Stirling Range Drive – drive trail;
5. Hay River trail;
6. Forrest Hill Cambellup/ Moriarty Heritage Trails;
7. Equine Trail Tenterden to Redmond; and
8. Drive/tourism trails.

10 NEXT MEETING

TBA.

11 MEETING CLOSURE

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

CONFIRMED: PRESIDING MEMBER _____ DATE: _____