

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SPORTS FACILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SFAC) HELD ON THURSDAY 23 APRIL 2020

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

PRESENT

Mayor Damien Ryan
Deputy Mayor Matt Paterson
Councillor Marli Banks
Councillor Eli Melky
Bruce Walker (Chair)
Mr Aaron Blacker
Ms Ann Jacobs
Mr Lachlan Modrzynski
Mr Anthony Murphy
Mr Tim Pearson
Mr Phillip Preece
Mr Jim Rebbechi

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr Scott Allen - Director Technical Services
Mr Takudzwa Charlie - Manager Technical Services
Mr Tama Wakelin - Sports Officer
Ms Stephanie Dominguez - Executive Assistant (Minutes)

13 th Alice Springs Town Council Sport Facility Advisory Committee - Attendance List 2019/2020								
	29 Aug 19	12 Sept 19 Special Meeting	31 Oct 19	28 Nov 19 Special Meeting	27 Feb 20	23 Apr 20 Special Meeting	7 May 20	25 Jun 20
Mayor Damien Ryan	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Deputy Mayor Matt Paterson	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Councillor Marli Banks	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Councillor Eli Melky	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Dr Bruce Walker	A	✓ Phone	A	✓	✓	✓		
Mr Aaron Blacker	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Ms Ann Jacobs	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Mr Lachlan Modrzynski	✓	A	--	A	A	✓		
Mr Anthony Murphy	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Mr Jamie Orr	✓	✓	A	A	A	A		
Mr Tim Pearson	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓		
Mr Phillip Preece	✓	--	✓	A	✓	✓		
Mr Jim Rebbechi	A	--	✓	✓	✓	✓		

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

The meeting opened at 2:03 pm.

1. APOLOGIES

Mr Jamie Orr

2. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Nil

3. CORRESPONDENCE

Each sport was given the opportunity to provide their top five priorities for discussion at this meeting. The Sports Officer summarised and circulated these responses as a document titled *Sports Priorities List Updated FINAL* prior to the meeting. This document was received and noted.

No other correspondence was circulated.

4. GENERAL BUSINESS

4.1 Projects to be funded through the Council Reserves

The Director Technical Services addressed the purpose of today's meeting, that it was in response to requests of Council and the Sports Facilities Advisory Committee to provide a report on Council Facilities and potential priority projects. Additionally, at the Technical Services Committee meeting held 14 April 2020 Council requested a Special SFAC Meeting be convened to seek the Committee's input on the top five (5) priorities which could be considered by Council in budget discussions to assist in the community's recovery due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Director noted that Council Officers recommend these projects are funded through sources other than SFAC funds, noting Council reserves, grants, Northern Territory Government, or Commonwealth Government funding sources as preferred options. He highlighted that today's discussion was to identify the Committee's priorities and Council Officers would investigate costs and funding.

The Director noted that three (3) of the ten (10) priorities identified during the NTG \$6.2M Sporting Facility Upgrade projects did not make the final list for advancement, these were:

1. Sports Master Plan (this project completed and funded through Council)
2. Anzac Power Upgrades
3. Additional Sporting Oval at Desert Life Church and Yipirnya School.

The Director Technical Services advised that short-term projects were being sought that would help support and stimulate the local economy. He suggested projects similar to those recommended in the \$6.2M Facility Upgrades may be suitable.

The Chair summarized the responses received from members of the Committee which included:

*6 responses in support of Anzac Oval Power Upgrades
4 responses in support of Netball Courts
3 responses in support of Netball Facilities and Clubrooms
3 responses in support of Lights Larapinta Oval
3 responses in support of Baseball lighting*

Discussion ensued regarding support for a power upgrade at Anzac Oval after it missed out on support during the \$6.2M sporting upgrades and the necessity for a full replacement of the netball courts at an estimated cost of \$1M, as opposed to just resurfacing.

The Committee discussed the benefit of installing lights on facilities in attracting national sporting events. The Committees' priority of Jim McConville Oval and the need for lights, at a minimum for training, was also discussed.

The Committee discussed the impact of upgrading the lights at Lyle Kempster Baseball Diamond with a benefit identified as the potential to attract national sporting events. Maintenance to the field was also discussed to bring it up to national standards, with the Director acknowledging the minor works identified such as field levelling, adjustment of the fence line and pitch correction could be undertaken operationally through the Council Depot.

The Mayor noted all projects would require some community consultation.

Discussion ensued regarding scoreboard upgrades and replacements with the Committee concurring this could be considered at the following SFAC meeting to be funded through the SFAC budget.

Tim Pearson left the meeting at 2:53 pm

Jim Rebbechi enquired if security concerns previously raised about Anzac Oval had been rectified. The Director Technical Services took the question on notice to report back to the next Committee meeting.

Discussion ensued regarding the Netball Courts and Changerooms being separate priorities for the Committee.

The Committee discussed a new shed at Hockey and construction of Changerooms as potential projects. The Director Technical Services suggested a replacement shed could be considered to be funded through the SFAC budget while construction of a changeroom was more appropriate to identify as a priority for this list.

The Committee identified Hockey changeroom construction and the upgrade of lights at Traeger Park Oval as their alternate priorities.

The Director Technical Services left the meeting at 2:58 pm

RESOLVED

That it be a recommendation from the Sports Facilities Advisory Committee to Council

That Council considers the Sports Facilities Advisory Committee's top five priorities of in their future budget discussions in response to COVID recovery:

1. **Anzac Oval power upgrades**
2. **Full replacement of the Netball Courts**
3. **Installation of lights at Jim McConville Oval**
4. **Construction of Netball Changerooms and Facilities**
5. **Upgrade of lights at the Lyle Kempster Baseball Diamond**

That Council considers the following alternate priorities from the Sports Facilities Advisory Committee:

6. **Construction of Hockey Changerooms and Facilities**
7. **Upgrade of lights at Traeger Park Oval**

Unanimous support was gained for this recommendation from all meeting attendees.

5. NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, 7 May 2020 at 2pm.

Via Teleconference - details to follow.

The meeting concluded at 3:03pm.