

Alice Springs Town Council

Sports Facilities Advisory Committee Meeting (SFAC)

Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 23 October 2024 at 10:30am, Arunta Room.

Mayor Matt Paterson opened the meeting at 10:31 am.

Councillor Melky was elected Chair of the meeting and took the Chair at 10:35am.

ATTENDANCE

PRESENT

Mayor Matt Paterson

Councillor Eli Melky (Chair)

Councillor Kim Hopper

Members

Mr PeeJay Mabasa – Alice Springs Hockey Association

Mr Michael Trull – Alice Springs Cricket Association

Ms Kelli Zaleski – AFL Northern Territory

Mr Stephen Royes – Football Northern Territory

Mr Tim Pearson – Alice Springs Touch Football Association

Mr Nathan Mitchell – Alice Springs Baseball Association

Ms Karla Goodman – Alice Springs Netball Association

Mr Nathan Warren – Alice Springs Athletics Incorporated

Mr Philip Preece – Alice Springs Basketball Association

Mr Gavin McGargill – Northern Territory Government, Department of People, Sport and Culture

Mrs Nicole Jervis – Football Northern Territory

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr Andrew Wilsmore - Chief Executive Officer

Ms Nicole Battle - Director Community Development

Mr David Hair - Sports Liaison Officer

Mr Michael Yang - Director Finance & Governance / Chief Financial Officer

Ms Deborah Chapa – Acting Manager Finance

Ms Chelsea Rogers - Executive Assistant (Minutes)

Name / Sporting Association	14 December 2023	26 June 2024	23 October 2024	February 2025
Mayor Matt Paterson	P	P	P	
Councillor Mark Coffey	P	A		
Councillor Eli Melky			P	
Councillor Gavin Morris	P	P	--	
Councillor Kim Hopper			P	
Rugby Union / League	P	P	A	
Soccer	P	--	P	
Netball	--	A	P	
Tennis	P	P	A	
AFL Northern Territory	P	P	P	
Cricket	P	P	P	
Baseball	P	P	P	
Basketball	--	A	P	
Hockey	P	P	P	
Touch Football	A	A	P	

Legend:

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

1. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Mr Joel Crawford – Alice Springs Tennis Association

Mr Aaron Blacker – Central Australian Rugby League / Central Australian Rugby Union

Councillor Gavin Morris

2. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

No disclosure of interest was declared.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

3.1 Unconfirmed Minutes – Sports Facilities Advisory Committee 26 June 2024

Moved: Michael Trull

Seconded: Nathan Mitchell

That the minutes of the Sports Facilities Advisory Committee meeting held 26 June 2024 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

3.2 Business Arising from previous Minutes

The following was endorsed by Council at the July Ordinary Council Meeting;

1. Endorse the commissioning of a scope of works to develop a 10-year Sports Master Plan for Alice Springs
2. Seek grant funding support towards the plan's development.
3. That Council approve Alice Springs Cricket Association \$10,000 cricket net replacement funding request contribution coming from SFAC funds.
4. That Council write to the Northern Territory Government and Minister for Education seeking access to their green spaces and playing fields to assist with overflow of training needs for local sports.

Discussion

Director Community Development confirmed funding for the new \$10k cricket net has been signed off. The Mayor advised Council has written to the Northern Territory Government (NTG) in regards to seeking access to green spaces and playing fields to assist with overflow of training needs for local sports. Director Community Development advised that funding was yet to be sourced for the development of new Sports Masterplan but had already made plans to speak to NTG in the coming days.

3.2.1 Alice Springs Sports Collaboration & Development Group (ASSCD)

Director Community Development advised that an initial meeting had been held earlier in the year but was not well attended by Sports. Following discussion, it was confirmed by those in attendance that there was still a need for these meetings moving forward and that they did need to be prioritised by Sports to ensure that decisions are able to be made with regards to day-to-day operational matters. This will ensure that SFAC is able to remain focused on strategic, as opposed to operational, issues.

Action: Director Community Development and the Council Sports Liaison Officer to organise another meeting for early December.

3.2.2 License to Occupy Update

Director Community Development advised this work has been ongoing, with the Council Sports Liaison Officer close to having up-to-date agreements with all sports.

Action: Updated list to be sent to SFAC members with the Minutes.

- 3.2.3 Director Community Development to investigate a Sports Directory on the ASTC website**
Director Community Development advised work remains ongoing to make the Sports Directory more efficient and less clunky.

Action: A link will be sent around the SFAC members with the Minutes.

