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MINUTES

COOTAMUNDRA SPORTING GROUPS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING 08 JUNE 2016

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STANDING ARRANGEMENTS:

- Committee meetings to be held three times per calendar year on the 1st Wednesday of March, June and September each year at 6pm.
- Quorum – 6
- Committee Members – Councillor Braybrooks OAM, Councillor Doidge, Council Recreation Officer, Manager Facilities and Services, Executive Assistant Works and Services and all nominated Sporting Group representatives. to be advised via advertisement in the Cootamundra Herald

PROCEDURAL MATTERS:

- Attendance
- Apologies

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THESE ARE THE MINUTES TO THE MEETING OF THE COOTAMUNDRA SPORTING GROUPS ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 08 JUNE 2016 IN THE COOTAMUNDRA COUNCIL CHAMBERS COMMENCING AT 6 PM.

Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on 2 March 2016 were adopted by Council on 14 March 2016.

Moved: Kerin **Seconded:** Cootes

PRESENT

Stephen Doidge, Pat Kerin, Helen Axsentieff, Steve Cootes, Jo Leggett, Lisa Crick, Sandy Biddulph, Elaine Armstrong

APOLOGIES

Jason Sloan, Ian Armstrong, Scott Sharman, Stephen Howse, Stephen Lowe, Sandra Harris, Garrie Cooper, Nerina Campbell

1. COUNCIL

1) ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON – COOTAMUNDRA SPORTING GROUPS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Following the amalgamation of Cootamundra and Gundagai Councils on the 12th May 2016 the previous Cootamundra Sporting Groups Advisory Committee was disbanded along with the two councils. Following the amalgamation of the two councils to form Gundagai Council a meeting was held on the 23rd May 2016 with the Administrator Christine Ferguson and Interim General Manager Ken Trethewey.

At that meeting it was resolved that the Cootamundra Sporting Groups Advisory Committee would continue its role.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council re-appoint all existing committees except the General Managers Performance Review Committee (Cootamundra Area), and the Policy, Administration, Assets & Budget Advisory Committee, Internal Audit Committee, Senior Staff Review Committee (Gundagai Area).

With the LGA elections to be held in September 2017 and the Administrator acknowledging the current chairperson role and committee membership it is intended that this role will remain the same until September 2017.

If the committee membership or chair person is required to change due to unforeseen circumstances during the interim period the new members and chairperson will have to be approved by the administrator.

Recommendation to Council: That Sandy Biddulph remains as Chairperson until September 2017.

Moved: Crick **Seconded:** Armstrong

2. PARKS AND SPORTING GROUNDS

2) SOUTHERN PHONE COMPANY COMMUNITY GRANTS

Introduction

At the March meeting of the Sporting Group committee a list of the successful grant recipients was presented. Council was recently contacted by Seftons and Associates who facilitated the Grants Scheme on behalf of Southern Phones who have requested that Council ensure all successful grants recipients in the 2015/2016 round complete their projects and acquittal forms by 30th June 2016.

Discussion

Council is aware that the successful applicants should have also received a direct email from Seftons and Associates with the Acquittal instructions for completion on-line

Council is also aware some of the projects listed have been completed however is unaware how many acquittal forms have been sent back as per the requirements of Seftons and Associates.

Council will be replying to Seftons and Associates advising them that we have contacted all recipients to remind them of their obligation under the Grant. Also to be included in the correspondence to Seftons and Associates is the recommendation that any future grant rounds are released in May or September so that they don't coincide with the December holiday season.

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

That the information be noted.

Moved: Kerin **Seconded:** Axsentieff

3) 2015/2016 CLUB GRANTS CATEGORY 3 EXPRESSION OF INTEREST APPLICATION

Introduction

At the March meeting of the Sporting Group committee, the committee was advised of the 2015/2016 CLUB GRANTS CATEGORY 3 Arts and Culture Round Expression of Interest and the committee recommended the following:

That Council investigate possible funding options for the lighting upgrade for the 2016/2017 financial year.

That Council submit an expression of interest for the ClubGrants Category 3 and allocate funding that may be used for grant application in the 2016/2017 financial year.

Discussion

Councils submitted an expression of interest application for the Fisher Park lighting project in the 2015/2016 CLUB GRANTS CATEGORY 3 as per the recommendation but have since been advised the application was unsuccessful.

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

That the information be noted.

