

Meeting Minutes

31 October 2005, Blaxland Seniors & Community Centre

Meeting commenced 7:25pm

Attendance (NOTE: EXTREME STORM CONDITIONS AFFECTED ATTENDANCE)

Councillors

Councillor Myles (Chair)

Sports Council Representatives

Chris Maloney, John Beazley, Estelle Godkin, Stephen Poole, Greg Dickson, David Brown, Walter Hitchell

Council Officers

Alan Cattermole, Adrian Birkbeck, Andrew Pattison (visitor), Vicky Frank (Minutes)

Apologies

Martin Parmenter

1. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Previous minutes adopted.

Sports Councillors were presented with "thank you" Sports Council embossed T-shirts. Congratulations on completing 2 years of the Blue Mountains Sports Council.

Matters arising from these minutes:

Action: Contact police and request increase patrols in problem locations where wheelie-bins are frequently burnt.

Action: Adrian to organise a separate 'special' Sports Council meeting to finalise Sportgrounds Hire & Use Handbook.

Action: Sports Fees and Charges discussion paper to be circulated prior to the February 2006 meeting by Council.

Action: A Council report will be prepared and submitted to Council in response to the previous Notice of Motion. This report will recommend a "Restricted Smoking Policy" be developed and trialled during 2006.

2. Collect items for general discussion

- Maintenance and closures
- