

Northern Grampians Shire Council

St Arnaud Recreation Advisory Group Meeting Minutes

The scheduled meeting held at **6pm** on Wednesday 31 July 2019 in the Community Meeting Room

To develop the strategic and long term vision of the Lord Nelson Park Precinct for the St Arnaud community

Chair: Cr Reid

Attendees: Cr Driscoll, Nicole Amos, Tara Lowe, Kim Birthisel, Sharlene Bertalli, Bruce Hando, Naomi Goode, Tony Dark

Apologies: Peter Knights, Kaye Boyd, Mark Mactaggart,

- 1. General Business:** Cr Reid opened the meeting with an invitation for members to provide input on their club's views and progress to date for the Clubroom Development project and process:

Item	Topic	Discussion	Action/Outcome
1.1	Club Feedback	<p>Sharlene commenced to advise the football club was approached by the sporting club about what sponsorship contribution would be required if the sporting club was to take on the responsibility of managing the whole facility.</p> <p>Discussed that it has potential to limit options of use, football club could lose identity and diminish the opportunities and responsibility of volunteering in the community. This option could also impact all other users/events including the show, schools etc.</p> <p>Cr Reid and Cr Driscoll support the opinions and views of the users and understood there could be implications with the funding by the State and Federal Governments with the involvement of poker machines at the venue.</p> <p>The group discussed that it does appear there are not as many weddings and events at the sporting club as there used to be so everyone views this as an opportunity for change and for renewed support if all clubs and community members can get on the same page with the redevelopment.</p> <p>The positive outcome of the discussion is that the sporting club and all clubs, in particular the football club, are keen to work together in finding solutions for the future in sponsorship/community funds and use of spaces at Lord Nelson Park.</p> <p>Whilst the design of the new facility is supported by many, the football club is still not fully on board as their preferred</p>	<p>Action: Football club to organise a meeting with the sporting club to investigate further options for sponsorship and partnership opportunities.</p>

		<p>option would be one facility stretching along the wing to enhance viewing. The football club considers the project to be moving too quickly and they would like to look at other facilities in the area to gain a better understanding of what is out there and qualifying their needs.</p> <p>The key factors discussed were that the project has been in progress since at least 2014 when the LNP Precinct Plan was being developed and all users were consulted through an extensive process and outcomes documented. The two building design was a reflection of the community/users view to connect all sports with a new multipurpose facility that promotes and enhances a united and easily accessible option to all sports. The two building design allows netball, in particular, to be included in this connectivity for a flow though that allows a modern and acceptable approach to the majority of sports.</p> <p>The new design is a variation on the precinct plan design that takes up less of the sheep pavillion however extends further back towards the netball and parking to provide a closer relationship with sports. The facility is designed in reference to AFL and Netball Preferred Facility Guidelines.</p> <p>The football club would like a bit more time to understand the needs of the club. Whilst the designs have been signed off by the funding organisations there is opportunity for revisions if required. The particular area of concept design has a period of over 3 months from now given council needs to construct a project brief and go through the tender process and then engage a suitable Architect so there is some time for concept finalisation.</p>	
1.2	Fundraising	<p>The group discussed fundraising and how this could start. The group decided that a separate entity will need to be formed from interested people to start to drive fundraising. Suggested that a group of 6 to 7 executive or committee would need to be formed at the start and they will initiate a community meeting for 11 September 2019, 7pm in the community room at the St Arnaud Town Hall.</p> <p>The Bendigo Bank covers three communities locally including Maryborough, Avoca and St Arnaud and the local Manager is Peta Dobson. It seems that they have an annual allocation of funds and \$100k may be out there for the three communities. The Bendigo Bank has offered to hold funds for fundraising if required.</p>	<p>Action: Community meeting and contact with the Bendigo Bank.</p>

2. Other discussed:

Nil

3. Close: 8.00pm

4. Next Meeting: TBC