

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SPORTS FACILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SFAC)
HELD ON THURSDAY 7 MAY 2020

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

PRESENT

Deputy Mayor Matt Paterson
Councillor Marli Banks
Councillor Eli Melky
Dr Bruce Walker (Chair)
Mr Aaron Blacker
Mr Anthony Murphy
Mr Daryll Griffiths
Mr John Gaynor (*arrived 2:09pm*)
Mr Phillip Preece
Mr Dennis Sawtell

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 Sports Facilities 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	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	
Deputy Mayor Matt Paterson	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Councillor Marli Banks	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Councillor Eli Melky	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Dr Bruce Walker	A	✓ Phone	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Mr Aaron Blacker	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Mr Anthony Murphy	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Mr Daryll Griffiths							✓	
Mr John Gaynor							✓	
Mr Tim Pearson	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	A	
Mr Phillip Preece	✓	--	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	
Mr Dennis Sawtell							✓	

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

The meeting opened at 2.06 pm.

The Chair welcomed new and returning members representing their sports on the Sports Facility Advisory Committee at today's meeting.

New members:

- AFL Northern Territory - Daryll Griffiths
- Central Australian Rugby Football League - Dennis Sawtell

Returning members:

- Alice Springs Basketball Association - Phillip Preece
- Central Australian Rugby Union - Aaron Blacker

John Gaynor entered the meeting via Zoom at 2:09pm

The chair acknowledged John Gaynor's arrival and that he was also a new member to the Committee representing the Alice Springs Netball Association.

Manager Technical Services left the meeting at 2:09pm

1. APOLOGIES

Mayor Damien Ryan
Mr Tim Pearson

2. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Nil

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Manager Technical Services returned to the meeting at 2:12 pm

Discussion ensued in regard to the timing of the meeting and the process of the minutes being *received and noted* by Council and being *endorsed* by this Committee.

3.1 Minutes from the Sport Facility Advisory Committee held 27 February 2020

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Sport Facility Advisory Committee meeting held 27 February 2020 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings

Moved: Philip Preece **Seconded:** Aaron Blacker **CARRIED**

3.2 Minutes from the Special Meeting of the Sport Facility Advisory Committee held 23 April 2020

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Sport Facility Advisory Committee meeting held 23 April 2020 be confirmed with the amendments listed below as a true and correct record of the proceedings

Moved: Phillip Preece **Seconded:** Aaron Blacker **CARRIED**

The Committee determined the recommendation in the minutes from the special meeting held 23 April 2020 should read as follows, making minor amendments:

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 **OUTDOOR** Netball Courts***
- 3. Installation of lights at Jim McConville Oval***
- 4. **REPLACEMENT** of Netball Changerooms and Clubroom 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. **REPLACEMENT** of Hockey Changerooms and Facilities***
- 7. Upgrade of lights at Traeger Park Oval***

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

4.1 Sports Facilities Advisory Committee - Manager Technical Services

The Committee received and noted the Terms of Reference that were endorsed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 27 February 2020.

The Manager Technical Services advised that to-date Council has endorsed the following members at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 27 April 2020:

- AFL Northern Territory - Daryll Griffiths
- Alice Springs Basketball Association - Phillip Preece
- Alice Springs Netball Association Inc - John Gaynor
- Alice Springs Touch Association - Tim Pearson
- Central Australian Rugby Football League - Dennis Sawtell
- Central Australian Rugby Union - Aaron Blacker

Officers have additionally received the following nominations which will be forwarded in report/s to Council to be endorsed at the May Ordinary meeting:

- Alice Springs Baseball Association - Lachlan Modrzynski
- Alice Springs Cricket Association - Michael Trull
- Alice Springs Hockey Association - Anne Davey-Smith

These additional nominees will be invited to the next Committee meeting after their nomination is endorsed.

The Manager Technical Services noted there were a few remaining sports that had not submitted their Sports Facility Fund membership paperwork and Sports Facilities Advisory Committee Nomination form. Once both of these have been completed and received by Officers, their nomination will be forwarded in a report to Council to be endorsed.

4.2 Albrecht Oval - Sport Field Lighting - Update - Manager Technical Services

The Manager Technical Services advised that Council had awarded the tender for the Albrecht Oval Sports Field Lighting to NT Electrical Group and noted the construction start and completion dates were yet to be determined and subject to change due to impacts of COVID-19. He noted the estimated completion date was December 2020.

4.3 Sporting Facility Projects - Director Technical Services

The Committee received and noted the following documents:

- 4.3.1 TS Agenda Item 9.3 - Report 59.20ts - Sporting Facility Infrastructure**
- 4.3.2 Alice Springs Sports Facilities Master Plan - January 2020 - Executive Summary & Strategy**
- 4.3.3 Alice Springs Sports Facilities Master Plan - January 2020 - Background Report**

The Chair noted these documents were considered during discussion at the Special Meeting held 23 April 2020.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

5.1 Email from President of Netball Association to Chairperson SFAC - Re: Pat Gallagher Netball Courts - Resurfacing or Replacement - 22 April 2020

The Committee received and noted the correspondence from John Gaynor - President of Netball Association.

The Chair noted that the letter was referenced at the Special Meeting held on 23 April 2020 where the Committee determined a list of priority works for Council's consideration.

The Director Technical Services advised a recommendation from this Committee to Council could allow Officers to further investigate the project in terms of design and cost. He also noted that Council needed to ensure its procurement guidelines were followed and three quotes for the work are obtained.

RESOLVED:

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

That Council Officers investigate the rebuilding of the outdoor netball courts in terms of design and cost

Moved: John Gaynor **Seconded:** Aaron Blacker **CARRIED**

5.2 Email from Aaron Blacker to Sports Officer - Re: Request SFAC support for funding of replacement shed at 5 Traeger Ave for Soccer, Rugby and Hockey - 28 April 2020

The Committee received and noted the correspondence from Aaron Blacker - Secretary of Central Australian Rugby Union.

