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Minutes

Special Council Meeting
Thursday 18 June 2020

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1. DECLARATION OF OPENING/ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY:

The Shire President declared the meeting open at 4.30pm.

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE (PREVIOUSLY APPROVED)/VISITORS:

Shire President - Cr T Dean

Councillors - C Stevenson, C Brown, C Buckland, V Corlett, V Hansen, P Fraser.

Chief Executive Officer – David Taylor

Acting Corporate & Community Services Manager – Susan Fitchat

Manager Infrastructure – Jonathan Jones

Visitors: P Dickens, M Dickens, I Green, J Green, L Westerlund, R Lee, J Cadwaller, E Jones, B Addorian, Bob Longmore, Heather Roach, Jo Douglas, Chris Merritt, Keith Pears, D Ness, Beth Crouch, Lyndon Crouch, S Boak, M Pickup, S Unsworth, Kerri Firth, Jim Craigie, Ken Gadschke, Lloyd Cockman, Peter Russell, Tony Rodda, Renae Denness, Eileen Podziuka, Val Tanner, Neville Tanner, Tina Duncan, Phil Wilson, Shirley Griffith, Nicky Rodda, Colin Iling, Jon Beames, Hamish Cowan, Kevin Green, Judy, Michelle Carter, Brad Craigie, Mick Brown.

Apologies: Deputy President - Cr R Mellema

Leave of Absence (previously approved): Nil.

3. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Nil

4. PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATION:

Les Westerlund; President of the Nannup Bowling Club Inc.; made a presentation on the recent history of the bowling club in Nannup and their ongoing plans for the incorporated club.

5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Judith Martin – 17 Wilson Street

If the bowling green is moved what use does the Shire have in mind for that piece of land now? Does the Shire have the “legal right” to do this and use the reserve for something else?

Shire President response:

No the Council doesn't have an intended use in mind for the reserve yet; part 6 of the motion before us tonight is to investigate the future use of the reserve. In regard to part two of your question; yes, the Council does have the legal right to change the use of the reserve.

Kerri Firth, East Nannup Road

Why would Council spend this money on a synthetic bowling green?

Chief Executive Officer response:

Question taken on notice.

Bob Longmore, Blackwood River Drive

Were the Bowling Club committee notified of Council's agenda item subject before the meeting tonight?

Has an “official survey” been completed to determine the community views on the construction of a new bowling green?

Have any other funding sources been identified for this project?

The Shire of Bridgetown constructed a synthetic bowling green the flood plain; if they are willing to accept the inherent risk associated with this decision; why isn't the Nannup Shire willing to do the same?

Have council attempted to promote the reconciliation between the current bowling club committee and the Pennants members who currently play out of town?

Will the establishment of the bowling green at the Recreation Centre impact on the potential of that site to be used as one of the evacuation points for the Shire of Nannup residents during emergencies?

I am only aware of cricket, golf and darts taking place at the Recreation Centre; is the proposed construction of the synthetic green a prop to shore up an ailing Association?

Shire President response:

Questions taken on notice.

Robert Lee – Blackwood River Drive

Why was there such short notice of this Special Meeting of Council? What will happen to the Community Kitchen if the bowling green is constructed at the Recreation Centre precinct?

Shire President response:

Public notice of this Special meeting of Council was in compliance with the *Local Government Act 1995*.

I see no reason why the Community Kitchen couldn't stay and even expand in the future. I don't know how a proposed new bowling green involves the Community Kitchen functionality.

Michelle Carter – Dunnet Road

Would Council renew the Bowling Club lease in twelve months if that was a viable option?

Shire President response:

Hypothetically I could see no problem with that.

Mick Brown – Dean Road

What is Council's plan for the Shire reserve land where the current bowling green is if a synthetic green is constructed at the Recreation Centre?

Shire President response:

Part 6 of motion details that public consultation take place to determine the future use.

Peter Dickens – River Road

Mr Dickens attempted to direct a question to Cr Corlett; the Presiding member ruled his question out of order as questions are only able to be directed to the presiding member or Chief Executive Officer in alignment with the Shire of Nannup Standing Orders Local Law.

Neville Tanner Vasse Highway

What is proposed to go on the land where the current bowling green is if the synthetic green is built at the Recreation Centre reserve? Where would the balance of funds to complete the project

Shire President response:

Part 6 of motion details that public consultation take place to determine the future use. Part 5 of the motion recommends a process be undertaken to utilise grant funds to make up the balance of the project.

Brownie Dickens – River Road

What is the cost of the synthetic green?

Shire President response:

I believe you have supplied Council with a document tonight as to the cost of a synthetic green and as such I consider your question to be rhetorical. However, we will take it on notice and provide you with a formal response.

John Beames – Blackwood River Drive

Why has no public consultation been conducted prior to this meeting? How is a roads and infrastructure grant (as detailed in the officer report to Council) able to be used to construct a bowling green?

Shire Presidential response:

Part 6 of motion details that public consultation take place to determine the future use.

The grant guidelines enable the money to be used on community infrastructure and as such this proposal could fit that broad definition.

Peter Dickens – River Road

Has a CSRFF (Community Sports Recreation Facilities Fund) grant funded any synthetic greens in the last couple of years?

