

PRESENT: Cr Kodi Brady (Chairperson), Cr Jason Newton, Mr Ian Clifton (CRUFC), Mr Stuart Thomas (Alt CRUFC), Ms Deborah Mukhar (Soccer), Ms Emmah Varty (Netball), Mr Tim Evans (CJRNC) and Mr Gary McKernan (Boxing).

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

APOLOGIES: Mr Stephen Walton (CRLFC).

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4/2223 RECOMMENDED that the minutes of the Coonabarabran Sporting Complex Advisory Committee meeting held on 20 July 2022 be confirmed.

Mukhar/Evan

BUSINESS ARISING

- In relation to the invitation extended to the Tennis Club to join the Committee, it was discussed that other committees such as athletics may be looking to use the complex in the future. Some groups use the high school oval. The Committee agreed that groups could write to the Committee with any enquiries about the future use of the oval.
- The upgrades to No.3 Oval were discussed.
ACTION: MUSF to check final budget balance and inform the Committee. It was agreed that any more expenditure on the facility while the new amenities was being considered should cease.
- Gymnasium / Basketball:
 - MUSF noted that Grant Wood had been engaged to repair the wire on the stairs at the basketball courts and that this would be followed up.
 - The pole to move the basketball hoops is still missing.
ACTION: MUSF to organise for another pole to be made up and talk to all user groups about their use of the facility and how it is to be left at the end of the hire as feedback had been received that it is being left untidy.

AGENDA ITEMS

a) Change Rooms and Storage Facilities

- MUSF explained that under its Resources for Regions Round 9 funding allocation of \$1,555,555, Council has allocated \$305,555 for the new amenities to be added to the existing grant of \$585,000 to give a total of \$890,555. Application is being prepared to be lodged on 30 September and letters of support were welcomed.
- It was agreed that the new amenities should be in a more central location between No 2 and No 3 Ovals and that key items in the new facility included storage, four (4) change rooms (divisible), referee's room, first aid room, kiosk and toilets. Future additions could include a covered area and tiered seating.
- For the Stronger Country Communities Round 5, Council allocated \$450,000 towards Shire wide sporting facility upgrades. Part of Council's application due on 23 September could be used to remove infrastructure and remediate the greyhound track at No 2 Oval and finalise fencing at No 3 Oval.
- It was noted that a facilities study completed by Northern NSW Football Federation considered Coonabarabran as being one of the worst facilities in the state.

b) Greyhound Track

The MUSF advised she was yet to make contact with the Greyhound Club about the licence agreement.

GENERAL BUSINESS

The following items were discussed:

- Membership / Attendance – it was noted that at the last few meetings there had been two (2) representatives from Rugby Union. The Terms of Reference state that only one (1) should be in attendance.
- Trees with memorial plaques at No 3 Oval were discussed.
- Progress of the booking system was discussed. MUSF advised that nothing had changed from previous meetings where this had been discussed and that the intention is to have it implemented for next winter’s sporting season.
- Support for groups understanding how things work. Who provides this? Issues with volunteering and impact on sports.
- The Committee discussed the PCYC and any approaches to Council in the past in relation to establishing themselves and/or a facility at the Sporting Complex.
- MUSF discussed letters of support for the funding applications to be lodged. Groups would be emailed and a community survey was being promoted on Council’s social media pages and the website.
ACTION: MUSF to copy Committee members into the email to sporting groups seeking letters of support.
- The scope of the Pump Park grant was asked to be clarified. MUSF advised that the scope as agreed with the grant body, included a BBQ, shade trees, seating and a children’s playground. The playground had not been progressed at this time due to a number of reasons including the cost (budget would not have allowed the purchase and installation of even small items); and the justification for the need for the playground in the context of demand as well as another asset for Council to manage.
- MUSF suggested that a Masterplan for the Sporting Complex would identify all items on the site to be either installed or upgraded. It was explained that Masterplans are developed in conjunction with the community and key facility users, and once endorsed by Council, are the guiding document for the future development of the site. In addition to this, they add weight to funding applications as they demonstrate community involvement; they set a direction and they traditionally provide an order of costs or preliminary budget bringing projects close to being “shovel ready” which is a requirement of many grant applications.

5/2223 RECOMMENDED that Council allocate funding for the development of a Masterplan for the Coonabarabran Sporting Complex in the 2023/24 budget.
Unanimous

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.11pm.

The next meeting will be held in the Gallery Meeting Room, Coonabarabran on Wednesday, 9 November 2022 commencing at 5.00pm.

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CHAIRPERSON