

PRESENT: Cr Kathryn Rindfleish* (Chairperson), Cr Kodi Brady, Mrs Fay Chapman, Mrs Paula Duggan*, Mr Brett England, Mrs Robyn Hennessy, Mr David Hunter and Ms Kim Ellis.

* Attendance via Zoom video conference.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr Gary Murphy (Director Technical Services) and Mrs Nicole Benson (Manager Urban Services & Facilities).

APOLOGIES: Mrs Sallie Weatherall, Ms Suellyn Tighe and Ms Sharmaine Kennedy (Pool Supervisor).

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

01/2223 RECOMMENDED that the minutes of the Coonabarabran Swimming Pool Advisory Committee meeting held on 11 May 2022 be confirmed.

Hunter/England

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- Stormwater Issue – Council is completing a heavy patch at the heave (raised section of road) in front of the school in September. This may or may not rectify the issue and will be monitored to inform any further action to be taken in relation to the stormwater issue at the pool.

AGENDA ITEMS

a) Master Plan for Swimming Pool Complex

- Sallie Weatherall had consulted Coonabarabran PS P&C who said their priorities are a 25m pool, baby/toddler pool, toilets and change facilities.
- It was agreed that this scope and priorities were the general consensus.
- General discussion around location of pools and number of plants – eg separate for each body of water.
- Bingara Pool redevelopment was discussed and described as being similar to what Coonabarabran could achieve. Staging and costs were also discussed. An eight-lane pool would be best for carnivals. The land size of the pool grounds is adequate for the siting of pools.

Paula Duggan left the meeting at 5.40pm.

- Stages of design were discussed. Investigate, concept, draft design, detailed design, specifications and construction plans. Exhibiting the concept plan is a great way to confirm the community's needs and the feedback also adds weight to any funding applications.
- Emphasis was placed on having completed thorough investigations prior to the development of any plans and the DTS explained the importance of being shovel ready in the context of how applications are assessed by State and Federal Governments.
- The priority and scope for redevelopment was clarified as being:
 1. A 25m x 8 lane pool with an accessible ramp
 2. A toddler pool with a splash park
 3. New amenities.

02/2223 RECOMMENDED that:

- The preferred scope for the Coonabarabran Swimming Pool Complex upgrade in priority order is:
 1. A 25m x 8 lane pool with an accessible ramp
 2. A toddler pool with a splash park
 3. New amenities.
- Council secure and/or allocate funding to allow the investigations to take place that will ensure these stages of the Coonabarabran Swimming Pool Master Plan are shovel ready for any suitable grant funding opportunities.

Unanimous

Kim Ellis joined the meeting at 5.43pm.

- Funding opportunities were discussed and it was noted that Stronger Country Communities will be open on Friday, 5 August 2022 and that Council will look closely at guidelines to see whether we are in a position to apply for any components of the pool upgrade.

Cr Kathryn Rindfleish left the meeting at 5.50pm.

GENERAL BUSINESS

The following items were discussed without resolution:

- Kim Ellis reported that Suellyn Tighe had engaged with – 30 families – (50-60 people) whose preference was a toddler pool; an affordable entry price; seating/shade (in and out of water); access to free drinking water; safe clean and better located amenities; and access to pool space.
- It was asked whether there was a record of injuries in the context of adding weight to the need to upgrade the facility.
- Trees could be planted on the western fence line to provide much needed shade at the site.
- Access to drinking water and a BBQ would be good for visitors to the pool.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.05pm.

The next meeting will be held in the Gallery Meeting Room, Coonabarabran on Wednesday, 28 September 2022 commencing at 5.00pm.

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CHAIRPERSON