

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SPORTS FACILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SFAC)
HELD ON THURSDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2020 - ALICE SPRINGS TOWN COUNCIL, ANDY
MCNEILL MEETING ROOM

PRESENT

Mayor Damien Ryan
Deputy Mayor Matt Paterson
Councillor Marli Banks
Councillor Eli Melky
Bruce Walker (Chair)
Mr Aaron Blacker
Ms Ann Jacobs
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 - Healthy Communities Coordinator (Observing)
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	30 Apr 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 Sarah France	A	A	A	A	A		
Ms Ann Jacobs	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Mr Lachlan Modrzynski	✓	A	--	A	A		
Mr Anthony Murphy	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Mr Jamie Orr	✓	✓	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 12:09pm.

1. APOLOGIES

Mr Robert Jennings - Chief Executive Officer
Ms Sabine Taylor - Director Corporate Services
Ms Jodie Summers - Manager Governance
Ms Sarah France
Mr Lachlan Modrzyński
Mr Jamie Orr

2. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Nil

3. SPORTS FACILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SFAC) - TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Chair reported the Manager Governance has completed the review of the new *Sports Facilities Advisory Committee - Terms of Reference* considering the feedback of this Committee from the special meeting held in November 2019, and the requirements of Council. He advised that the final documents were presented to Council and adopted at the Ordinary Council Meeting held Monday 24 February 2020.

The Chair noted, after decision of Council and subsequent discussion with the Chief Executive Officer, his term as Chairperson of SFAC had come to an end, and it had been decided that an Elected Member would assume the role of Chairperson for the Sports Facilities Advisory Committee after elections and endorsement at the August Ordinary Council meeting.

Mayor Ryan noted his personal thanks to Dr Walker for his contribution to the Committee and the guidance he had provided in his time as Chairperson. The Director Technical Services echoed Mayor Ryan's sentiments on behalf of the Chief Executive Officer and Council.

The Director Technical Services advised that Council had adopted a new suite of documents relating to the Sport Facilities Fund:

- *Sport Facilities Fund – Membership Agreement*
- *Deed of Licence*
- *SFAC Terms of Reference*, and
- *SFAC Representation Nomination Form*

The Director noted these documents will be distributed to Sport Facilities Fund members and the nomination process would allow members the opportunity to nominate a representative to join SFAC. The Director advised nominations would be sought in the coming month.

Councillor Banks enquired if all positions would be considered vacant and if nominations would be sought from all fund members concurrently or if a staggered approach would be adopted. The Director Technical Services advised that all positions on SFAC had reached the end of their term therefore Council would seek nominations for all positions.

Discussion ensued in regard to the extension of membership terms that had occurred in 2019 while the review of the SFAC Terms of Reference was undertaken by the Manager Governance.

Councillor Banks suggested there was value to continuing current memberships through to August to align with the changeover of Chairperson.

Discussion ensued around procedure and function of the Committee in the interim while changes are implemented and nominations are sought for SFAC members from Sport Facilities Fund members.

The Chair sought feedback from Committee members in regard to the timeline and process of nominating new representatives for their sport, or the option of continuing on in their current position as members of SFAC through until August:

- Phillip Preece advised he had consulted the sport that originally nominated him and would leave the decision with them to determine if they renominated him or put forward a different representative
- Tim Pearson advised Touch Football has its AGM this week, therefore it was an appropriate time for the Committee to consider a nomination
- Ann Jacobs advised Netball was at the beginning of the season and would be in the position to nominate an appropriate representative
- Aaron Blacker advised League and Union were in opposite seasons and the timeline wouldn't make a significant impact, but expressed concern that if memberships weren't accepted by Council in time for the next meeting there may not be members for the next Committee Meeting
- Jim Rebbechi expressed his interest in continuing on the Committee as long as he was endorsed to do so

The Director Technical Services advised that all current positions would continue until new nominations had been endorsed by Council.

Councillor Melky expressed concern that no formal provision has been made for current Committee members or timeline for changeover however supported that the Committee proceed as normal until new memberships had been endorsed.

Councillor Banks requested that the endorsed Terms of Reference be included in the papers for future meetings and enquired in regard to the term of membership. The Director Technical Services clarified that new memberships would apply for two-year terms.

Discussion ensued in regard to the process of electing of chairperson to the Sport Facilities Advisory Committee, and the need for an interim recommendation to support Dr Walker continuing on as Chairperson through to August 2020 as the Election of Chairperson process had been deferred last year due to Dr Walkers absence from the October 2019 meeting.

*Dr Bruce Walker relinquished the role of Chairperson at 12:41pm
Mayor Ryan assumed the role of Acting Chairperson at 12:41pm*

As Acting Chairperson, Mayor Ryan called for nominations for the role of Chairperson for the term through until August 2020. Councillor Melky nominated Dr Bruce Walker. No further nominations were received.

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation to Council

That the Sport Facilities Advisory Committee nominate Dr Bruce Walker to continue as Chairperson through until the August 2020 meeting.

