

Northern Grampians Shire Council

St Arnaud Recreation Advisory Group Meeting Minutes

The scheduled meeting to be held at 6pm on Thursday 25 June 2020 in the Community Meeting Room, St Arnaud

Vision: 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, Sharlene Bertalli, Peter Knights, Kaye Boyd, Mark MacTaggart, Kim Birthisel, Naomi Goode, Tony Dark

Apologies: Bruce Hando

1. General Business:

Item	Topic	Discussion	Action/ Outcome
1.1	Multipurpose Facility Design	<p>Group discussion held covering the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Council support for the project was confirmed through the recent annual budget process in June.2. A Budget of up to \$3.2M for the construction plus contingencies eg road, demolition etc has been estimated. Council will release the draft budget at the next council meeting which will confirm a budget commitment.3. The Design & Construct Tender process has now commenced and the targeted completion date for the project is 28 February 2022. Council staff are working behind the scenes to finalise the scope for the tender to be finalised with expressions of interest sought for the tender from July. Tenders will be open for 6 weeks and the council to make a decision on a successful contractor between September and December subject to caretaker requirements due to council elections this year. <p>Council will be looking for a company that has experience in this type of construction with specific skills in delivering a sporting facility.</p>	<p>Action:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Tony Dark to meet with Kaye Boyd re finalising Harness needs for the building2. Tony Dark to meet with clubs representatives to discuss impacts during construction

		<p>Once a contractor has designs available we will need input from the advisory group to confirm. The construction is expected to take 12 months and to meet the terms of the federal grant we will need to start no later than March 2021. Advisory group will be informed of any dates and changes as they arise.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Roadworks will need to be completed for traffic to be permanently directed behind the netball courts before any building works begin to provide clear access to LNP users. Jason Lewis will be inspecting the site again with project manager Michael Brierly 26/6. We discussed the width of the road required and the group confirmed that if a portion of the chook shed is required to be removed then this is ok as long as it does not impede the netball area. The group believed that there should be ample room for the road taking into consideration that both sides of the existing roadway will be available for excavation. 5. Impacts on user groups - Specific needs eg canteen, storage, move or defer activities etc We discussed the impacts for the period of the build when you consider that Harness have two meetings per year February and November, Ag Show is first week in October, Football/Netball/Hockey season can be from March to September. The TOTE building impacts all sports eg Football (timekeepers upstairs), Football/Netball/Hockey season uses the canteen and sheep pavillion, Ag Show uses the canteen, storage, display area and sheep pavillion, Harness uses the canteen, upstairs for officials and media/Sky as well as sheep pavillion etc. In the next period council will work with groups to understand requirements and how we can solve the challenges during the construction period. 6. Peter Knights discussed the Ag Show and the fact that this landscape has changed dramatically and will change into the future so they need to adapt for the long term survival of this event. 	
1.2	Fundraising	<p>Cr Reid opened the conversation about the commitment that Council has made towards the project and now is the time that the community needs to support the project by way of contributing \$150,000 towards it. Cr Driscoll also provided input into the discussion about council support and an overwhelming majority of the community will support the project in a positive manner.</p> <p>All of the group was involved in the discussion about the structure of the group in terms of forming an incorporated association, adopting the model rules for this type of body and who will be the representatives from the community who have started the process and what the next steps are. The group was positive about the fact that the St Arnaud community have always had the capacity to get behind projects and raise funds for worthy causes and they are confident they can raise the required funds. A separate</p>	<p>Action: Separate meeting scheduled to commence after this advisory group meeting to discuss the formalities and next steps for fundraising.</p>

	<p>meeting was organised to gather information and how to proceed further based on what has already been done and to ensure there is an open invitation to community members to join the fundraising group.</p> <p>We also discussed the need for plans so the community knows what they are raising money for but also that many don't need this as they are happy to support the cause. Council will provide plans as they become available but this could be several months.</p> <p>Over the past 18 months we have been working on a design for the new facility which has provided an opportunity for feedback from the user groups in relation to room sizes, spaces required, storage, office space etc that will enable sports to operate effectively. This, in addition to "Preferred facility Guidelines" from peak sports bodies, will inform the design and construct method of construction where companies will tender for the whole design element and construction element based on their method of construction. Due to this factor there are no final designs available pending the successful tenderer providing their version based on their method on construction. Some examples of this type of process is Charlton Park, Charlton and Coughlin Park, Horsham.</p>	
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2. Other discussed:

3. Close: 7.15pm

4. Next Meeting: TBC