

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
ALICE SPRINGS AQUATIC & LEISURE CENTRE COMMITTEE
 ON THURSDAY 22 JUNE 2021 at 1:00pm
 ARUNTA ROOM

1. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES:

PRESENT:

Mayor Damien Ryan (*Acting Chair*)
 Deputy Mayor Jacinta Price
 Councillor Matt Paterson
 Councillor Eli Melky

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Sabine Taylor, Director Corporate Services
 Petina Franklin, Manager Alice Springs Aquatic & Leisure Centre
 Telly Ociones, E/A to Director Community Development (*minutes*)

APOLOGIES:

Councillor Jamie de Brenni
 Robert Jennings, Chief Executive Officer

13th Alice Springs Town Council ALICE SPRINGS AQUATIC & LEISURE CENTRE COMMITTEE	9 Sept 2019	12 Nov 2019	24 Mar 2020	30 June 2020	8 Sept 2020	23 Nov 2020	8 March 2021	22 June 2021
Mayor Damien Ryan	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Deputy Mayor Jacinta Price						✓	A	✓
Councillor Jamie de Brenni						✓	✓	A
Councillor Jimmy Cocking	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Councillor Eli Melky	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Councillor Matt Paterson	✓	✓	✓	A	--	✓	A	✓
Councillor Glen Auricht	A	✓	✓	✓	✓			

✓	Attended
Proxy	Proxy attended in place of committee member
A	Apology received
--	No attendance and no apology recorded
	Not a member

The meeting opened at 1:10pm.

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 8 March 2021 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Moved: Councillor Eli Melky
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Jacinta Price

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

4.1 ASALC Running Cost

Council officers are still exploring potential opportunities to offset the running cost of ASALC. As discussed at the last meeting this is a longer-term goal and will be a standing item at each meeting.

Director Corporate Services sought clarification whether the Committee would like officers to look for grant and other opportunities or to look into the usage of electricity and other services to minimise running cost at ASALC.

Mayor Ryan referred to Council's electricity provider, Rimfire, whose contract has long expired, and asked if Council is still using the same provider or looking at other suppliers to negotiate. The Mayor asked how comparable is the out of contract rate from Rimfire with Jacana.

Director Corporate Services advised Council is still using Rimfire but looking at revision of power and leveraging all of Council facilities and not just one unit.

ACTION:

Council officers to provide update on how the provision of energy provider is tracking at the next ASALC Committee meeting

5. DEPUTATIONS

Nil

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 ASALC Financial Report – February, March, April and May 2021

The ASALC financial reports for February, March, April and May 2021 were presented and the noted and accepted by the Committee.

6.2 Business Plan Progress Update

Discussion ensued on the progress report of the improvement goals of the Business Plan.

- Existing Website and IT Provision

A stand-alone page for ASALC already exist on the Council website.

There are issues with IT regarding staffing and inability to get supplies this year for all software across Council. Council officers are working on this as quickly as possible to resolve. There is a new budget to address this in the next financial year.

- **Plant and Equipment**

Discussion ensued about the age and management of the plant and equipment.

ACTION:

Manager ASALC to provide an update report from Trisleys on the quarterly maintenance of the plant and equipment for the indoor pool at the next meeting.

The Committee discussed about the format on how the actions, financial component and progress report from the Business Plan is presented. The GANTT chart is not enough and should reflect back to the Business Plan. Items that have been actioned and completed should be removed.

ACTION:

Council officers to review and simplify the progress reporting of the implementation goals from the Business Plan.

6.3 Royal Life Saving Society of Australia - Facility Safety Audit

The annual Aquatic Facility Safety Assessment was carried out on 6 May 2021 by the Royal Life Saving Society of Australia. ASALC have sixty days to address the areas that need compliance. The report from RLSSA will be provided to the Committee as soon as it becomes available.

The first draft of the audit report has 82% safety compliance. There were minor things that need to be updated, such as signage.

6.4 Events Update

The school holiday program of events from the Northern Territory has been released.

The Desert Ultra Swim is on Saturday 21 August 2021, 6am start at ASALC.

Registration: \$50

Registrations close: 5pm Friday, 13 August 2021

The event has two categories:

1. Ultra 2km: competitors must swim a distance of 2km every hour (40 laps of 50m pool)
2. Ultra 1km: competitors must swim a distance of 1km every hour (20 laps of 50m pool).

The swimmer in each category who remains in the pool the longest is determined as the winner.

6.5 Closure of the 50m Pool Over the Winter Season

The 50-metre pool is currently closed due to an electrical fault. The fault has been repaired and the boiler has been turned on in preparation for the pool to be reopened.

The Manager ASALC asked the Committee if the 50-metre pool could be closed for the next month and a half month during the winter season. Traditionally, it is closed for two months over the winter period. This will reduce the cost on staffing, gas, chlorine and electricity, and will also help in preparing the pool for the Desert Ultra event on 21 August.

Discussion ensued about weighing the cost benefit and providing service to the community of closing the outdoor pool.

- There are also operational requirements to consider, e.g. servicing the boiler, as it cannot run continuously for the whole year as it needs annual servicing.
- A consultation with the user groups was mentioned.
- Only lap swimmers use the 50m pool during winter months (averaging 10 to 30 swimmers per day).
- The boiler was serviced in the summer months in readiness for the winter period.

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation from the ASALC Committee to Council:

- A. That the 50-metre pool continue to remain open during the winter season for 2021.**
- B. That Council officers present to Council a plan for closing the 50m pool next year prior to the winter season.**

Moved: Councillor Eli Melky

Seconded: Councillor Mat Patterson

6.5 Administrator's Medal Award

Councillor Patterson congratulated Petina Franklin for receiving the Administrator's Medal for Royal Life Saving Society of Australia NT, in the presence of Her Honour the Honourable Vicki O'Halloran AO at the Government House. Well done Petina.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

Nil

8. NEXT MEETING: 14 June 2021

The meeting stands adjourned and resumes in the Confidential Section.

The meeting adjourned at 2:05pm