RESOLVED:

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

That Council Officers investigate the suitable replacement of the shed at 5 Traeger Avenue in terms of design and cost

Moved: Aaron Blacker **Seconded:** Phillip Preece **CARRIED**

Deputy Mayor Paterson requested the quotes be removed from the SFAC papers to ensure this information is not disclosed in the event the project proceeds to tender. The Chair additionally highlighted the Committee members responsibility to not disclose any information contained in the quotes that had been received.

Discussion ensued in regard to the requirements by the sports for the shed. It was noted a shed similar to those at Jim McConville and Ross Park ovals would be suitable.

5.3 Letters to Endorsed SFAC Members - 28 April 2020

The Committee acknowledged that letters had been distributed to the endorsed members of SFAC on the 28 April 2020.

6. FINANCE REPORT

6.1 Finance Report for the Period Ending 28 April 2020

The Finance Report was received and noted by the committee.

Total Reserve Balance (As at 28 April 2020)	\$	840,215.17
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Total commitments (purchase orders)	\$	15,733.08
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Capital - \$ -

Operational - \$ 5,979.33

Potential Future Commitments - \$ 9,753.75

Funds available assuming all commitments are realised	\$	824,482.09
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Moved: Councillor Paterson **Seconded:** Aaron Blacker **CARRIED**

The Chair enquired about the current state of Sport Facility Fund Levies, noting Council had deferred these. The Director Technical Services responded, advising that Council had endorsed that these be deferred until 30 June 2020.

John Gaynor requested it be noted that the Alice Springs Netball Association had written to Council asking for relief for Sport Facility Fund Levies for this season.

He noted discussion with the Director Technical Services in regard to charging of these fees in the future. The Director Technical Services clarified that any recommendation in regard to the charging of these fees in the future would be from Officers and would be considered and ultimately decided by Council. The Chair noted that any discussion surrounding the charging of fees was operational and not a responsibility of this Committee.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 NTG \$6.2M Sporting Facility Upgrades - Update

The Director Technical Services advised that the works to complete the Rhonda Diano Facility Upgrade have been put on hold due to impacts of COVID-19 as the contractor is unable to travel to Alice Springs and complete the work.

7.2 Dilapidation Reports and Repairs - Manager Technical Services

The Committee received and noted the *Dilapidation Report*.

The Director Technical Services advised the document had been updated, with completed items removed.

John Gaynor noted an item in regard to shade for the Outdoor Netball Courts, noting previous shade structures had been removed with the installation of the Pat Gallagher Netball stadium and damaged, therefore this shade had never been replaced. He also requested the report be reviewed in regard to the 'fire exit' item showing on the report as completed.

Action:

Sports Officer to review and update the Dilapidation Report in regard to the Outdoor Netball Courts shade and review the item in regard to Emergency Exits.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

8.1 SFAC Balance - Councillor Paterson

Deputy Mayor Paterson raised a number of projects that SFAC could consider funding. This discussion included scoreboards at various sporting ovals and a shovel-ready project that Council had already endorsed to proceed pending funding (20540) and had undertaken community consultation in regard to, being the proposed picket fence at Jim McConville Oval. He noted this project could be one for SFAC to identify to support.

The Chair noted shade at softball should be considered and enquired if Council could potentially consider installing demountable facilities at Paul Fitzsimmons Oval. The Director Technical Services advised that Council was currently discussing a new Deed of Agreement with Charles Darwin University, and it was not appropriate to consider any such suggestion until an agreement had been finalised. He suggested the item is reconsidered at the next meeting after which the Deed would hopefully be finalised.

Director Technical Services left the meeting at 3:01pm

Discussion ensued in regard to how the items for SFAC attention are prioritised and the process of dealing with a conflict of interest. The Director Technical Services took a question on notice in regard to the creation of an induction pack for new SFAC members.

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation from SFAC to Council:

1. **That Council investigate at the cost of the picket fence at Jim McConville Oval**
2. **That Council investigate the cost involved with upgrading the score boards at Anzac and Albrecht Ovals and additionally investigate the cost for a trailer mounted scoreboard.**

Moved: John Gaynor

Seconded: Aaron Blacker

CARRIED

Action:

Manager Governance to create an induction pack for SFAC members to include information about recommendations from this Committee to Council and how items are priorities are determined for SFAC funds.

8.2 COVID-19 Updates - Manager Technical Services

The Manager Technical Services advised that Sports Framework Risk Management documents are being circulated and requested peak bodies to circulate these documents to clubs appropriately.

8.3 Oval Closure Procedure - Manager Technical Services

Council has endorsed a change in the process of Oval Closures due to rain events. Noting this will now be an operational decision made by Council Officers. Oval closures will be communicated to Sports as appropriate.

8.4 Sports without Governing Body - Darryl Griffiths

Darryl Griffiths made an enquiry about facility support for individual clubs within a sport to facilitate matches and competitions where they don't have support from their governing body. Darryl agreed to clarify his request in an email.

Councillor Melky noted SFAC was restricted to its core business identified in its Terms of Reference but invited Darryl to circulate and email for the Elected Members to consider directly.

Anthony Murphy noted AFL were looking to resume games in Alice Springs in late June and enquired who would have the legal responsibility for the maintenance and maintaining COVID-19 requirements in this instance.

Action:

Darryl Griffiths to clarify his request in an email to the Acting Director Technical Services via tcharlie@astc.nt.gov.au for further investigation and response.

9. NEXT MEETING

Thursday, 25 June 2020 - 12 noon.

Details to be confirmed

The meeting closed at 3.22 pm