<https://liveworkalice.com.au/>

- 3.2.4 Maintenance Requests – new email address**
Council Sports Liaison Officer advised Council is using a new portal called MaintainX, which provides direct reports to Council Depot and is, to-date, working effectively in raising and addressing maintenance requests.

Reiterated to the SFAC committee to maintain the current process of raising issues with the Council Sports Liaison Officer when they arise.

4. FINANCE REPORT STATEMENTS

Mover: Tim Pearson

Seconded: Philip Preece

The Sports Facilities Advisory Committee finance report be received and accepted.

Discussion

Acting Manager Finance spoke to the SFAC Financial Report.

The Mayor raised his concerns regarding receiving 'Letter of Support' applications for NTG funding which don't match the levies provided in SFAC.

Council Sports Liaison Officer advised Tennis Club has an outstanding invoice and Soccer Club will pay their invoice in November.

General discussion regarding \$100K Council contribution to SFAC will be processed once relevant executive approvals have been received.

Members questioned the waiving of 2021/22 fees for Central Australian Rugby Football League (CARFL) and Central Australian Rugby Union (CARU).

Director Community Development advised due to the acquisition of Anzac Oval by the Northern Territory Government in 2022, fees were waived as the oval was not property of Alice Springs Town Council (ASTC) and no maintenance was being performed by Council staff.

Gavin McGargill of NT Government requested participation numbers for all sporting associations to be shared.

Mayor Paterson advised that if CARFL and CARU are no longer paying a levy to Council as they will be playing on an NTG facility, then it would be appropriate that they are no longer members of SFAC – only sports paying participation levies to ASTC are to be members of SFAC.

Action: CORRECTION the Financial Report to be corrected to read "Central Australian Rugby Football League" in the notes section.

Action: The levied participation numbers to be included, and the investigate the possibility of sharing the participates in each sport within the SFAC committee.

Acting Manager Finance left the meeting at 11:10am.

5. CORRESPONDENCE IN/OUT

5.1 Nomination of Netball SFAC Representative

5.2 Nomination of Soccer SFAC Representative

Discussion

Nomination of Netball and Soccer representatives were received and both nominees are in attendance, Chair welcomed them to the meeting.

6 GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 Netball Outdoor Court Opening

Mayor Paterson spoke around the opening of the new outdoor courts with thanks to the Federal Government, Northern Territory Government and the ASTC for their contributions.

6.2 Tennis Court Opening

Synthetic Courts were the preferred court surface by Alice Springs Tennis Association as well as the Alice Springs Town Council due to the longevity of the product and the ease of maintaining. These courts are now completed and ready for use.

6.3 Anzac Oval Update

NTG announced that Anzac Oval will stay alongside of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Gallery of Australia (ATSIAGA) and funds that were to be used for the Kilgariff sports facility will be reallocated to upgrading Centralian Middle School oval into a sporting hub.

It is an understanding that both Rugby codes will return to Anzac Oval once the grounds are fit for use, this should occur beginning 2025.

6.4 Terms of Reference Update

General discussion regarding the Terms of Reference and amending the wording in the Terms of Reference based on the feedback provided in this meeting with three set meetings during the year and additional meetings will be added when required.

Actions:

- Director Community Development agreed to arrange for the SFAC Induction document to be shared to the committee.
- That the nomination forms align with the Terms of Reference. This will be discussed in the operational meeting planned for December so that it accurately reflects the Terms of Reference.

6.5 Shared Facilities Cleaning

Director Community Development recommended this matter be brought before the operation SFAC meeting planned for next month.

Tim Pearson of Touch Rugby raised the issue of the shared facilities at Flynn Drive Oval had been outstanding for six years. It was proposed Council seek a quote for a cleaner to attend the Flynn Drive Oval facility twice a week.

Action:

Council will seek costings/quote for a cleaner to clean the Flynn Drive Oval sporting facilities twice a week. This is to be addressed at the next SFAC meeting.

6.6 Masters Games Debrief

Masters Gamers saw over 1,200 participants throughout the week. Fantastic effort by Alice Springs Town Council staff and executive.

6.7 Basketball Stadium Floor maintenance

Alice Springs Basketball representative requested Council seek costings for refurbishing of the Basketball flooring. Director Community Development and the Council Sport Liaison Officer will meet with Philip Preece regarding this request.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

General discussion regarding what each sport club/code wished to achieve in attending the SFAC meetings.

8. CLOSURE OF MEETING

Chair closed the meeting at 12:01pm

9. NEXT MEETING

TBA