

Northern Grampians Shire Council

St Arnaud Recreation Advisory Group Meeting - Minutes

The meeting to be held at **6.00pm** on 20 February 2024 at **Lord Nelson Park Clubrooms**

Chair: Cr Eddy Ostarcevic (open 6:06pm)

Attendees: Cr Ostarcevic, Sharlene Bertalli, Kim Birthisel, Tara Lowe, Kaye Boyd, Nic Baird (NGSC), Jana Turkalj (NGSC, online for the first part of the meeting)

Apologies: Cr Karen Hyslop, Jason Smith, Peter Knights, Mark McTaggart, Annette Driscoll, Nicole Amos, Zander McDougall (NGSC) Tony Dark (NGSC)

Traditional owners of the land of which the meeting was held on were acknowledged and respects were paid to elders past present and emerging.

1. Introduction of Jana Turkalj : Cr Ostarcevic extended an invite to Northern Grampians Shire new events officer Jana Turkalj. Jana will be the first stop for clubs, groups and associations if they are interested in holding an event in the shire, this is not the “usual” match day type of event but larger events either clubs or individuals may hold. Jana’s details are jana.turkalj@ngshire.vic.gov.au or can be reached on direct line via 5358 0593 and is able to help with requirements for event, potential funding that maybe required and any other questions.

2. Business arising from the previous meeting:

NIL

3. General Business

Item	TOPIC	Discussion	Action/ Outcome
1.1	St Arnaud Recreation Advisory Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The two year term of this current board is coming to an end.Nic will send out invites to the current members and to the community for any group not represented to nominate for the advisory group.Once nominations are received Councilors will make a decision as to who is represented on the group.	Action: Nic to organise the expression of interest for the St Arnaud Recreation Advisory group.

1.2	Lord Nelson Park Community Sports Centre	<p>Old Club Room Site:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New grassed area to be built into the area where the old rooms are. • It was asked about the possibility of shade to be included at some point in that area. • Nic showed draft plans of how the area will look with the grassed area, paths to the area from the Sporting Club and carpark. Questions on whether the pedestrian crossing to the middle of the carpark was in fact required. • Nic to follow up Marcy (NGSC) about the outdoor gym equipment that had been potentially spoken about. <p>Netball Lighting/Old Football Lights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An email dated 19 February 2024 was sent to the advisory group from Nicole Amos (St Arnaud Netball representative). The email explained that the Netball Club were interested in using the old football lights (just the lights and not the poles) to re-do the current lights that service the netball court for trainings and a night match that was scheduled for later this season (match in early May). A quote was also attached which the club has said with recent works they have done around the court and the Lord Nelson precinct they would find tough to pay and asked whether the NGSC would be able to help. • The recommendation to the St Arnaud Netball Club is to apply for a community grant once they are open. Nic has said they will be open late February/early March as the officer in charge of grants had recently been affected by fires there was not a firm date as yet. • A discussion was also had about the fundraising committee potentially helping out the Netball Club but as discussed this was a discussion for the Fundraising Committee to have at their next meeting. <p>Naming of Rooms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A discussion was held about the naming of the social rooms. Nic explained that any name would need to go through the correct process with Governance and the naming process. • No decision was made by the group but the group was to come back with a decision from their relevant groups on whether they believe the rooms should be named. <p>Formal Introduction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The original formal introduction the group felt was rushed and there are still some slight unknowns. (Kaye mentioned a power issue and she called an electrician but this was an incorrect procedure) • A standard operating procedure document was questioned and whether there was one. Nic was unsure about the building, but was mentioned that some clubs/groups have their own for certain parts of the building. <p>General LNP Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cleaning was discussed particularly around the off season/non use times. Each club/group has their own way of cleaning but it was discussed that something was needed in regards to a clean before use (e.g. for a party or non traditional use of the facility and also prior to traditional use starting) for both inside and outside the building. The question was asked whether this was something the shire would need to cover? Facilities team may need to inspect location before bookings (only once if for Football/Netball/Hockey) but just to ensure it is tidy. Cr Ostarcevic asked whether a tender was required for this process. • Memorabilia/Sponsors/General club signage to be displayed in the foyer area as per a suggestion from Cr Ostarcevic. 	<p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nic to send community grant to St Arnaud Netball Club once open and follow up with grant officer whether it could be assessed early to meet timeline of St Arnaud night match. • Nic to provide feedback about draft plan for old clubroom site including pedestrian crossing and drainage. • Nic to follow up Marcy re outdoor gym equipment. • Cr Ostarcevic to raise about LNP Clubroom cleaning to fellow councillors.
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1.3	Agreements and User Fees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Question was raised that agreements and fees hadn't been sent. Nic to follow up Zander with this. 	Action: Nic to follow up Zander re user fees and agreements.
1.4	Sport and Active Recreation/Open Space and Active Transport Strategies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councilors currently have the pre draft form of the two strategies. • Once comfortable the councilors will release the strategies for draft public comment. • Nic will send the drafts around (via a website link) with a survey as well. It is asked that a club/association only fills in One (1) sport and active recreation survey as it is the whole clubs thoughts on the strategy. The Open Space and Active Transport is open to everyone to have their say. 	Action: Nic to send link to strategies and surveys once councilors tick off.

Other business:

Kim/Kaye asked about the air conditioner upstairs and whether it was working, if not working what are the contractor warranties. **Action Nic to follow up with Jamie at NGSC Customer Service to see if a Merit was lodged for this, if not lodge the Merit.**

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Sharlene asked about user fees that were paid prior to the waiving of the fees (St Arnaud Football Netball Club and Harness Club) last year and whether these would be credited. **Action Nic to follow up with Zander re user fee credit.**

Sharlene asked about bins at Lord Nelson Park. Currently there are four fixed bins for LNP and any other bins will need to be provided by the club/group using LNP. FOGO Green lid bins were discussed as something that maybe able to be used by clubs for any FOGO waste. Clubs would need to be careful as to what was placed in these bins though. Kim mentioned that extra Recycling (Yellow) bins would come at an added cost to clubs. Clubs also encouraged to register for the 10 cent CDS refund and to encourage members to select the club when recycling their cans/bottles.

NBN was raised. Nic had spoken to Tony Dark about this but was unsure of the outcome will need to confirm with Tony again and get back to group.

The floor in the main club area (bar and kitchen area) was raised as it is very difficult to clean with its rough surface. Mops don't do well and vacuums also don't work across it meaning it is a laborious task for volunteers to clean. This is something that will need to be looked at and whether a solution (e.g. carpet tiles can be laid over the top which would also reduce the trip hazard out of the doors). The windows were also mentioned and whether a tinting could happen to reduce sun glare through. Blinds were discussed but wouldn't necessarily be

practical with doors opening and shutting regularly. **Action Nic to work with appropriate NGSC staff to see if a solution can be found.**

4. **Close time: 7:36 pm**

5. **Next meeting: TBC (New St Arnaud Recreation Advisory Committee will need to be confirmed first)**