

Northern Grampians Shire Council

Stawell Recreation Advisory Group Meeting - Minutes

The meeting was held at 6.30pm on 17 November 2020 on site at the North Park Football Clubrooms and virtual Google meeting.

Chair: Cr Emerson

Present: Cr Emerson, Reg Smith, Nathan Baker, Kay Dalton, John Griffiths, Ian O'Donnell, Scotney Hayter, Tony Dark (NGSC) Zander McDougall (NGSC)

Apologies: Lynne Jenkinson, Rob lembo

1. Minutes of the previous meeting: 12 February 2020
Tabled as received

2. Business arising from the previous meeting:

Nil

3. General Business

Item	TOPIC	Discussion	Action/ Outcome
1.1	North Park Project	<p>1. Timelines and works - BLR Construction end date is currently end of Jan and we are on track with this.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Works to complete following BLR's works include internal storage cupboard works to install then the external roads (spray seal), terracing in front (as per example provided) of the new building, goal posts including flood mitigation works. Input in relation to the terracing is important and Council is looking at engineering/Architect designs to be completed.• There is currently minimal internal storage and this was purposely done so it could be considered once the building is complete. This would allow for a considered approach to how the spaces would be used to ensure it would be fit for purpose.• Cannot start oval works until surveyed design completed and BLR complete the external apron works around the building which is expected by mid-december. The terracing of the front of the building to the oval is being designed and discussed the example provided however the group will provide feedback over the next month to help with this.• Reg provided advice assistance to the contractor with the power upgrade however there is an issue with the track (where the contractor was required to trench and backfill) and a hump in the track that needs attention.• The new internal road will be a spray and seal finish to provide good access past the building.• Discussed the oval realignment including the moving of the goal posts by approximately one post. The football club have had a look and are happy with how it will be.• The group discussed any feedback about the project and it is mostly positive about the design and location. There have been no complaints from the neighbours about the works.	<p>Action:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Tony to follow up the fire track issue with the project manager.2. Tony to organise a couple of dates for facility tour and liaise with the group.

