

**MINUTES OF THE KATHERINE SHOWGROUNDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD AT THE KATHERINE CIVIC CENTRE THURSDAY 22 OCTOBER 2015 AT 5.30PM**

**1. WELCOME**

Meeting opened at 5:30pm.

In Attendance:

Anna Kerwin	Katherine District Show Society / Australian Stock Horse Society
David Flood	Blue Eagle Muay Thai
Courtney Golding	Katherine District Show Society
Jai Hunt	Katherine Model Aero Club
Eamon Rice	AFL NT
Alderman Phillips	KTC Elected Member (SHG Chair)
David Moore	KTC Operations Manager
Cheriece Fry	KTC Works Administration Officer (Minute Taker)

**2. APOLOGIES**

Vicki Williams	NT Appaloosa & Western Performance Club
Lee Hunt	Katherine Model Aero Club

**3. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES - 20 AUGUST 2015**

Moved: Jai Hunt / Anna Kerwin

That the minutes from the Katherine Showgrounds Advisory Committee meeting held on the 20 August 2015 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Carried: 4 / 0

**4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

4.1 Racetrack Renovations:

Council representative advised that the meeting held with Councils CEO, Operations Manager and Katherine Turf Club representatives went well and resulted in the following determinations:

- Club is in the process of applying for a development permit for containers
- Alterations to running rails was undertaken due to Chief Steward inspections/recommendations
- Club will advise Council of all future works
- Club to attend SHG advisory meetings
- Club is keen to apply for grant funding to build another toilet block - old toilet block slab near the bore as a possible location

4.2 Proposed Funding Application - Electrical Upgrades to the Katherine Showgrounds:

KDSS representative advised that no letters of support have been received to date.

Council representative to organise/draft letters of support from:

- Council's CEO
- SHG Chair - on behalf of the Showgrounds Advisory Committee
- Send template to members.

***AFL NT representative arrived at this time***

4.3 Speedway Fence:

Council representative stated that Katherine Speedway had not been contacted as the boundary fence was ok on inspection - members requested representative contact Katherine Speedway to see what was planned for the future.

4.4 Planned 3 Phase Power Outage:

Works have been completed resulting in the existing 400amp being upgraded to 1600amp for future expansion.

4.5 Damage to Perimeter Fencing:

Council representative contacted the Katherine Golf Club - a gate and fence will be installed near the speedway area - repairs shortly including placement of rocks in lieu of the tyre wall.

**5. GENERAL BUSINESS**

5.1 Permit - Building and Development:

No further comments - already covered in Business Arising from Previous Minutes Item 4.1.

5.2 Letter to Caretaker:

KTC representative advised that a letter has been drafted regarding the approaching agreement expiration.

Current agreement expires on 11 March 2016 - EOI will be advertised in the New Year.

KDSS representative submitted items they would like to put to Council for consideration into the new agreement - Council representative to forward to the appropriate officer.

5.3 New Front Gate:

SHG Chair - new double gate for rear entrance - future planning.

Council representative received a quote of \$3,333 for an auto gate with 100 proxy cards - this is for materials only and with Council to install - members raised concerns that this might hinder the pedestrian gate - Council to investigate and if the pedestrian gate needs to be relocated they will confer with KDSS as to most suitable area.

Blue Eagle representative was not happy with the new arrangement of locking gates - adequate lighting is needed.

AFL NT representative has concerns with Scout kids (or siblings of) having free reign running around the entire area - restrict to green area across road near rodeo arena.

KDSS representative suggested applying for monies through the Community Benefit Fund (CBF) Minor Grant for the new auto gate - Council representative to organise/draft letters of support from Council's CEO and SHG Chair.

5.4 Budgets:

Council representative gave a quick overview of the current Showgrounds budget, highlighting the following areas:

- essential services
- contractual services
- materials

All present raised concerns regarding the current standard of toilet cleaning and restocking.

5.5 Request from KDSS - Security Mesh (Windows):

Crimsafe has been installed on windows at the KDSS grandstand office.

5.6 NTG - Sport and Active Recreation Master Plan:

SHG Chair gave a quick overview of the item:

- what you want to see in the way of Sport and Active Recreation in Katherine
- Master Plan Focus Group meeting to be held at The Hon. Willem Westra Van Holthe, MLA Electorate Office - Friday 30 October - 5pm to 6pm
- Pop up stall to be held at the YMCA of Katherine - Saturday 31 October - no time on flier

SHG Chair highly recommends all representatives attend the Master Plan Focus Group meeting.

Blue Eagle Muay Thai representative would like a new/larger shed - quickly running out of room in the current facility.

## 6. OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 Grant Application:

AFL NT is in the process of applying for monies through the Community Benefit Fund (CBF) Major Grant to undertake a scoping study of Showgrounds, Rodeo and Sportsgrounds facilities.

6.2 Pedestrian Gate:

The one (1) month trail has ceased - as a result the pedestrian gate (near the main road access) shall remain unlocked.

6.3 240l Wheelie Bins:

Concerns were raised regarding the lack of 240l wheelie bins and placement for collection - Council have already increased the number of bins as a result

of new groups utilising facilities - Council to investigate permanent positions and allocations.

6.4 Signage:

As a result of the locking of the main access gate the Aero Model Club representative requested that their internal directional signs be upgraded and relocated.

**7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

5.30pm, Tuesday 8 December 2015 - joint meeting will be held with the Katherine Sportsgrounds Advisory Committee.

**8. MEETING CLOSED**

The meeting closed at 6.53pm.