

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SPORTS FACILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SFAC) HELD ON WEDNESDAY 26 JUNE 2024 – ARUNTA ROOM, CIVIC CENTRE.

PRESENT

Mayor Matt Paterson
Councillor Gavin Morris
Aaron Blacker

(Acting Chair)

Central Australian Rugby Union /
Central Australian Rugby Football
League
Alice Springs Tennis Association
NT Government
Alice Springs Cricket Association
Alice Springs Baseball Association
AFL Northern Territory
Alice Springs Hockey Association
CEO
Director Community Development
Sports Facilities Officer
Executive Assistant (Minutes)

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Joel Crawford
Katie Knappstein
Michael Trull
Peter Porambo
Kelli Zaleski
PJ Mabasa
Andrew Wilsmore
Nicole Battle
David Hair
Heidi Blacker

14 th Alice Springs Town Council Sports Facilities Advisory Committee Attendance 2023 / 2025							
	14 Dec 23	26 June 24					
Mayor Matt Paterson	✓	✓					
Councillor Mark Coffey	✓	A					
Councillor Gavin Morris	✓	✓					
Aaron Blacker - Rugby Union / League	✓	✓					
Allison Huhs - Soccer	✓	--					
Karla Goodwin – Netball	--	A					
Joel Crawford - Tennis	✓	✓					
Kelli Zaleski - AFL Northern Territory	✓	✓					
Michael Trull –Cricket	✓	✓					
Peter Porambo - Baseball	✓	✓					
Phillip Preece - Basketball	--	A					
PJ Mabasa - Hockey	✓	✓					
Tim Pearson - Touch Football	A	A					

✓ Attended

A Apology received

-- No attendance and no apology recorded

Not a member of the committee at this time (Visitor)

The Meeting opened at 10:07am with Mayor Matt Paterson (Acting Chair) welcoming attendees.

1. APOLOGIES

Councillor Mark Coffey	Elected Member
Philip Preece	Alice Springs Basketball Association
Joel Andrew	Director Technical Services ASTC
Karla Goodwin	Alice Spring Netball Association
Tim Pearson	Touch Football

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

3.1 Minutes of the SFAC Meeting held on 14 December 2024.

That the minutes of SFAC held 14 December 2023 be accepted as a true record of the proceedings of that meeting.

Moved – Joel Crawford

Seconded – Aaron Blacker

CARRIED

3.2 Business arising from previous meeting minutes

3.2.1 Kelli Zaleski asked for attendance to be amended to reflect her presence at the previous meeting.

3.2.2 CBF FUNDING – Sports Development Officer to discuss with Baseball
Actioned

3.2.3 Proposed SFAC meeting dates 2024: Introduction of Alice Springs Sports Collaboration & Development Group

Director Community Development advised that one meeting has been held however this was not attended as well as hoped and hoping to build on it to minimise the need for excess SFAC meetings where possible. Director would like feedback from the committee.

3.2.4 Review of Actions of Sports Master plan next SFAC meeting

Resolution:

That Sports Facility Advisory Committee (SFAC) recommend to council the commissioning of a new 10-year master plan for Alice Springs and to seek grant funding support toward its development.

Moved - Aaron Blacker

Seconded - PJ Mabasa

3.2.5 Update on Anzac Oval

Director Community Development advised that Anzac Oval is now officially closed however the Territory Day celebrations on July 1 will be held at the venue.

3.2.6 License to Occupy Update

Director Community Development advised all coming together nicely and will be finalised shortly. New in-house lawyer helping with this process.

3.2.7 Maintenance Requests – new email address

Sports Facility Officer advised there will be a new process developed with the IT department which will see 'jobs logged' and the ability to see where the action has landed. In the meantime, sports are to contact himself for any issues.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT**4.1 SFAC Income and Expenditure – 20 June, 2024**

Sports Development Officer spoke to the finance report and explained the figures and the double invoicing to AFL, hence the credit to AFL. A number of sports will not be paying participant fees as they will not have a season.

Committee asked that Chief Financial Officer or finance officer be invited to the meetings in the future to speak to the report.

That the SFAC Finance Report be received and accepted.

Moved – Mayor Paterson

Seconded – Aaron Blacker

CARRIED

5. CORRESPONDENCE**5.1 Traeger Park Cricket Net Replacements**

Letter received from Michael Trull requesting SFAC to support the request of \$10,000 to assist with costs of replacing cricket soft netting at Traeger Park. Confirmed that if cricket were to move location, nets can be taken.

Mayor Paterson left the room as a conflict of interest on this topic.

Resolution:

That Sports Facility Advisory Committee (SFAC) recommend to council supporting Alice Springs Cricket Association \$10,000 funding request contribution coming from SFAC funds.

Moved - Michael Trull

Seconded – Aaron Blacker

CARRIED

6. GENERAL BUSINESS**6.1 Netball Outdoor Court Opening**

Date set as 18 July 2024 however, awaiting on response of Government attendees. Mayor will officially open the courts which will then be followed by an inclusion game and a Women's A-Grade game. SFAC, Council, NTG and Federal Government all funded the resurfacing.

6.2 Sporting Oval Closure

Director Community Development spoke around the closure of sporting ovals and who the responsibility lays with. Discussion around the room agreed that sporting bodies will determine when to close sporting ovals during heavy weather in collaboration with council when required.

6.3 Use of additional green space**Resolution:**

That Sports Facility Advisory Committee (SFAC) recommend to council that officers write to Northern Territory Government Department of Education seeking access to their green spaces and playing fields to assist with overflow of training needs for local sports.

Moved – Joel Crawford

Second – Kelli Zaleski

6.4 Masters Games

Director Community Development asked if any sporting groups needed support from NT Major Events to make the Alice Springs Masters Games a success.

General consensus of the members was that accommodation and flights makes it too expensive for interstate participants to attend as well as the clash in dates with the Pan Pacific Masters Games to be held in Queensland. Some sports focusing on promoting within the town and having a bigger local participation.

OTHER BUSINESS**6.5 Hockey**

Hockey is going great, 80 kids in a junior competition. Wanting to get a fulltime staff member to work within the association. Trying to gain Hockey One (A League) to attend Alice Springs.

6.6 Cricket

Alice Springs Cricket Association was mentioned at the Cricket Australia board meeting recently as officially the first organised and affiliated tape ball competition in Australia. Concerns around next season and shortage of grounds.

6.7 AFL

Halfway through the current season. Reached out to other sports to develop a multi-sport session for the school holidays, currently have 17 registrations for these.

6.8 Baseball

Currently in off season and have recently returned from Sydney and Geelong competing in the championships. Looking at the need to have some nets replaced soon due to safety concerns. Mayor advised that CBF grants open on 1 July and will support Baseball in their application. Shortage of paying space is affecting the registrations. Potential use of softball grounds once these are brought up to safety requirements. Would also like to promote the Foundations Course being run at St Philips College which builds on fitness in kids, Monday & Thursdays, 6pm.

6.9 Rugby Union/League

Rugby Union season finished on a good note a couple of weeks ago.
Rugby League uncertainty with the competition due to commitment of committees and players.

6.10 Tennis

Lease agreement with ASTC signed, awaiting CEO signature. Government Grant approved on Friday and come through today, should come into ASTC account. Excitement around the new tennis courts.

6.11 ASTC

Director Community Development will work to have a directory on the ASTC website for sporting bodies and teams as well as other local activities within the town as a one stop shop for people interested in joining a group. This will also help people that are new to town.

8 NEXT MEETING

TBA after the Ordinary Council Meeting at the end of July.

Mayor Paterson (Acting Chair) declared the meeting closed at **11.22am**.