Moved: Councillor Melky **Seconded:** Philip Preece **CARRIED**

*Mayor Ryan relinquished the role of Acting Chairperson at 12:44pm
Dr Bruce Walker assumed the role of Chairperson at 12:44pm*

The Chair acknowledged that this meeting was arranged under the previous Terms of Reference, a quorum had been reached, the meeting could continue, and members would be provided an update as the process of endorsing new members is undertaken.

Action:

Executive Assistant Technical Services to circulate the new *Sports Facilities Advisory Committee - Terms of Reference* which were endorsed at the 24 February 2020 Ordinary

Council Meeting once the final document is prepared with the corresponding resolution number.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

4.1 Minutes from the Sport Facility Advisory Committee held 31 October 2019

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Sport Facility Advisory Committee meeting held 31 October 2019 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings

Moved: Mayor Ryan **Seconded:** Ann Jacobs **CARRIED**

3.2 Minutes from the Special Meeting of the Sport Facility Advisory Committee held 28 November 2019

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Sport Facility Advisory Committee meeting held 28 November 2019 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings

Moved: Mayor Ryan **Seconded:** Aaron Blacker **CARRIED**

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 Alice Springs Sports Facilities Master Plan 2019-2029 - Manager Technical Services

The Manager Technical Services advised that at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 28 January 2020, Council resolved to endorse the Sports Facilities Master Plan 2019-2029 and display the document for public comment.

Ordinary Council Meeting – 28 January 2020 (excerpt)

*14.4.3 Alice Springs Sport Facilities Master Plan (2019-2029)
Report No. 3 / 20cncI*

That Council endorse the final recommended Alice Springs Sports Facilities Master Plan 2019-2029, and the plan to be displayed on Council's website from Wednesday 29 January - Friday 28 February 2020 for public comment.

CARRIED (20785)

The Manager Technical Services advised responses would be provided to this Committee for their information at the next meeting.

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

The Manager Technical Services advised that Council went out to tender for the construction of the Albrecht Oval Sport Field lighting on 13 February 2020, the tender is due to close on the 26 March 2020, a tender assessment will then be completed and a report put up for Council endorsement. Construction is expected to start after this process has concluded.

The Chair enquired as to when the Director expected to have lights on at the Oval. The Director responded, advising he hoped to have lights on before November 2020.

The Chair described his experience with delay of construction materials for field lighting poles. The Director Technical Services advised this would be one of the first items discussed with the winning tenderer.

5.3 Update on Action - ASTC & Alice Springs Hockey Association Meeting - Director Technical Services

The Director Technical Services advised that a meeting was held on the 12 December 2019 with Hockey to discuss concerns and clarify processes for reporting issues, and Council was awaiting further information from Hockey to progress some of their requests.

Ann Jacobs sought clarification on who was responsible for what at the field. The Director Technical Services responded, advising that Hockey was responsible for their playing surface, all other maintenance at the facility would be completed by Council, and if Hockey had a request for repair of the water cannons they could submit a request to SFAC.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 Email of thanks from Deb Bray - Alice Springs Basketball - 9 December 2019

The Committee received and noted the correspondence from Deb Bray.

6.2 Email from Bernadette Sheilds - Resignation from SFAC - 20 January 2020

The Committee received and noted the correspondence from Bernadette Sheilds.

Action:

Director Technical Services to send a letter of thanks to Bernadette Sheilds on behalf of the Committee, recognising her time and contribution to the Committee.

7. FINANCE REPORT

7.1 Finance Report for the Period Ending 14 February 2020

The Finance Report was received and noted by the committee.

Total Reserve Balance (As at 14 February 2020)	\$	840,359.35
Total commitments (purchase orders)	\$	15,877.26
<i>Capital - \$ Nil</i>		
<i>Operational - \$6,123.51</i>		
<i>Potential Future Commitments - \$9,753.75</i>		
Funds available assuming all commitments are realised	\$	824,482.09

Moved: Tim Pearson **Seconded:** Philip Preece **CARRIED**

Ann Jacobs enquired if the \$11,000 increase paid by AFL was a result of increased female player participation. The Director Technical Services took the question on notice.

The Chair noted the total funds available in the budget, and highlighted the Committee should consider what these funds should be spent on, highlighting the funds were intended for the development of sports facilities.

Discussion ensued in regard to a report that was requested from Officers in regard to the value of sporting assets and how this should relate to the fund's investment in each facility. The Director Technical Services advised that the report on the value of sporting assets would be included as part of a larger project and when complete would be available to the committee.

Action:

Sports Officer to obtain information about the increase in AFL payments and provide an update to the next Committee meeting.

8. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

8.1 **NTG \$6.2M Sporting Facility Upgrades - Update**

The Director Technical Services acknowledged the contribution from the Northern Territory Government for the \$6.2M for the sporting facility upgrades and thanked those who were available to attend the Official Opening of the Albrecht Oval Grandstand which was held on 25 February 2020 marking the completion of 6 out of 7 projects.

