

Northern Grampians Shire Council

St Arnaud Recreation Advisory Group Meeting Minutes

The scheduled meeting held at 6 pm on 10 March 2021 in the St Arnaud Netball Club room.

Chair: Cr Driscoll

Attendees: Cr Driscoll, Nicole Amos, Tara Lowe, Sharlene Bertalli, Peter Knights, Mark MacTaggart, Kim Birthisel, Naomi Goode, Tony Dark

Apologies: Kaye Boyd, Bruce Hando, Zander McDougall

1. 1. Business arising from the previous meeting:

Notes from 18 November 2020 meeting

2. General Business:

Item	Topic	Discussion	Action/ Outcome
1.1	Multipurpose Facility Design	<p>Project update</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Design updates. The final draft of the plans for the building were email and circulated at the meeting. Michael Brierly and Tony Dark provided feedback in relation to the input received from user groups as well as Sport & recreation Victoria, AFL and Netball Victoria. All recommendations were considered however not all requests were implemented due to reasons such as building code compliance, fire code compliance, child safe standards or facility guidelines not met. Discussed the access from all areas such as car park, sheep pavilion, netball courts and sporting club and the ramps required to connect all levels. Vehicle access will be available between the new building and the sporting club for ease of moving equipment or stored items. The sporting club access doors located between the new build and club (double doors where stage is situated) will be removed to comply with fire code and building code.	<p>Action: Tony dark to forward kitchen designs electronically to the group.</p>

		<p>regulations and the changeroom door is to be reviewed under the same code. Clubs request for some specific office space will be met through the final stages of construction. Cr Driscoll mentioned that there has been a lot learnt from the North park project in Stawell so this is an advantage for the LNP project.</p> <p>Kitchen designs were tabled and reviewed by the group and the canteen committee will review and provide the location of plumbing requirements for the coffee machine. The consensus of the group that the kitchen is large, accessible, includes all appliances required and is suitable for all needs.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Project Timeline – The project is in permit stage and construction expected to commence in April. MKM have provided a finish date of 2 February 2022 and with a 30 day contingency (to cover some possible delays etc) applied by Council the expected finish date is 1 March 2022. This will be tight for the start of winter sports that usually start in April and this will be monitored. Peter Knights suggested an opportunity for an opening event in March and a 6 week lead time would be required to organise and we will know closer to the date. 3. Canteen arrangements for 2021 season was discussed. Naomi, Michael and Kim met with Nathan from the Sporting Club last Friday to discuss requirements. Nathan was supportive and the modifications to the kitchen will be made to be ready by Easter. 4. Harness requirements – Tony Dark to arrange a meeting with Kaye and Harness to discuss needs and project updates. 	
1.2	Football Lighting	<p>Lighting for the football has been well below the minimum levels for training even with some new lights last year. Since the LNP Clubroom development has started with demolition of the TOTE building there was a need to remove one of the towers.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Currently 2 light towers are operational and council organised an electrician to adapt the third tower to be powered by a 2kva generator. Discussed an option of a portable tower (possibly from Casey's) to assist lighting the oval for this season. The football club is to arrange for a generator and portable option. 2. Future long-term options for lighting are now an urgent requirement to provide not only a safe environment for training but mitigating the football club's vulnerability to losing players due to continued substandard training facilities and sustainability. With a new clubroom being created there is an increased need for on field facilities and council have included the development of a new lighting project in their 10 year 	<p>Action:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Football club to source a generator and portable arrangement 2. Tony Dark to arrange a discussion with key stakeholders for a long