Moved: Kerin Seconded: Leggett

4) FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES - 2016-2017 PUBLIC RESERVE MANAGEMENT FUND PROGRAM

Introduction

Council applied for grant funding for Fisher Park Lighting Project under the 2016-2017 Public Reserve Management Fund Program in April 2016.

Discussion

At the time of writing the report Council has not received any further correspondence.

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

That the information be noted.

Moved: Crick **Seconded:** Cootes

5) FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES – Stronger Communities Fund

Introduction

As part of the amalgamation of Cootamundra and Gundagai Councils to form the new Gundagai Council, the NSW Government has committed funding for the new Council so that Council's can fund important community projects.

One part of this funding that has been identified is the Stronger Communities Fund which will allow incorporated not for profit community groups to apply for grants of up to \$50,000.00 for projects within the communities of Gundagai Council.

Discussion

The outline of the Stronger Communities Fund was released in late May and full details of the funding processes will be provided to community groups and sporting clubs as well as advertised when they come to hand. Whilst waiting for further details on the project it is recommended that local clubs and committees identify projects for potential funding opportunities within their codes and start compiling information.

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

That the information be noted.

Moved: Crick Seconded: Kerin

6) COOTAMUNDRA TOWN TENNIS CLUB REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Introduction

The Town Tennis Club representatives have over the last 12 months advised Council and the Sporting Groups Committee of their plans to change two of the existing courts so that they are able to accommodate four hotshot courts on the facility.

Discussion

The Cootamundra Sporting Groups Advisory Committee has previously been informed that the Town Tennis Club had been successful in securing Tennis Australia funds for their hotshots court provision.

Work on the upgrading of the two old courts had commenced when it was determined that the base concrete that the new surface was to be laid on was not in a suitable condition for the re-surfacing to go ahead. The contractor that had been engaged by the Town Tennis Club for the re-surfacing indicated that the concrete sub base surface would either need to be ground or resin filled to level for the work to commence. This additional work was not foreseen or budgeted for by the Town Tennis Club and the project has been at a standstill since March 2016.

After discussions with the Town Tennis Club since March on alternatives for the sub surface concrete upgrade required prior to the final surface being installed the Town Tennis Club has recently submitted a request for financial assistance to the amount of \$30,000.00 so that the work can proceed.

We request that council consider supporting the Cootamundra Town Tennis Club as follows:

- **A grant of \$30,000, or**
- **A no interest loan of \$30,000 over a 10 year period or**
- **A low interest loan of \$30,000 over a 10 year period.**

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

That the Sports Committee supports the financial request by the Town Tennis Club and suggest the project be included as a priority in the Stronger Communities Fund.

Moved: Cootes

Seconded: Leggett

7) MITCHELL PARK -COOTAMUNDRA JUNIOR SOCCER CLUB STORAGE SHED

Introduction

At the March Cootamundra Sporting Groups Advisory Committee meeting the proposed Junior Soccer storage shed was raised and at the time Council were waiting for a DA to be lodged

Discussion

Council has since received the DA for the proposed storage shed and Council staff and the Junior Soccer Club are still in negotiations on the position and size of the proposed structure. Since the last assessment of the DA Council has asked the Junior Soccer Club to reconsider their design and construction materials so the storage shed could be constructed with brick external walls to fit in with the existing structures on site.

Council has received correspondence from the Junior Soccer Club on the 27th May 2016 offering Council a proposal that the Cootamundra Junior Soccer Club donate the sum of \$28,000.00 being \$14,000.00 from the soccer club and \$14,000.00 from the Stronger Communities Program grant and in return that Council construct a suitable brick building matching in size to the shed originally proposed in the DA including lighting and plumbing. The club also indicated its concern in its reporting requirements to the Stronger Communities program as they need approved DA to secure the \$14,000.00 funding.

Council has emailed a request from the Stronger Communities contact on the implications of the delay of the project might have on the funding and if the \$14,000.00 can be secured for the project following agreement on the changes recommended. Council has yet to receive a reply from the Stronger Communities funding at the time of writing this report.

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

That Council investigates the cost involved in building the structure with a brick façade instead of colourbond and the additional cost involved be included in the Stronger Communities Fund.

Moved: Armstrong **Seconded:** Leggett

8) MITCHELL PARK –Junior Soccer Club Catch Nets

Introduction

At the March Cootamundra Sporting Groups Advisory Committee meeting it was noted that Cootamundra Junior Soccer Club was successful in securing funding through the Southern Phones Grants scheme to install catch nets on the southern ground.