Shire President response:

I believe this to be a rhetorical question as you have the answer on a piece of paper in front of you; a copy of which you passed around to Councillors prior to the meeting. I believe the answer is two.

Steve Boak - Jalbarragup

How is Council able to make a decision on what is a better economic return or use of the reserve without knowing what will occur on the site in the future?

Shire President Response:

Question taken on notice.

Lyndon Crouch – Cundinup South Road

When does the \$140,000 detailed in the agenda item have to be spent by?
Where will the balance of funding come from to fully complete the project?
How long would it take to build; would the bowlers not have a green to bowl on?

Chief Executive Officer response:

The funds have to be spent by 30 June 2021. Part 5 of the Officer recommendation in the Agenda specifies that a process be undertaken to investigate the possibility of other grant funding to complete the project.

Shire President responded:

The bowlers in town will always have a bowling green to bowl on.

6. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Cr Stevenson and Cr Brown both declared an Impartiality Interest after the meeting as they are both on the Community Kitchen Committee. The Community Kitchen utilises the Bowling Club building on a regular basis.

Cr Brown is also a committee member of the Business Initiative Group Nannup (BIG N) that utilises the bowling club building on a regular basis for meetings.

Cr Stevenson and Cr Brown apologise for this late declaration of interest and did not realise at the time that the declaration was required.

7. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

AGENDA NUMBER:	7.1
SUBJECT:	Cr Corlett – Notice of Motion
LOCATION/ADDRESS:	Shire of Nannup
NAME OF APPLICANT:	Cr Corlett
FILE REFERENCE:	RES 3708B
AUTHOR:	David Taylor – Chief Executive Officer
REPORTING OFFICER:	David Taylor – Chief Executive Officer
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:	Nil
DATE OF REPORT	15 June 2020

BACKGROUND:

Cr Corlett submitted a Notice of Motion to the Chief Executive Officer on the 10 June 2020 for consideration at the June 2020 Ordinary Meeting of Council.

It was originally intended to submit this Motion to the June 2020 Ordinary Meeting of Council, however, in order to achieve good governance at the Council Forum a Special Meeting has been called for Council to consider the Motion as it may impact discussion at the Council Forum and Budget deliberations.

Cr Corlett's Motion is as follows;

Motion for Council to consider the following;

- 1. Retain and use the remaining federal infrastructure monies (in the order of \$140,000) to commence planning and construction of a synthetic lawn bowling rink at the Recreation Reserve, Warren Road.*
- 2. The current Bowling Club be notified of our action.*
- 3. Only a 12-month extension to the lease be given on the current club property.*
- 4. Write to Bowls WA to inform them of our actions.*
- 5. Commence a process to tap into the current round of CSRFF to make up shortfall.*
- 6. Once process is underway commence public consultation on the use of the current bowling green and village green area.*
- 7. Commence identification of monies to develop area identified in part 6 above.*

Cr Corlett stated that the intention of this Motion is to commence the process by which greater community value can be achieved from a shire asset.

OFFICER COMMENT:

Council have been deliberating how to allocate the remaining \$156,000 of Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Funding announced last month from the Government. Items that were raised for consideration for the upcoming Council Forum were;

- Skate Park Lighting.
- Skate Park Shade.
- Disability and Access Improvements – Town hall and Foreshore Park toilets, Shire front counter.

On the 10 June 2020, the CEO received the Notice of Motion for Councils consideration.

Over the years there have been many discussions within Council and the Community on the future use of the Bowling Club Building.

The history of those discussions precede the current CEO but are understood as follows:

1. The building has been used as a Bowling Club for a long time.
2. The building is in a prime location in the centre of Town and could make a good development opportunity in Nannup.
3. Discussion with the Bowling Club members in the past resulted in a split opinion on whether the Club supports a move to the Recreation Centre or not.
4. The dilemma on how to fund the construction of new rinks was regularly a stoppage to these discussions. Council funds can be leveraged in an application to the Community Sports and Recreation Facilities Fund. This fund provides a 1/3 contribution to new projects. Funding success is not guaranteed.
5. Members of the community who have been interested in these discussions have mentioned they like having the Bowls centrally located in the current location. Officer are not aware of an official survey being performed to determine the community.
6. The current use of the building promotes green space in the centre of town.

Council would be aware that the Bowling Club Members are recovering from a time of uncertainty within their committee and the discussions the CEO has had with the Bowling Club President have shown positive direction and a willingness to improve the buildings amenities.

Other groups such as BigN and the Soup Kitchen utilise the building for a fee.

The current lease of the Bowling Club expires on the 30th of June 2020 with Council granting an extension of 4 months due to COVID-19.

The building is located in a prime location on the main street in the centre of town and could have numerous development opportunities.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT:

Nil.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Opportunity cost of allocating \$140,000 of the remaining unallocated Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Funding.

If Council support the motion, there will still be \$16,000 of Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Funding to be allocated to other projects.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:

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MOTION LOST (5/2)

**VOTED AGAINST MOTION: Cr Brown, Cr Fraser, Cr Buckland, Cr Stevenson,
Cr Hansen.**

VOTED FOR MOTION: Cr Corlett and Cr Dean.

8. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Shire President declared the meeting closed at 5.37 pm.