

**PRESENT:** Cr Kathryn Rindfleish (Chairperson), Mrs Paula Duggan, Mrs Fay Chapman, Mrs Sallie Weatherall, Mr David Hunter and Ms Kim Ellis.

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

**APOLOGIES:** Cr Kodi Brady, Mr Brett England, Mrs Robyn Hennessy, Ms Suellyn Tighe and Mr Nigel Baker (Acting Pool Supervisor).

#### **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**4/2223 RECOMMENDED** that the minutes of the Coonabarabran Swimming Pool Advisory Committee meeting held on 28 September 2022 be confirmed.

**Hunter/Ellis**

#### **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

It was noted that Council had not heard the outcomes of the Resources for Regions and Stronger Country Communities funding applications.

#### **AGENDA ITEMS**

a) Delayed Pool Season Opening

- MUSF explained overland flooding that had caused continual flooding. It was noted that the ground was too wet to even install a temporary drain and any plant or equipment would bog. Despite sandbagging, the water penetrated the sandbags and entered the toddler pool, which in turn contaminated the main pool as the bodies of water are not separated.
- It was asked whether Council had considered people that had purchased season tickets and how they were affected by the delay. MUSF explained that any season passes purchased to date that have not been used will be fully refunded. She also advised that the fee structure is under review with the aim to create more flexible passes such as a monthly pass.
- It was noted that there was difficulty activating season passes as there were no pool attendants on site. It was explained that Council had been recruiting since June and had experienced difficulties in attracting staff. It is a state-wide issue with no industry resolutions to date. Council's focus has been on providing pool attendants at pools where bookings had been made requiring pool attendants.
- Salto tags and access cards were discussed and it was noted that an app was also available for use. It was agreed that streamlining the season pass process through online applications would be beneficial. For safety reasons people still had to attend a face to face on-site induction.

#### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

The following items were discussed without resolution:

- Timing of the Resources for Regions and Stronger Country Communities funding announcements was discussed. It was noted that November was the date provided in the grant guidelines and that if successful a media release would be distributed.
- Fundraising was discussed and the 70th Birthday was thought to be a great opportunity to celebrate and raise funds for an upgraded facility. Ideas included an outdoor movie; an obstacle course; and an activities day amongst other things.

- It was asked whether the Committee could write to Ms Gina Rinehart and ask for some of her money. Ms Rinehart's links to coal seam gas was discussed and some Committee members opposed the notion. It was decided this would not be pursued.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 5.28pm.

The next meeting will be held in the Gallery Meeting Room, Coonabarabran on Wednesday, 18 January 2023 commencing at 5.00pm.

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CHAIRPERSON