

Northern Grampians Shire Council

Stawell Recreation Advisory Group Meeting - Minutes

The meeting held at **6.00pm** on 24 November **2021** in the **North Park Community Sports Centre Stawell**.

Chair: Cr Emerson

Present: Cr Murray Emerson, Reg Smith, Kay Dalton, Lynne Jenkinson, Scotney Hayter, Debra Carey (proxy for Ian O'Donnell), Zander McDougall (NGSC) Tony Dark (NGSC), Ben Bainbridge (Otium Planning Group)

Apologies: Ian O'Donnell, John Griffiths, Cr Lauren Dempsey, Nathan Baker, Rob Lembo,

1. Minutes of the previous meeting: 15 July 2021 (sent by email 20 July 2021)

Motion moved that they were true and correct Reg Smith and seconded Kaye Dalton

2. Business arising from the previous meeting:

Nil

3. General Business

Item	TOPIC	Discussion	Action/ Outcome
1.1	North Park Master Plan	<p>Ben Bainbridge from Otium Planning Group provided an overview of project progress following consultation and engagement. Ben congratulated council on what has been delivered since the previous masterplan was created and covered issues and opportunities items including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Key issues and opportunities and explaining that North Park is a district sport and recreation hub.• Connectivity throughout the site needs development• Maintaining participation demand and trends• Affordability of recreation activities• Equitable use of facilities and fees & charges	Action:

		<p>Ben detailed the projects currently underway such as the netball court redevelopment, soccer lighting, dog park and community garden and skate park.</p> <p>Key development ideas that are proposed at this stage of the masterplan are tennis court renewal, CFA management of the old clubrooms, feasibility of the athletics track as a regional facility, realignment of the internal roads, play space, a multisport activity space, shade/seating and BBQ area, pathway network, beginner bike track, connectivity with SSAC, lighting, shade and fences/boundaries/signage. Ben also briefly discussed management models and fees/charges will be a part of their work but separate from the masterplan.</p> <p>Ben sought information from clubs about the times and use of the new clubrooms. Group members provided specific feedback in relation to their use and other known activities.</p> <p>Other key discussions were involved around the central area where the old clubrooms are and the Amateur Athletic Club building is located and what that space could be used for. Carparking has been a key discussion point for clubs and Ben explained that as a part of this project there will be concepts of how all aspects of parking, infrastructure could look.</p> <p>Ben will follow have follow up discussions with soccer and amateur athletics clubs as they were unable to attend the meeting and Cr Emerson who wanted to talk about the funding and management.</p> <p>Ben will be providing an update to council as a part of the process.</p>	
1.2	Project Update	<p>North Park Netball Courts: Discussed the project and there have been some delays due to Covid and weather so the current scheduled completion is 8 April 2022. Tony Dark has spoken to the clubs (Ian O'Donnell - Swifts and Tim Williams – Warriors) to ensure they are aware it may impact draws for 2022. Tony has also spoken to AFL Wimmera Mallee as they create the draws for the leagues. Project Manager Ian Mitchell is well aware of the timing and is working hard to mitigate any future delays and the contractor will be working weekends to keep on track.</p> <p>A Sod turn scheduled for 7 December (Danielle Green MP – TBC) and clubs will be invited to attend this event.</p> <p>North Park Skate Park:</p>	Action:

		<p>Tony Dark advised that expressions of interest have been sought and a contractor to be engaged for detailed design and tender specifications which will be completed early 2022 ready for tender for construction to complete the build by 30/6/2023 subject to funding and budget requirements.</p> <p>North Park Soccer Lighting: Council have been successful in obtaining a State Government grant for the project and agreement to be finalised in coming weeks. Council are contributing as well as the soccer club. Council has engaged a lighting designer to complete documents for tender for construction.</p> <p>Central Park Female Friendly Changerooms A federal grant has been approved and staff are finalising project scope to complete concept and detailed design for tender. Construction to be completed by 30 June 2023 subject to budget and timing of the project.</p>	
1.3	Terms of Reference	<p>The group were presented with a new Terms of Reference which has been adopted by Council. The main changes are to include a participation focus in addition to existing masterplan outcomes. Manager of Active Communities provided information about the links to participation plans and grants to deliver infrastructure projects. Sport and Recreation Victoria now request participation plans are developed to assist in the activation of funded infrastructure. This participation focus aligns with the regional strategic plan "Activate 2020-30" and will assist club to manage participation as we move into a post covid environment.</p> <p>The Advisory group membership is designated as up to 9 members from user groups and the community. As a part of the process for the next term of the group, Council requires all clubs to nominate representatives and also, Council will advertise for community members to nominate then council will appoint the appropriate people to form the Stawell recreation Advisory Group. It was discussed that having community involvement provides some external input to decisions. Existing community members can re-apply for a position. It was also discussed that whilst not all groups will be able to be represented individually as there are not enough positions available however the members who are approved are required to be spokespersons for the other groups as well as their own.</p> <p>Tony Dark will advise groups by email of the process and appointment by Council will be scheduled for February 2022</p>	<p>Action: Tony dark to communicate with clubs for nominations of representatives.</p>

Other business:

4. **Close time: 7.37pm.** Next meeting to be held in early 2022 to align with new members being appointed.