

**Sports Facility Advisory Committee  
Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2017  
Andy McNeill Room  
Alice Springs Town Council**

<b>Present</b>	Dr Bruce Walker ( <i>Chair</i> ) Mayor Damien Ryan Councillor Jamie de Brenni - <i>left 1330hrs</i> Tanya Laker James Rebbechi Bernadette Shields – <i>arrived 1220hrs</i> Aaron Blacker – <i>arrived 1225hrs</i> Garry Bigg – <i>left 1350hrs</i>
<b>In Attendance</b>	Skye Price – Acting Chief Executive Officer Dinesh Pillay – Director Finance – <i>left 1240hrs</i> Samantha Hacon – Sports Officer Andrew Atfield - Department of Sport and Recreation Darwin – observer
<b>Apologies</b>	Councillor Steve Brown Councillor Jacinta Price Andrea Doyle Elizabeth Dashwood Andy Hood Rex Mooney – Chief Executive Officer Scott Allen – Director Technical Services Rae-Ellen Swindells – Administration Assistant ( <i>Minutes</i> ) Jackie Hawkins – Manager Finance

Meeting opened at 1217hrs.

**2. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Minutes confirmed for the meeting held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017

Moved: Garry Bigg                      Seconded: Mayor Ryan

Minutes confirmed for the special meeting held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2017

The Committee would like the following amendment to the minutes of the 11 May 2017

- It was acknowledged that these minutes have been passed by Council.
- Discussion ensued regarding the anomalies arising from these minutes.
- Last dot point on first page to reflect public consultation will be conducted for the lights at Albrecht oval.

**Action: Technical services to provide details and information around the lights to be installed at Albrecht Oval. This information to be used for public consultation around the installation of lights at Albrecht Oval.**

- That there be a review and update of the Alice Springs Sports Master Plan as an outcome from the special SFAC meeting held Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2017, following the NTG announcement of \$6.2 million.
- A note to be added to reflect that the Chair was going to review information from the last ASTC Master plan.

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- Amendment to the second last dot point that the SFAC Committee suggested looking south of the Gap not Mayor Ryan.
  - Discussion ensued regarding the Chair (as an independent chair) of the Committee checking minutes prior to going to Council. This was agreed providing elected members were aware and supportive. SFAC committee supportive of this.
  - Discussion ensued around suitable training for the minute taker.

*Bernadette Shields entered the meeting at 1220hrs*

*Aaron Blacker entered the meeting at 1225hrs*

Moved: Councillor De Brenni    Seconded: James Rebbechi

### **3 Finance Report**

Finance report received and noted.

Moved: Tanya Laker

Seconded: Mayor Ryan

- Enquiry and discussion around the payment of participation levies.

***Action: Sports Officer to follow up on sports payment of the participation levy and report back to June 2017 SFAC meeting.***

*The Director of Finance left the meeting at 1240hrs*

### **4. Business Arising From Minutes**

#### **4.1 Please refer to update on action items list attached**

Updates on Action Items from SFAC meeting held Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017, provided to committee via email. Update for each item, individually addressed by the meeting chair.

#### **Anzac Oval grease arrestors**

Aaron Blacker noted he is aware of the emails sent requesting information from the codes. He is working with the codes to gather requested information.

#### **Immediate Works Grant - Solar Panels at Basketball**

Discussion ensued around the structural stability in relation to the installation of the solar panels.

***Action: Sports Officer to follow up re if a structural assessment of the roof at the Basketball stadium has been completed, to ensure the roof structure is sufficient to accommodate the installation of the solar panels.***

#### **Ross Park Cricket Nets**

The chair advised that per a letter from the Ross Park School Council, they are agreeable to the proposed upgrade of the cricket nets.

The chair advised that Ross Park School council are amenable to discussions around Council taking over or leasing the portion of the cricket nets that is on the Ross Park School land.

#### **Rhonda Diano Oval – Running and Walking Club storage facility**

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Discussion ensued around the successful application by the Running and Walking club for an Immediate Works Grant to place a storage facility at Rhonda Diano Oval. Proposed to be built as an addition to the existing canteen and storage infrastructure.

Discussion ensued around the Running and Walking Club not being members of the SFF and a requirement to have a Deed of Licence and be members of the SFF following acquisition of the storage facility. It was noted that the letter of support from ASTC for the project was subject to the development of a Deed of Licence between ASTC and the Running and Walking Club.

