

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
ALICE SPRINGS AQUATIC & LEISURE CENTRE COMMITTEE
ON TUESDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 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
Kim Sutton, Director Community Development
Petina Franklin, Manager Alice Springs Aquatic & Leisure Centre
Telly Ociones, E/A to Director Community Development (*minutes*)

APOLOGIES:

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	8 Sept 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 12:07pm.

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 30 June 2020 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Moved: Mayor Damien Ryan
Seconded: Councillor Glen Auricht

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

All matters actioned and will be discussed in Other Business.

5. DEPUTATIONS

Nil

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

The official summer season commenced on 1 September with opening hours from 6:00am to 7:00pm on weekdays and from 9:00am to 7:00pm on weekends and public holidays.

6.2 Capital Projects Update

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

Water Play Splash Pad

This is 50% complete and will be operational by 18 September 2020, in time for the school holidays.

The work is covered under the agreement with the contractor.

ASALC Changerooms and Kiosk Upgrades

The completion of the kiosk was estimated to open for school holidays but may be delayed for a week due to some alterations.

The changerooms and toilets are about 8 to 10 weeks in completion. The offices are complete and waiting to be painted.

The upgrades are 35 to 40% complete, with tiling and painting to finalise.

6.3 Business Plan Progress Update

Director Community Development and Manager ASALC are working on the business plan with priority and progress update to present to the Committee.

Councillor Cocking enquired if ASALC has COVID-19 restrictions implemented to school sports and swimming carnivals. The Director Technical Services advised that schools are always encouraged to practice social distancing and good hygiene protocols at the pool, but it is more a decision by the schools as opposed to any restrictions that Council will apply to events.

Councillor Cocking noted that Item 4 of the Business Plan, '*Develop plan to increase school engagement and uptake*' does not seem to be tracking along as originally planned. Manager ASALC advised that this was put on hold because of COVID-19 and change of staffing, but Council officers are working on a plan to meet each school moving forward.

6.4 ASALC Finances

Discussion ensued on the ASALC financial report for June, July and August 2020, with the following clarification from Mayor Ryan:

- Since insurance is a big portion of ASALC cost, can this be taken out from Other Operating Expenses and put it as its own item.
- Trisley's service has no billing for the month of August, but in previous papers they were going to have done their first service. Can the quarterly charges be checked in relation to whether the annual budget of \$150,000 is properly allocated?
- Why are there no gas charges for this year?
- Are the water consumption and sewerage charges billed monthly or quarterly? The July and August billing were both \$8,514. How do these figures work with the annual budget of \$81,000?
- Why are there no vehicle expenses showing for this year?

ACTION:

The questions were taken on notice.

7. DEPUTATIONS

Nil

8. OTHER BUSINESS

8.1 Council Meeting Structure

The Committee discussed about the new Council meeting structure moving forward in relation to the composition of ASALC Committee membership and when is the next meeting. As a result of the abolishment of Standing Committees, the Chairpersons no longer exist, and the membership of the ASALC Committee are composed of Chairpersons of each Standing Committee.

The Committee would be supported more if the responsible Finance officer and the Chief Executive Officer are present at the meeting, which helps with high level and efficient discussion. The membership of the Committee requires an executive level approach.

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation to Council:

That the ASALC Committee be composed of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, three Elected Members and three Council Executives.

Moved: Mayor Damien Ryan
Seconded: Councillor Glen Auricht

8.2 ASALC Summer Session

Councillor Auricht enquired with competitions likely to arise in the future at ASALC, is everything at the facility up to standard and ready for the summer season? Will the facility require more staff in the near future to deliver a good facility?

Director Technical Services advised that there are no issues with the status of the competitions. As far as staffing is concerned, the Manager ASALC is handling the matter.

8.3 Health and Wellness Centre (HAWC)

Mayor Ryan asked if the Centre is running. The Manager ASALC advised that the HAWC is in operation since the facility reopened in May following the closure due to COVID-19 and attendance has been particularly good.

8.4 Supplier of Electricity at ASALC

Mayor Ryan asked who is providing electricity at ASALC now that the Rimfire agreement had expired. The Director Technical Services advised that power is still being supplied by Rimfire, but Council has gone out for an Expression of Interest for the supply of power.

Mayor Ryan asked when did the EOI go out. The Director Technical Services took the question on notice.

8.5 Attendance of Director Corporate Services

The Committee agreed that the Director Corporate Services should be invited at the next meeting and that the Finance report be discussed as the first item on the agenda.

ACTION:

Director Community Development to invite the Director Corporate Services to the next meeting.

9. NEXT MEETING: 10 November 2020 (TBC)

The meeting stands adjourned and resumes in the Confidential Section.

The meeting adjourned at 12:42pm