		<p>2. Budget - The project is well on track - Contingency was only 5% to cover \$150k Power upgrade, \$60k Roads and \$10k VMA levy costs however savings found at the start are covering project changes etc at this stage.</p> <p>3. Tour of new facility - Discussed the opportunity for the group to tour the facility. The contractor is aware of the request and it can take place on a weekday after 3.30pm (except Fridays). The suggestion was that we look at a couple of dates and put it to the group for attendance.</p>	
1.2	<p>North Park Masterplan</p>	<p>An overview of the masterplanning was provided by Tony detailing the 2011 plan and that we need to look at how the precinct now works with the many changes in that time given soccer is now in place, the new clubrooms and other uses.</p> <p>Discussed items including futuristic ideas all of which are still to be finalised for council to endorse in a final draft. The items discussed included a dog off leash area and community garden, lighting and synthetic pitch for the athletic/soccer oval, tiered seating for the athletics/soccer, netball courts options including concrete show courts and alternative surfaces for cost and practicality, access through the site and the existing buildings.</p> <p>The skate park was discussed and Cr Emerson explained the extensive consultation, research and consideration of the skate park options and the existing location is deemed the most suitable. Council will be undertaking design work for the skate park over the next 3 months and this will include consultation with this cohort of users.</p> <p>Feedback for the Masterpan from the group was considered to be important to the process and each representative is to provide insights and recommendations over the next month to progress the master plan review.</p> <p>Old football clubrooms and toilets (behind old clubrooms) and their future were discussed at length. Cr Emerson advised that the original master plan of 2011 did not include the clubrooms as a future facility and the current council view and he expressed that it had not gone as far as a decision, but the view was leaning towards demolition. The recommendation was that were to be demolished which was based on fit for purpose and state of the facilities and would require spending money to get it up to standard. Cr Emerson requested that council need a little bit of advice to inform council about the group's views on the future of the old football clubrooms.</p> <p>Reg provided an overview from the Fire Brigades perspective and that they have a keen interest in taking on the facility long term as a social space and for training (for internal training when it is raining outside) which they have twice per week. The Fire brigade also have large events at different time and the last one in 2006 had approximately 3000 people in attendance and parking was at Duke sands and the next one is in Mooroopna and the events are shared around the state held on long weekend in March. Ray had concerns about using the new facility as it may clash with other bookings however it was discussed that if groups got together they could work through changes to draws, use of social space and facilities to accommodate multiple use. John Griffiths had some concerns around the building being left vacant most of the time and subject to vandalism and safety concerns however could also see the benefit of alternative use if agreed. In O'Donnell explained that when the funds were committed by the government that they would not contribute to the old facility as it had to be spent on a new facility. Ian also mentioned that from the Swifts Football Netball Club perspective that the old building was to be demolished as they would like to use the space for car parking due to the loss of that space by the new building. Cr Emerson believed that there needed to be further discussion with the Fire Brigade which will take into consideration all aspects including parking, use, costs to council and fire brigade, security and maintenance.</p> <p>Cr Emerson explained that the old toilets behind the old clubrooms are to be demolished due to the fact that council has a toilet policy.</p>	<p>Action: Cr Emerson will follow up a meeting with Fire Brigade.</p>
1.3	<p>Stawell Parks Precinct Plan - Outcomes and Actions</p>	<p>Cr Emerson handed over to Tony Dark to provide an overview of the projects relating to the precinct as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Central Park Fencing - is expected to be commenced before Easter 2021 and completed as far as practicable by then with no expected impacts on the gift event. • Portable grandstands - are currently being made compliant in terms of current regulations and permits. Two have been completed and the remaining 6 will be done by Easter 2021. • Waites Robson - This project is currently being costed, permits and final designs before commencing. The timeframe is still being finalised. 	<p>Action: Tony Dark to follow up any actions for the Central Park Female Friendly project</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concept design Project for female friendly change rooms and second netball court at Central Park - Council has engaged 2MH Consulting to deliver the concept design including consultation with users. The project encompasses female friendly change rooms in the Hank Neil Stand as well as the clubrooms pavilion to cater for female football, athletics, netball and cricket athletes. The Stawell Warriors Football Netball club, St Athletic Club and Grampians Cricket Association are invited to attend a session Monday 23 November 12pm for those that can attend. Tony discussed that he can also meet with some members of the Athletic Club directly as well if required especially in relation to the storage building facilities. 																			
1.4	User Fees - Accumulated Balance	<p>Cr Emerson handed over to Tony Dark to provide an overview of the item for discussion and Tony provided a presentation for the group. <i>Some history of the user fees between 2005 - 2016:</i> User fees introduced to recover 10% of maintenance costs for ovals and annual contributions of approximately \$10k for Central Park and North Park. This process was an outcome of a Recreation Strategy that studied the equities of maintaining reserves within the shire. Balances are managed by Council and were previously distributed for specific small projects from clubs for cricket covers, lighting, line markers and facility upgrades etc through the past Section 86 committees.</p> <p>User fees now allocated back to council to cover maintenance costs and user fees are invoiced annually and no accounts are currently outstanding. 2019/20 Fees waived due to Covid 19 and there is currently a one off accumulated balance remaining of \$55,100.</p> <p>This balance will be distributed equitably based on contribution rates as follow:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="439 683 1126 922"> <thead> <tr> <th>Organisation</th> <th>% of Total Contributions</th> <th>% Based on Club Contributions</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Grampians Cricket Association (CP & NP)</td> <td>35.67%</td> <td>\$19,654.17</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Stawell Football and Netball Club (CP)</td> <td>32.28%</td> <td>\$17,786.28</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Swifts Football and Netball Club (NP)</td> <td>26.81%</td> <td>\$14,772.31</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Stawell Amateur Athletic Club (NP)</td> <td>5.25%</td> <td>\$2,892.75</td> </tr> <tr> <td>TOTAL</td> <td>\$10,246.34</td> <td>\$55,100.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Clubs will be advised of the balances and correspondence will be sent with an agreement put in place that funds are to be spent on capital projects in the reserve or for sustainability projects.</p>	Organisation	% of Total Contributions	% Based on Club Contributions	Grampians Cricket Association (CP & NP)	35.67%	\$19,654.17	Stawell Football and Netball Club (CP)	32.28%	\$17,786.28	Swifts Football and Netball Club (NP)	26.81%	\$14,772.31	Stawell Amateur Athletic Club (NP)	5.25%	\$2,892.75	TOTAL	\$10,246.34	\$55,100.00	Action: Tony to advise clubs and distribute.
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Other discussed:

4. Close time: 8.00pm