Sports Officer confirmed that the current Deed of Licence includes a clause whereby the sport is required to seek ASTC approval prior to attending to any alterations, remodelling, painting or refurbishment of facilities.

Discussion ensued around if ASTC has a policy around gifting of assets. Acting CEO advised council does not have a gifting policy of this nature at present. It was advised that something of this nature could be looked at going forward.

Discussion ensued around Basketball obtaining quotes for air conditioning and fans in the stadium. Sports Officer advised that Basketball were advised of the process to follow if seeking funds from SFAC, and that ideally quotes for the proposed works would accompany the application for funds from SFAC.

***Action: Sports Officer to advise where in the ASTC Sports Master Plan the Running and Walking Club Immediate Works grant storage facility fits.***

#### **4.2 Participation Levies**

Further meeting with Director Technical Services, Sports Officer and Chair of SFAC Dr Bruce Walker to review and update draft SFF guidelines following the April SFAC meeting. This document tabled at May SFAC meeting.

Discussion ensued around the seasonal basis of the levy application, and the impact this would have on the sports and publically.

It was noted that the current levy is based on a seasonal application, but that "status quo" was that the sports were only being charged once per year.

Attention was drawn to disputes and anomalies clause providing sports the option to go through SFAC and the formal Council process to resolve situations where sports are unable to accommodate the guidelines. Concerns were raised around the lengthy (up to 6 weeks) processing time this would take and additional pressure this may place on sports planning and implementing their seasons.

Discussion ensued re the defined seasons for facility booking and depot planning purposes, and the application of an annual participation levy.

- Concerns regarding pressure from sports to lengthen their seasons were raised.
- The requirement for a defined seasonal for sports from an operational and facility management perspective outlined.

Unanimous agreement from the committee that:

- The participation levy will be applied on an annual basis
- Emphasis be placed on the defined seasons for sports, to remain as they are currently

Sports Officer clarified the committee were aware that at any time, in season sports have priority use of facilities, which may result in out of season sports being unable to be accommodated, where possible alternatives options will be provided.

**Action: Sports Officer and SFAC Chair to review the draft SFF to accommodate the changes agreed per above. Reviewed draft to be tabled at June 2017 SFAC meeting.**

#### **4.3 Special SFAC Meeting – Sports Master Plan**

Tabled at meeting and circulated by the Chair was the draft document titled Review and update of Alice Springs Town Council 2010 Sports Facilities Master Plan

Outstanding and still relevant items from 2010 ASTC Master Plan outlined

- Upgrading of facilities to meet contemporary standards
- Requirement for facility lighting
- Strategies required for facility sustainability
- Requirement for new facility development

Discussion ensued around synthetic facility

- Concerns around vandalism, security required, cost to repair and it not being open to the community highlighted
- Advantages of not having costs associated with mowing, fertilizing and the like highlighted

Chair relayed a conversation had with Athletics where by in view of Athletics acknowledging that a synthetic running track may not be a viable option, they are requesting upgrades at Rhonda Diano including:

- Upgraded lights
- Additional shot put ring
- Upgrade of jumping pits

Through conversation with the Chair, Athletics indicated they would be amenable to move to another facility should it become available.

*Councillor De Brenni left the meeting at 1330hrs*

Discussion ensued around what sports a new facility may include and where this facility may be located.

- Kilgariff and Blatherskite discussed as possible locations
- Difficulties around Blatherskite outlined: proximity to waste facility and sewage, current user groups and lease agreement

Generally agreed by the committee that the most productive use of the NTG \$6.2 million would be for the planning and development of a new sporting facility, as opposed to attending to a number of smaller projects and facility upgrades.

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Discussion ensued around the appointment of an independent consultant to complete a feasibility study and provide an

- Updated Master Plan
- Expert review on synthetic surfaces and how they may perform in Alice Springs.
- Agreed by the committee that the next sporting facility established would be best located South of the Gap. Issues around the legal and other barriers that need to be worked through in order to acquire land South of the Gap for a new facility require identification.

***Action: Sports Officer to set up a closed meeting with SFAC and all sports on the 29<sup>th</sup> June at 1730hrs. The Chairs draft Review and update of Alice Springs Town Council 2010 Sports Facilities Master Plan to be provided to the sports prior to the meeting.***

**5. General Business**

Nil

**8. Next Meeting - Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at 1215hrs**

*Meeting closed at 1400hrs*