		<p>capital plan. (Lighting for football training is required between April and September each year at least twice per week which equates to approximately 22 weeks or 66 hours minimum) The group agreed that a strategic approach to lighting be progressed to include all users Harness, AFL, Hockey and Cricket. The group discussed that some other venues with Harness tracks had not been well planned and not included proper consultation so it was agreed that we need to open the conversation further now that the lighting concerns have escalated especially for football. The next steps will be for council to commence discussions with key stakeholders to review lighting requirements, impacts and designs.</p>	<p>term lighting plan.</p>																																																
<p>1.3</p>	<p>2020/21 User Fees</p>	<p>The group discussed the user fees which are normally invoiced by council to clubs in June annually. It is acknowledged that 2019/20 fees were waived which clubs were appreciative of. Tony Dark sought feedback and support for the waiver of 2020/21 fees due to the longstanding impacts of Covid are still in play. Tony advised that this is a shire wide issue and the Stawell groups agree of waiver and it was unanimous that this is recommended to council.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="514 764 1270 1015"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Base 2019/20 Fee</th> <th>Plus CPI 0.9% (TBC)</th> <th>Total User Fee 2020/21</th> <th>Plus GST</th> <th>2020/21</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>St Arnaud Football Club</td> <td>\$1,546.24</td> <td>\$1.39</td> <td>\$1,547.63</td> <td>\$154.76</td> <td>\$1,702.39</td> </tr> <tr> <td>St Arnaud Netball Club</td> <td>\$428.30</td> <td>\$0.39</td> <td>\$428.69</td> <td>\$42.87</td> <td>\$471.56</td> </tr> <tr> <td>St Arnaud Harnes Racing Club</td> <td>\$645.34</td> <td>\$0.58</td> <td>\$645.92</td> <td>\$64.59</td> <td>\$710.51</td> </tr> <tr> <td>St Arnaud Ag Society</td> <td>\$453.51</td> <td>\$0.41</td> <td>\$453.91</td> <td>\$45.39</td> <td>\$499.31</td> </tr> <tr> <td>St Arnaud Cricket Club</td> <td>\$0.00</td> <td>\$0.00</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> <td>\$0.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>St Arnaud Hockey Club</td> <td>\$463.27</td> <td>\$0.42</td> <td>\$463.68</td> <td>\$46.37</td> <td>\$510.05</td> </tr> <tr> <td>TOTAL</td> <td>\$3,536.65</td> <td>\$3.18</td> <td>\$3,539.83</td> <td>\$353.98</td> <td>\$3,893.82</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>We also discussed the current user fee structure which have been in place for over 15 years and that there would be a review of fees across the shire to take into account all aspects of methodology including an equitable approach for future charges. Whilst no amounts are known for future charges it was advised that the current rates are substantially lower than what are charged elsewhere therefore there may be an expectation that fees in St Arnaud may increase however this is yet to be decided. Cr Driscoll advised that Council will make that decision but not without consultation and input from users.</p>		Base 2019/20 Fee	Plus CPI 0.9% (TBC)	Total User Fee 2020/21	Plus GST	2020/21	St Arnaud Football Club	\$1,546.24	\$1.39	\$1,547.63	\$154.76	\$1,702.39	St Arnaud Netball Club	\$428.30	\$0.39	\$428.69	\$42.87	\$471.56	St Arnaud Harnes Racing Club	\$645.34	\$0.58	\$645.92	\$64.59	\$710.51	St Arnaud Ag Society	\$453.51	\$0.41	\$453.91	\$45.39	\$499.31	St Arnaud Cricket Club	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	0	\$0.00	St Arnaud Hockey Club	\$463.27	\$0.42	\$463.68	\$46.37	\$510.05	TOTAL	\$3,536.65	\$3.18	\$3,539.83	\$353.98	\$3,893.82	<p>Action: Recommendation to council that 2020/21 fees are waived.</p>
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1.4	Accumulated User Fee balance	<p>The group discussed the balance of funds held since the dissolution of the previous St Arnaud Recreation Committee (this was also effected for Stawell Recreation Advisory Committee) which as a council Section 86 committee. The new, current, advisory group was formed and there remained an unspent amount of funds held by council which had not been used in projects. This balance has been decided by council to distribute the funds equitably based on user contribution rates back to groups as per the following spreadsheet:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="516 407 1220 626"> <tr> <td>St Arnaud Football Club</td> <td>44.00%</td> <td>\$6,688.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>St Arnaud Harnes Racing Club</td> <td>18.00%</td> <td>\$2,736.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>St Arnaud Hockey Club</td> <td>13.10%</td> <td>\$1,991.20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>St Arnaud Ag Society</td> <td>12.80%</td> <td>\$1,945.60</td> </tr> <tr> <td>St Arnaud Netball Club</td> <td>12.00%</td> <td>\$1,824.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>TOTAL</td> <td></td> <td>\$3,856.06</td> </tr> </table> <p>Clubs will be sent an email outlining the funds and they will be required to submit and invoice and a brief report to advise what project/s they will spend the funds on. The requirement is that the funds need to be spent on infrastructure at LNP or sustainability projects. All were appreciative of the availability of funds.</p>	St Arnaud Football Club	44.00%	\$6,688.00	St Arnaud Harnes Racing Club	18.00%	\$2,736.00	St Arnaud Hockey Club	13.10%	\$1,991.20	St Arnaud Ag Society	12.80%	\$1,945.60	St Arnaud Netball Club	12.00%	\$1,824.00	TOTAL		\$3,856.06	<p>Action: Tony Dark will send an email to clubs with details of the funds.</p>
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1.5	Fundraising	<p>Members of the fundraising group provided details of the current fundraising endeavors. There has been approx \$29k raised from harvest \$9k, Bendigo Bank \$10k and Bendigo Stadium/St Arnaud Sporting Club \$10k. There will be a clubs meeting 11/3 to discuss individual club contributions. Now that final plans have been received they will send to prospective sponsors with sponsorship letters. The members were quite positive about the fundraising opportunities in achieving the \$150k target. A barometer has been set up at the Bendigo bank to keep track of the funds raised.</p> <p>The group discussed how sponsors could be recognised and there was varying degree of expectations on how that may look such as plaques, signs etc but that is still to be discussed in detail.</p> <p>The group also discussed what projects the \$150k could be spent on and there could be opportunities in furniture, landscaping and just finishing off the facility to make it accessible, fully functioning and finished.</p>	<p>Action: NIL</p>																		

2. Other discussed:

3. Close: 7.30pm

4. Next Meeting: TBC