Discussion

The Junior Soccer Club has since completed the installation of the catch nets and provided photos to Council along with their full costings of the project and acquittal information. This information is highly valued to Council and will be used in its asset management register.

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

The information be noted

Moved: Kerin **Seconded:** Crick

9) CLARKE OVAL – HALL AND AFL CLUBHOUSE

Introduction

The Cootamundra AFL Club Inc. have been in contact with Council in regards to the damage that has been identified to the hall and club house building at Clarke Oval. In May Council received advice from the AFL Club that it would be their preference and plan to demolish the existing structure and construct new steel framed clubrooms on the existing footprint of the old building.

Discussion

In late 2015 damage to the building was brought to the attention of Council and an inspection of the structures roofing trusses was undertaken. The inspection report revealed damage to four of the roof trusses which the report stated would severely affect the structural integrity of the roof.

After receiving the report and noting the damage contained in it the AFL Club and Mission Australia, who ran their Out of School Hours Care programme out of the hall, were contacted. Both the groups were in agreeance that it was best to find another suitable location to run their programs until repairs or the future of the building could be determined.

Mission Australia moved out of the building in March 2016 and the AFL Club members and Council staff have inspected the building with the common belief that the repair cost to the existing building would not be viable and that a new replacement building would be better value for money.

Council received correspondence in May from the AFL Club formally advising of their plans to:

- Demolish the existing hall
- Construct a new steel Club Rooms at same site
- Fit out of internal area of Hall
- Construct and fit out of new Public Toilets adjoining rooms
- Fit out kitchen

The AFL Club has established a working committee to ensure this project is undertaken and with the new structure to include public toilets the committee is requesting Council support for the funding of what they foresee as being a multi-purpose building.

Council has not initially budgeted for any major repairs on the building in the 2016/2017 financial year and the project as planned by the AFL Club will more than

likely require grant funding of some kind to proceed. Council is aware that the AFL Club is actively seeking grant funding for the project and Council has provided an in principle letter of support.

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

That the additional cost involved be included in the Stronger Communities Fund.

Moved: Kerin **Seconded:** Cootes

10) FISHER PARK –BREASTSCREEN VAN

Introduction

Council has received a request from NSW Health Murrumbidgee & Southern NSW Local Health Districts to book a site at Fisher Park for its Breastscreen Van from 8th August through to the 26th August 2016.

Discussion

This is a bi-annual event and the van is usually parked at Fisher Park while they undertake breast screening for Cootamundra District residents.

The van is usually located on the Adams Street side of the Park adjacent to the old Tote building and requires 3 phase power and water connection for the entirety of its stay.

The Breastscreen van will restrict a small amount of parking at the ground during the visit however any inconvenience caused is deemed to be minor in comparison to the good service to the community.

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

The information be noted

Moved: Crick **Seconded:** Cootes

3. SWIMMING POOL

11) INDOOR POOL USERS SURVEY

Introduction

The issue of the Indoor Pool's opening hours was raised at the April Council Meeting. It was determined that a survey of pool users be undertaken on the issue of indoor pool hours and the facility's suitability and availability.

Discussion

The survey was carried out between the 2nd and 13th May 2016. As part of the survey of process pool patrons were provided with the opportunity to complete the survey form and return to Council on the due date. Council received 82 completed surveys.

The results of the survey are being compiled and further information will be available. The results received will also be taken into account when preparing the 2016/2017 Indoor Pool Operational Plan.

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

The information be noted.

Moved: Kerin **Seconded:** Crick

GENERAL BUSINESS (QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE)

12) Pat Kerin

Fisher Park – Irrigation – due at the end of the football season

Albert Park – Line marking - divetts

Albert Park – Access points and gates – they are wearing and a request for the centre one to be a gate

13) Elaine Armstrong

Request to know the availability of the Showground Grandstand seating to be used at O'Connor Park

14) Jo Leggett

Swimming Club rooms roof leaks

Swimming Club rooms floor issues – possibility of repairs

15) Steve Cootes

Swimming Pool Male Showers not working properly

September AGM for Touch Football

16) Lisa Crick

DA approved for clubhouse storage extension

There being no further business the meeting closed 7.49pm

Next meeting is to be held on Wednesday 7th September 2016 in the Stephen Ward Room, Room 2.