



## RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

# MINUTES

SECTION 5.9(2)(a) LGA 1995

*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  
will be held in the Shire of Plantagenet Committee Room, Mount Barker  
at 3:00pm Tuesday 30 November 2021

Cameron Woods  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

Committee Members

*Cr B Bell, Cr Clements, Cr M O'Dea and Cr K Woltering, (Deputy Cr S Etherington) -  
(Resolution NO. 176/21)*

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**Membership**

Cr B Bell

Cr K Clements

Cr M O'Dea

Cr K Woltering

Cr S Etherington (Deputy for any member)

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## 1 DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

3.03 pm The Executive Manager Strategic Development declared the meeting open.

## 2 ELECTION OF PRESIDING MEMBER

The Executive Manager Strategic Development called for nominations for a Presiding Member. Cr K Woltering was nominated by Cr B Bell and seconded by Cr K Clements. There being no other nominations the Executive Manager Strategic Development declared Cr K Woltering the Presiding Member and handed over the chair.

## 3 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / LEAVE OF ABSENCE (PREVIOUSLY APPROVED)

### Members Present

Cr K Woltering - Presiding Member  
Cr B Bell  
Cr K Clements  
Cr M O'Dea

### Staff

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

### Apologies

### Observer

## 4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved Cr B Bell, seconded Cr K Woltering

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Recreation Advisory Committee, held 12 October 2021 as circulated, be taken as read and adopted as a correct record.

CARRIED

## 5 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Part 5, Division 6, Local Government Act 1995

Cr O'Dea advised that she may have an interest to declare with respect to Sounness Park.

## 6 REPORTS

### 6.1 MOUNT BARKER MEMORIAL SWIMMING POOL

#### Stage 1A Construction (Wauters Enterprises)

The Executive Manager Strategic Development updated the Committee on progress. Lock-up should be achieved before Christmas.

#### Mead Street

It was noted that work on Mead Street should not commence until after the pool is closed for the season.

#### Stage 1B

Committee members discussed the pros and cons for the inclusion of the wet deck for the 50m pool. It was noted that this would hinder the proper fitting of the pool blanket. Members also expressed concern regarding any interference with the structure of the 50m by including a ramp to access the pool. Members thought an access ramp of some sort to the new learn to swim pool lap section would be required.

### COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION/COMMITTEE DECISION

**Moved Cr B Bell, seconded Cr K Clements:**

**That:**

- 1. The scope of the Stage 1B of the swimming pool redevelopment be reviewed at the next Recreation Advisory Committee meeting and a recommendation of scope be recommended to Council to endorse prior to Stage 1B commencing**

**CARRIED (4-0)**

### 6.2 MOUNT BARKER HILL

#### Boardwalk & Walkway Construction

The Executive Manager Strategic Development advised that the sealing of the pathway should occur this week and that 30 solar bollards had been ordered to light the pathway. The opening of the development was to be confirmed.

The naming of the hill as "Pwakkenbak" was queried. Staff to confirm.

(Note: post meeting it is confirmed in the Heritage Survey by the stakeholder group that the name of the hill is Pwakkenbak).

### 6.3 FROST PARK

Cr O'Dea declared an interest as President of the Agriculture Society

No new items were discussed.

### 6.4 SOUNNESS PARK

Cr O'Dea raised an issue regarding requesting a 15amp electrical plug should be fixed to the veranda of the Sounness Park building. It was considered that this request should be directed through the Plantagenet Sports Club.

It was also noted that the issue with erosion of the bank due to players using it to access the changerooms has not been addressed. Ideas were discussed that included landscaped ramping, tiered seating. Staff were requested to investigate and bring ideas back to the RAC.

### 6.5 WILSON PARK DEVELOPMENT

A discussion was held on the master planning for the Wilson Park development and Youth Park. It was noted that these two projects should be viewed as one.

Committee members agreed that the CEO should proceed to conduct an RFQ to obtain quotes to develop a combined masterplan for the area.

### COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION/COMMITTEE DECISION

**Moved Cr K Clements, seconded Cr B Bell:**

**That it be a recommendation to the Council:**

**That:**

**Council endorses the CEO to undertake an RFQ to obtain quotes to develop a combined concept plan/ masterplan for the Wilson Park/ Youth Park Precinct that incorporates the areas of Wilson Park, area north of Wilson Park to the Shire Administration Building and the area adjacent to this area on the east side of the railway line.**

**CARRIED (4-0)**

### 6.6 YOUTH PARK CONCEPT DESIGN

Refer to notes above.

### 6.7 YOUTH ADVISORY GROUP

The Community Development Officer updated the Committee on the Youth Advisory Group (YAG) activities. Approximately 8 -15 youth are attending a weekly meeting held at lunch time at the Community College. These meetings do include members who have completed school. The YAG has developed a logo

and set up an Instagram account. Plantagenet News will be interviewing the YAG with a view to writing an article about the YAG. The YAG has also started fund raising activities such as free dress day at the college.

## **6.8 PLAYGROUND STRATEGY**

The Community Development Officer tabled the draft playground strategy matrix. The following points were made during the discussion:

- Investigate life cycle of play equipment and remaining life
- The number of playgrounds and whether there are enough of them should be reviewed
- The current Shire budget for playground equipment maintenance is \$5,000.00 p.a. for all playgrounds.
- Maintenance costs and costs to replace faulty equipment should be calculated to confirm whether the Shire budget is adequate
- Apex Park does not exist anymore

### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION/COMMITTEE DECISION**

**Moved Cr B Bell, seconded Cr M O'Dea:**

**That:**

**Staff further investigate costs associated with the Playground Strategy and report back to the Recreation Advisory Committee.**

**CARRIED (4-0)**

## **6.9 REGIONAL TRAILS UPDATE**

### **6.9.1 DBCA REFERENCE GROUP/OGS**

It was noted that DBCA are conducting community consultation to develop a Porongurup Range master plan.

### **6.9.2 GREAT SOUTHERN TRAILS REFERENCE GROUP**

There were no new issues raised.

## **6.10 HOCKEY CLUB SEATING**

The Committee discussed the Hockey Club proposal as circulated to Councillors. It was noted that the plans were not very informative of the design concept and there was no idea of what the development could cost. In general Committee members supported the concept of developing seating at the Hockey Turf.

### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION/COMMITTEE DECISION**

**Moved Cr B Bell, seconded Cr M O'Dea:**

**That it be a recommendation to the Council:**

**That:**

- 1. Council supports the Hockey Club concept plan for a seating stand with associated facilities to be located at the Hockey Turf and that the Hockey Club be requested to provided further design detail and costings**
- 2. The design be sympathetic to the current structures**
- 3. Council financially supports the Hockey Club to develop the concept drawings and obtain costings by contributing 50% or \$2,500.00 (whichever is lesser) towards the cost to do so.**

**CARRIED (4-0)**

## **7 GENERAL BUSINESS**

- Cr Woltering requested that the Recreation Centre be included as an agenda item and general usage statistics be reported each meeting.
- Cr Woltering also requested that an agenda item titled 'Other Sporting Facilities' be included on the agenda so other facilities such as the Narrikup Sports Ground and Kendenup cricket oval can be considered.

## **8 NEXT MEETING**

To be advised.

## **9 CLOSURE OF MEETING**

4:56 pm The Presiding Member declared the meeting closed.