The Director advised that works were underway at Rhonda Diano Oval and were expected to conclude at the end of March 2020.

Aaron Blacker enquired if there were any remaining funds, noting this Committee's original priority of power upgrades at Anzac Oval. The Director Technical Services advised that all funds from the \$6.2M were expended.

Discussion ensued in regard to the power issues that users of Anzac Oval face including the need to bring in generators for events, and the importance and potential for the venue for sporting and community events.

Mayor Ryan suggested that power upgrades at Anzac Oval be put forward by the Director Technical Services to Council's budget discussions. The Director Technical Services noted the Mayor's request for this to be included in budget discussions.

Discussion ensued in regard to the cost for power upgrades. Aaron Blacker noted previous requests, which had been supported by Council, to mitigate the power issues such as applications for funding to install solar due to various reasons hadn't come to fruition.

RESOLVED

That it be a recommendation to Council

That Council examine the need for power upgrades at Anzac Oval during the next round of budget discussions

Moved: Aaron Blacker **Seconded:** Deputy Mayor Paterson **CARRIED**

8.2 **Dilapidation Reports and Repairs - Progress**

The Committee received and noted the *Dilapidation Report*.

Traeger Park Main

The Chair noted issues with the speakers in the lounge at Traeger Park. The Director Technical Services advised that the speakers often get turned down and the volume could be adjusted.

Paul Fitzsimmons Oval (CDU)

The Chair enquired about the expiry on the licence agreement with CDU and reported on a partnership model in Darwin that could be mirrored. The Director Technical Services advised Council would accept feedback from sports, but any negotiation with CDU in regard to a licence agreement would be handled as an operational matter.

Ordinary Council Minutes – 27 May 2019 (extract)

13.3.11 Sport Facility Advisory Committee Minutes
Dilapidation Reports and Repairs – Progress (Agenda Item 7.4)

That Sport Facility Advisory Committee recommends Council engages in conversation with Charles Darwin University in regard to a longer lease on Paul Fitzsimmons Oval.

CARRIED (20369)

Action:

Director Technical Services to initiate further discussion with CDU about a licence renewal for Paul Fitzsimmons Oval.

9. OTHER BUSINESS**9.1 Albrecht Oval Cricket Nets - Mayor Ryan**

Mayor Ryan enquired about ownership and maintenance of the cricket nets at Albrecht Oval. The Director Technical Services advised that the nets will become a Council asset and Council will be responsible for maintenance.

9.2 Facility Scoreboards - Mayor Ryan

Mayor Ryan enquired about the condition of scoreboards at Council facilities, if they should be identified for investment of SFAC funds. Mayor Ryan requested a report on the condition of scoreboards at Council facilities so that they can be considered for upgrades where necessary.

Discussion ensued in regard to the Sports Facilities Master Plan and Dilapidation Reports and responsibility for this committee on projects to consider.

Tim Pearson noted it was important to consider communal access, security and connectivity for all sports that access each facility. Deputy Mayor Paterson suggested scoreboard trailer options could be considered.

Direction was given for the report to include:

- A range of scoreboard options for each facility, and
- Estimate of costs for the scoreboard options
- Importance of introduction of scoreboard to the sport (compared to other priorities)

The Committee requested that the sports be consulted during the investigation for suitable options for each location to ensure the suggestions meet the needs of the sports.

The Chair highlighted the historical process of the SFAC which included review FAT meeting requests, review of the *Dilapidation Reports* and consideration of direct requests from sports. The Committee would prioritise all these items and make recommendations to Council. He noted a shift in the process with significant number of items on the *Dilapidation Reports* now being treated as maintenance and no longer being funded through SFAC, in addition to this Council was referring things to this Committee for advice.

Councillor Banks enquired if an investment into scoreboards was the best use of funds and expressed support for the consideration of other priorities and opportunities. The Chair highlighted that references to scoreboards had been reported by sports on the *Dilapidation Report* and as such it was an appropriate item for the Committee to consider.

Discussion ensued in regard to the *Dilapidation Report*. The Chair requested the report be reviewed in the following way prior to the next meeting:

- Removal of completed items, and
- Retain items listed by Council as 'no issue' for review by sports

The Chair summarized the way forward for the Committee to consider as a collective and determine the work program and priorities for the next 12 months:

- Sports Officer to initiate the Annual Facility Review meetings in August
- Dilapidation Reports to be updated for the next meeting
- Report on sporting assets / priorities to be provided to the Committee, and
- Anzac Oval priorities to be reinitiated

The Director Technical Services noted the request.

Councillor Banks left the room at 1:44pm

Action:

The Director Technical Services to provide a report on the condition of scoreboards and opportunities for scoreboards at Council sporting facilities.

Action:

Sports Officer to review the Dilapidation Reports with the Depot prior to the next meeting and submit a reviewed version to the next Committee Meeting.

10. NEXT MEETING

Thursday, 30 April 2020 – 12noon.

Andy McNeill Meeting Room, Alice Springs Town Council

The meeting closed at 1:47 pm

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