

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
ALICE SPRINGS AQUATIC & LEISURE CENTRE COMMITTEE
ON TUESDAY 30 JUNE 2020 at 12:00pm
Via Zoom teleconferencing

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic this meeting was held via Zoom teleconference.

1. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES:

PRESENT:

Mayor Damien Ryan
Councillor Jimmy Cocking (*Chair*)
Councillor Glen Auricht
Councillor Eli Melky

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Scott Allen, Director Technical Services
Petina Franklin, Acting Manager Alice Springs Aquatic & Leisure Centre
Telly Ociones, E/A to Director Community Development (*minutes*)

APOLOGIES:

Deputy Mayor Matt Paterson
Robert Jennings, Chief Executive Officer
Sabine Taylor, Director Corporate Services

13th Alice Springs Town Council ALICE SPRINGS AQUATIC & LEISURE CENTRE COMMITTEE	9 Sept 2019	12 Nov 2019	24 Mar 2020	30 June 2020
Mayor Damien Ryan	✓	✓	✓	✓
Deputy Mayor Matt Paterson	✓	✓	✓	A
Councillor Jimmy Cocking	✓	✓	✓	✓
Councillor Glen Auricht	A	✓	✓	✓
Councillor Eli Melky	✓	✓	✓	✓

✓	Attended
✓ Proxy	Proxy attended in place of committee member
A	Apology received
--	No attendance and no apology recorded

The meeting opened at 12:04pm.

2. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:

Nil

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:**RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the Alice Springs Aquatic and Leisure Centre Committee meeting held 24 March 2020 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Moved: Councillor Glen Auricht
Seconded: Councillor Eli Melky

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

All matters actioned and will be discussed in Other Business.

5. DEPUTATIONS

Nil

6. GENERAL BUSINESS**6.1 Winter Opening Hours Update**

The facility is currently open from 6:00am to 6:30pm on weekdays and from 9:00am to 3:00pm during weekends. Attendance is steady and a few people are back using the lap pool.

Last winter, the pool had intermittent opening hours, but this year the hours had to be reduced to be more efficient in terms of budget and staff resources.

Community response is positive on the current opening hours.

6.2 Capital Project Update

The Director Technical Services provided a progress update on ASALC capital projects.

Water Play Splash Pad

Council officers are having discussion with the contractor about some issues and warranty on the work being undertaken to ensure Council is protected. With the borders opening, work will potentially commence on 13 July with a view to be completed before the start of warmer period.

Discussion ensued about the quality of work that was done initially which contributed to the cracking of the concrete surface of the splash pad. Council will review the agreement if the contractor is not prepared to provide a guarantee on the works moving forward.

ASALC Changeroom and Kiosk Upgrades

Local construction company MPH was endorsed at last night's Ordinary Council meeting to do the refurbishment works. Council officers will discuss with contractor about timelines and minimal disruption of service at the facility.

6.3 Scheduled Maintenance Update

There are a few maintenance works in the facility that need to be addressed and prioritised to provide a safe work environment for staff as well as customers. There will be some expenditure to be incurred for the maintenance program in order to comply with safety standards.

Mayor Ryan asked if the tiles on the deck that people walk on in the indoor pool can be fixed so they look crisper. The Director Technical Services advised that some retiling was done to fix some loose tiles and the cleaning regime on the floors and around the facility has improved now.

Indoor fencing work has been completed. Council had some discussion with the contractor regarding some issues involving the staff and contractor.

Trisleys are going to do quarterly maintenance work in early August which include plant room service, foot valve service and glass installation in the 50-metre pool filter. The glass filter that is currently being used is from a supplier in New South Wales, but the Acting ASALC Manager had discussions with Manager RWMF to look at using Council's recycled glass for the pool filter in future.

ACTION:

Maintenance program to be included in the Directorate Update report.

6.4 Business Plan Progress Update

The ASALC Business Plan will be prioritised by the new Manager and Director when they start on their role. At this stage, there some areas in ASALC that need to be fixed before other plans and programs can be looked at.

Councillor Cocking commented that the ASALC TV ads on Imparja was a great promotion which might help increase attendance at the pool.

ACTION:

The new Director Community Development and Manager ASALC to prioritise reporting to Elected Members to be able to make due diligence with actions.

6.5 Royal Life Saving Society of Australia 2019 Facility Safety Audit

All actions have been completed except for two items:

- *Ref No. 9.10 – Water slide – (Action: Investigate purchase of additional handrail for slide stairs)*
Current system has the minimum standard width between railings and any additional railing will narrow the width of that gap.
- *Ref 9.10 – Rivers – (Action: Investigate solution for supports above the water line)*
Awaiting further clarification/information from RLSSA NT on what actual supports are in place in other facilities

ACTION:

Acting ASALC Manager to circulate the updated actions on the safety audit required.

6.6 ASALC Finances

ASALC financial report for March, April and May 2020 were circulated.

The Director Technical Services advised that additional cost will be incurred due to extra cleaning and additional resources to meet the safety and hygiene requirements.

A detailed report will be presented to Elected Members with historical comparison of the difference in cost for the last three years to show deficits incurred.

ACTION:

Director Corporate Services to send the Manager Finance or any Finance representative to the ASALC meeting when the Director is not available to attend, so that questions about ASALC budget could be addressed at the meeting.

6.7 Manager ASALC Recruitment Update

Shortlisting of applicants will be completed this week and potential interviews next week with appointment in the coming weeks.

The Chair thanked the Acting Manager ASALC for holding the fort while recruitment is in place.

7. DEPUTATIONS

Nil

8. OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 ASALC Activities Update

Director Technical Services acknowledged Petina for all her efforts and calm demeanour in her role as Acting Manager ASALC for over twelve months and all staff, particularly the ASALC team for handling the COVID-19 situation.

Staff Training

Courses and training sessions are ongoing even during COVID-19, with safety standards being maintained.

Programs and Events

Some programs have restarted including learn to swim, aquatic exercise classes and health and well-being sessions.

Membership

Statistics will be included in the monthly Directorate update.

Media Campaign

Regular posts on social media from ASALC Media Officer to encourage the community to use the facility.

The Chair, on behalf of the Committee and Council, passed on his thanks to the ASALC team for all the hard work during this uncertain time.

9. NEXT MEETING Tuesday, 8 September 2020 at 12:00pm

The meeting stands adjourned and resumes in the Confidential Section.

The meeting adjourned at 12:39pm