



MINUTES

Sportsground Advisory Committee Meeting **Held on Wednesday 11 September 2024**

Civic Centre, Council Chambers
24 Stuart Highway, Katherine NT 0850

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We would like to acknowledge that this meeting is being held on the traditional lands of the first nations people of the Katherine township and surrounding council communities. We recognise the first nations culture as one of the longest surviving cultures in the world and we pay our respects to Elders both past, present and future.

2 ATTENDANCE

2.1 PRESENT

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- Deputy Mayor Denis Coburn (Chair)
- Allen Story
- Nicole Gadd
- Karisa Morrison
- Sue Sinclair
- Karin Spain

OFFICERS

- Sammi Timm - Infrastructure Administration Officer (minute taker)
- Brett Kimpton - Manager of Environment and Municipal

OBSERVERS

- Krystal Otto (Football Club)
- Brodie Bishop (YMCA)

2.2 APOLOGIES

Nat Dillon, Nicole Simmonds

3 OPENING OF THE MEETING

Deputy Mayor Coburn declared the Sportsground Advisory Committee - 11 September 2024 open at 5:31 pm.

4 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

The Chair reminded members of their responsibility to declare any conflicts of interest.

Nil conflicts declared.

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 UNCONFIRMED MINUTES - TUESDAY APRIL 18 2023

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SpAC-2024-1

Moved: Karin Spain; **Seconded:** Allen Storey

That the Sportsground Advisory Committee confirm the minutes of the Sportsgrounds Advisory Committee Meeting held on 18 April 2023 as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED 4|0

FOR: Deputy Mayor Coburn, Karisa Morrison, Sue Sinclair and Nicole Gadd

AGAINST: Nil

6 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

6.1 ACTION UPDATE

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

No voting occurred.

Discussion

Members discussed options to remedy issues including:

- Marking area beside Netball area with a yellow line and installing 'no standing' signage
- Moving the existing chain out closer to the road - This is a more expensive option

It was discussed that the education of the user groups guests has not been effective.

By visually ensuring the Netball verge is not a parking area, we can then encourage them to use the plentiful parking to either side of the Netball courts, outside the BMX club and Softball Oval.

7 ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

7.1 PRESENTATION - NORTHERN TERRITORY SPORTS ACADEMY AND SPORTS INTEGRITY UPDATES

Presentation

Presenters William Kossack and Natasha Bennett distributed copies of the Sport Integrity Toolkit and advised of the availability of policy templates for sport usergroups to use on a range of subjects including:

- Spectator behaviour
- Codes of behaviour
- Social media
- Alcohol
- Chaperone
- Communication

- Disability
 - Team selection for junior grades
 - Team selection for open grades
 - Picking up and dropping off children
- and the Interacting with children template.

The Futures Program was also discussed.

7.2 TERMS OF REFERENCE

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SpAC-2024-2

Moved: Nicole Gadd; **Seconded:** Karin Spain

1. That the Sportsgrounds Advisory Committee receive and note the Terms of Reference for the Showgrounds and Multi-Purpose Centre Advisory Committee.
2. That the Committee recommend the following amendments to the Terms of Reference for the Showgrounds and Multi-Purpose Centre Advisory Committee:
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3. That the Committee resolves to meet quarterly and on the second Tuesday of the month.

CARRIED 4|0

FOR: Deputy Mayor Coburn, Karisa Morrison, Sue Sinclair and Allen Storey
AGAINST: Nil

Discussion

The Sportsground Advisory Committee members would like to recommend to Council to abolish the provision in the Terms of Reference requiring the Committee to include one [registered community organisation representative] under the age of 25 years.

The confusion surrounding the appointment of proxy representatives was also discussed and suggestions were made for the below:

- Proxy policy added to the application form
- Proxy representatives to be approved as secondary members

The secondary member request was contested by Chairman Denis Coburn and Brett Kimpton as there must be a clear main representative for voting and apologies and proxies must be made officially in writing.

7.3 UPDATE REPORT

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

That the Sportsgrounds Advisory Committee receive and note the updates at the Sportsgrounds.

Voting did not occur.

Discussion

Internal Fencing:

The Sportsground Advisory Committee discussed internal fencing at the Sportsgrounds and it's continued relevance.

The Sportsgrounds inner fencing was deemed necessary at least until the entirety of the Sportsgrounds is fenced and potentially closed at night time.

Aquatic centre Upgrade:

Questions were raised regarding an alternative for school childrens swimming lessons.

Tindal pool was mentioned and the potential for individual groups/clubs to request directly for use of the pool.

Chairman Denis Coburn also mentioned that Parks & Wildlife are looking at making a stretch of the Katherine River safe for public swimming and this could be an option.

The question Can people pre-book the pool for late 2025 once it's open again now? The response was that Council are not taking pre-bookings at this time.

Council Regional Precincts and Partnerships Program (RPPP) Application:

Questions were raised as to what this was for and were referred to the Master Plan in the Agenda.

7.4 DRAFT 2018-2027 MASTER PLAN - KATHERINE SHOWGROUND AND MULTI-PURPOSE CENTRE

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

1. That the Sportsgrounds Advisory Committee receive and note the Katherine Town Council 2018-2027 Master Plan for the Katherine Sportsground – Draft V1. 2.
2. That the Committee review the draft Master Plan and provide feedback by the next meeting.

Voting did not occur.

Discussion

Committee to review and discuss at next meeting.

8 COMMITTEE MEMBER BUSINESS

8.1 CHAIRS ITEMS

1. Fencing of the facility and internal fences - not brought up as was discussed earlier in Updates report.
2. Security - Tennis mentioned how good it had been with the Police camera stationed there.
3. Watering - It was suggested that Council adjust the watering schedule for Oval 2 as it is too wet and becoming muddy.
4. Internal Roads - Grading requested for Softball and Netball parking area to even them out. Advised that these will be added to scheduled grader works prior to wet season.
5. Lighting - no discussion.
6. Building use
 - Question of if there is a hire in place for Softball.
 - Pavilion Kitchen floor is horrible - difficult to clean and catches the fibres from the mops.
 - Can user groups keep their equipment inside the kitchen cages over the off season?
 - Maintenance request to have kitchen cage latches repaired/ replaced as they are bent.
 - Request to have the kitchen cage fridges serviced over the off season.

8.2 ALLEN STORY ITEMS

The Swimming Club would like the addition of permanent diving blocks for the 50 metre Pool.

The minimum depth for diving and whether diving blocks at the 50 metre pool would be appropriate was discussed with no outcome.

9 CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

The Sportsground Advisory Committee - 11 September 2024 was declared closed at 6:42 pm.

The next Sportsground Advisory Committee Meeting will be held on a future date to be confirmed.