

Northern Grampians Shire Council

Stawell Recreation Advisory Group

Meeting held 6pm on Wednesday 11 April 2018
at Pleasant Creek Historical Precinct, Western Highway, Stawell

Minutes

1. **Present** - Reg Smith, Ian O'Donnell, Kay Dalton, Tom Parkes, Scotney Hayter, Lynne Jenkinson, Tony Dark, Debbie Bach (Chair), Chris Adams

Absent - Craig Marrow

2. **Apologies** – Cr Murray Emerson, Jessica Cass, David Hunter, John Griffiths
Moved Kay Dalton and Seconded Lynne Jenkinson

3. **Disclosures of Interest & Declarations of Conflict of Interest.** Nil

4. **Confirmation of Minutes from the previous meeting.**
Moved Lynne Jenkinson and Seconded Kay Dalton

- 5 **Matters Arising from the Minutes.**

6. **General Business**

- **Funds from previous S86 group** - Current Balance \$31,644.12 - Previously discussed funding small maintenance projects for user clubs. Ian O'Donnell advised that the heating at North Park club rooms needs replacing. The cost will be between \$3/\$9,000 and he will send the quotes and a letter so this can be circulated to the group for approval.

Future contributions by clubs for user pays will go directly to council and be used for recreation maintenance and projects by council.

- **Major Projects** - Director of Infrastructure Chris Adams spoke about current and future projects. General discussion about budget, priorities and capital works.

Discussed timing of the North Park change rooms/toilets which will be reliant on the finalisation of plans, tendering process and works start date. Groups to provide feedback on when they see the best time for construction however there appeared a consensus that after netball/football season to be preferred to minimise disruption to sports and majority of general users.

Discussed timing of major projects including Lord Nelson Park (LNP) 2018/19 (application by 30/6/2018) and North Park 2019/20 (application by 30/6/2019 depending on success of LNP). Political environment can impact on this as well as

competing priorities for funds. It is important that our planning is right so that our applications are solid for higher chance of success in a competitive environment.

Central Park planning is proposed and is subject to funding. This planning will include the former Waites Robson site and and possibly Cato Lake.

Council's preference is to get the planning right before going to a project that requires changes that create cost implications, changes are easier in the planning stage.

- **Female Friendly Funding** - Current project update for North Park is that we are waiting on design plans for the building. Once we have these we can circulate for comment before we go out to tender and council approval.

Discussed future potential projects at other council reserves such as Navarre, LNP, Great Western and Central Park (CP). Advised that council is working on future projects for LNP and Great Western which leave Navarre and CP. CP could be a priority and will require investigation to see if this is a project that can be shovel ready by 30/6 which includes plans, need and contribution levels.

- **Recap past meetings key items**
 - a. Terms of reference - Everyone has a copy and with few small changes to take back to Councillors with the final copy to be distributed.
 - b. Council budget process and funding applications - The process has been explained and basic requirements for grant applications.
 - c. Strategic Plans - Masterplans and peak body strategies - Aligning club activities and projects to strategies.

Local masterplans for North Park and Central Park to be reviewed and if more planning required they may need to be funded or completed internally by council. North Park plan from 2011 requires revisit to finalise major items such as location of Multipurpose Clubrooms, netball courts and female friendly changerooms. Central Park (including Cato) current application should know outcome by May.

- **Setting next round of meetings** - Group recommended that we wait until the plans for North Park toilets are available and then set a meeting to review - give one weeks notice for members.
- **Updates between meetings** - Email is an effective way to communicate to members and vice versa.
- Tom Parkes brought up the maintenance allowance council has for facilities and Chris explained the process.

7. Next Meeting – Wednesday TBC 2018, 6pm at Pleasant Creek Historical Precinct, Western Highway, Stawell

8. Meeting Closed - 7.01pm