MINUTES OF THE KATHERINE SPORT PRECINCT NETWORK ADVISORY GROUP MEETING WEDNESDAY 14 APRIL 2010, CIVIC CENTRE, STUART HIGHWAY, KATHERINE

1. OPENING

5.30pm

PRESENT

Carol Manfong	Katherine Softball
Rose Peckham	Katherine Softball
Brett Thomson	Katherine Speedway
Jason Hillier	Katherine Speedway
Tegan Forder	Katherine Netball
Toni Tapp Coutts	Katherine Town Council
Trevor Ford	Katherine Town Council
Brad Henry	Katherine Athletics
Lisa Dawes	Katherine Football Club

2. APOLOGIES

Kate Bishop	Good Beginnings
Peter Hopkins	Baseball
Gary Beaumont	BMX
Lisa Elliot	YMCA

3. PREVIOUS MINUTES

MOVED: Tegan Forder/Brett Thomsen

That the minutes of the meeting held on 10 February be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED:

4. BUSINESS ARISING

Nil

5. ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION

5.1 Update - Sporting Facility Master Plan

The Master Plan and priorities determined by the Committee was approved at the February Ordinary Meeting of Katherine Town Council. The 2010 / 2015 Council Municipal Plan and Budget is currently being prepared and it is expected that items from the Master Plan will be included.

Towards the end of March the Mayor met with the Minister for Sport and Recreation Mr Karl Hampton seeking NT Government funding for items that are beyond Council's financial capacity such as Oval No 2 lighting ($490,000) and Oval No 4 lighting ($490,000).

5.2 Removal of Goal Posts

It was agreed that Junior Soccer organisers would remove the soccer goal post at approximately 10:30 am on Saturday mornings

5.3 Traffic Management Issues

Traffic and parking concerns were discussed at the Netball Courts and in the area between Oval no 1 and Oval no 2. The need for better traffic and parking management in the vicinity of the Skate park and new Children's Adventure Playground was also highlighted. Council is in the process of arranging for the preparation of a Local Area Traffic Management Plan for the CBD and it proposed that a Traffic Management Plan for the Sportsground be carried out in conjunction with the work for the CBD.

5.4 Seasonal Hire Agreement

Council outdoor staff prepare sporting facilities on the basis of details provided in the Seasonal Hire Agreement. As far as possible Agreements and invoices for the $300 annual community group fee are sent out well before the start of each season. Failure to return Hire Agreements and pay deposits within a reasonable time (at least ten days as a minimum)) prior to the start of the season can lead to sporting facilities not being ready for use.

This year problems have occurred with some playing facilities not being fully prepared in time for the commencement of competition. These problems have been due to a failure by some sporting groups to lodge their Hire Agreement and pay deposits with sufficient notice prior to their seasons' commencement as well as some communication difficulties within Council.

6. OTHER ISSUES

6.1 Netball

Repairs were requested to the access road from Chambers Drive and also the link road across to the Don Dale Centre and Baseball Diamond. Uncontrolled parking is an issue. Council will consider a short term solution involving relocation of the BMX fence to make way for a more formalised parking arrangement.

6.2 Softball

It was agreed that Softball should go ahead and fix the home plate into the ground.

6.3 Line Marking

As indicated in the Hire Agreement, sporting clubs intending to line mark are requested to contact Ross Cruden on (08) 8972 5500 or email ross.cruden@ktc.nt.gov.au.

7. CONTACT FOR MAINTENANCE ITEMS & EVENTS CALENDAR

Sporting organisations are requested to report maintenance items direct to Council's Works section as they occur. Please contact Ross Cruden on (08) 8972 5500 or email ross.cruden@ktc.nt.gov.au.

All sporting groups are encouraged to lodge their events online for inclusion in the events calendar available on Council's web site www.ktc.nt.gov.au.

8. MEETING CLOSED

Meeting was closed at 6.55pm.

9. NEXT MEETING

08 June 2010