

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SPORTS FACILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SFAC) HELD ON WEDNESDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2023 – ARUNTA ROOM, CIVIC CENTRE.

PRESENT

Mayor Matt Paterson (Acting Chair)
 Councillor Michael Liddle
 Mr Joel Crawford
 Mr PJ Mabasa
 Ms Kelli Zaleski
 Mr Tama Wakelin
 Mr Tim Pearson
 Mr Michael Trull
 Mrs Norelle Clark – via zoom
 Mr Phillip Preece

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr Andrew Wilsmore – CEO
 Ms Nicole Battle – Director Community Development
 Mr David Hair – Sports Facilities Officer
 Mrs Kate Walsh – Manager Community and Cultural Development
 Ms M Woods – Executive Support Officer (Minutes)

14 th Alice Springs Town Council Sports Facilities Advisory Committee Attendance 2023 / 2024							
	27 Sept 23	30 Nov 23					
Mayor Matt Paterson	✓						
Councillor Michael Liddle	✓						
Councillor Mark Coffey	A						
Councillor Steve Brown	A						
Councillor Gavin Morris	A						
Aaron Blacker - Rugby Union / League	A						
Joel Crawford - Tennis	✓						
PJ Mabasa - Hockey	✓						
Jenny Nixon - Netball	-						
Kelli Zaleski - AFL Northern Territory	✓						
Katie Knapstein - NT Government	A						
Tama Wakelin - NTG Sport & Rec	✓						
Tim Pearson - Touch Football	✓						
Michael Trull –Cricket	✓						
Mrs Norelle Clark - Pickleball	✓						
Phillip Preece - Basketball	✓						

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Attended

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Apology received

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No attendance and no apology recorded

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

The Meeting opened at **12.05pm** with Mayor Matt Paterson (Acting Chair) welcoming attendees

1. APOLOGIES

Councillor Mark Coffey

Councillor Steve Brown

Aaron Blacker – Rugby Union / League

Katie Knapstein – NT Government

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**3.1. Minutes of the SFAC Meeting held on 29 June 2023**

That the minutes of SFAC held 29 June 2023 be accepted as a true record of the proceedings of that meeting.

Moved – Matt Paterson

CARRIED

3.2. Business arising from previous meeting minutes

Director Community Development circulated a memorandum and provided a verbal update in regards to required works at the Alice Springs tennis courts.

Overall it was noted that it would cost an additional \$370,000, in addition to the \$230,000 that had already been committed through SFAC and the CBF, in order to overlay the six main courts with both asphalt (i.e. Hotmix) and acrylic, with a view to the facility being competition-ready for the Masters Games in October 2024.

Item deferred for further discussion as part of General Business.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

5. FINANCIAL REPORT**5.1. SFAC Income and Expenditure – 31 August, 2023**

That the SFAC Finance Report be received and accepted.

Moved – Tim Pearson

Seconded – Joel Crawford

CARRIED

Michael Trull (ASP Cricket) raised questions about capital expenditure (i.e. lights for Flynn Drive) and the levies.

The Director Community Development took the question on notice.

ACTION

Sports Facilities Officer David Hair to investigate the participation levies.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 Pickleball – Joel Crawford and Norelle Clark

Norelle Clark advised a large uptake in participation, which has resulted in her exploring other venues where games could potentially be played (i.e. basketball stadium, Marian Centre etc). They have also been applying for external funding to secure additional equipment, which can be used to further promote the game through various come & try activities.

Overall it is hoped that Pickleball will continue to grow in Alice Springs, with a view to having a presence at next year's Masters Games.

Director Community Development suggested a pop-up court in the CBD as part of a broader activation plan, with Community Development staff to follow up with Norelle offline.

ACTION

Sports Facilities Officer David Hair to discuss with Norelle about a come and try event in Todd Mall.

6.2 Participation Levy's – Nicole Battle

Paper presented by Director Community Development in which it was recommended that adult participation levies be increased by 10% to \$34.27 for 2023/24, with junior participation levies to remain the same.

RESOLVED:

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

That the adult participation levies be increased by 10% to \$34.27 for 2023/24 with the junior participation levies to remain the same.

Moved - Tim Pearson

Seconded - Joel Crawford

CARRIED

ACTION

Sports Facilities Officer David Hair to follow up.

6.3 Member Nominations

Sports Development Officer, David Hair, has managed to secure up-to-date nomination forms for the vast majority of sports, with only some sports remaining outstanding.

Nominations to be taken to the next Ordinary Council Meeting in October for endorsement.

ACTION

Sports Facilities Officer David Hair to confirm updated nominations for all sports before the October Council Meeting.

6.4 Tennis Infrastructure Update

Further discussion was had with regards to the required upgrade of the tennis courts, including an approximate timeline for the works, which is currently estimated at 6-8 weeks. This does not, however, include the 12-16 weeks that will be required in order for the works to go out to tender.

In recognising the importance of having fit-for-purpose, competition-ready tennis courts in Alice Springs, there was discussion that SFAC should make a recommendation to Council for it to consider making additional funding available to finance the current shortfall of approximately \$370,000 – which would ensure that the six main courts can be overlaid with both asphalt and acrylic in the first instance.

RESOLVED:

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

That a paper be submitted to Council on behalf of SFAC requesting that additional funding of up to \$370,000 is made available to complete required remediation works at the Alice Springs tennis courts.

Moved – Joel Crawford

Seconded – Tim Pearson

CARRIED

ACTION

Director Community Development to submit a paper to Council on behalf of SFAC requesting additional funding for complete resurfacing of the Alice Springs tennis courts.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 The Mayor advised of additional funding of \$2.8million, which has been allocated to lighting, fencing and CCTV across a number of facilities.

7.2 Michael Trull – Cricket provided an update on facilities

7.3 Tim Pearson – Touch Football advised of the dangerous fencing around a broken shade structure that he would like removed.

7.4 Phillip Preece – Basketball requested an update regarding solar panels on the basketball stadium roof. Director Community Development advised this was a Power and Water issue, but will follow up with Phillip Preece offline to discuss next steps.

ACTION

Sports Facilities Officer David Hair to follow up with Power and Water.

- 7.5 Kelli Zaleski – AFL Northern Territory raised concerns about the lack of drinking water at Traegar Park, as well as issues with the AV system, which the CEO confirmed would be addressed as part of upcoming budgeted works.
- 7.6 Tama Wakelin – Northern Territory Sport and Recreation provided an update on the Community Benefit Fund (CBF).
- 7.7 PJ Mabassa – Hockey thanked SFAC for its \$25,000 investment to address a number of issues at the facility.
- 7.8 Joel Crawford – Tennis advised ongoing issues with regards to their fence continually being vandalised during the AFL season. Strengthening works to be investigated by ASTC during the off season.
- 7.9 Director Community Development advised that Council is currently in the process of updating license agreements for all facilities as they come due.

8. NEXT MEETING

30 November, 2023 @ 12:00noon, Arunta Room, Alice Springs Town Council

Mayor Paterson (Acting Chair) declared the meeting closed at **1.06pm**.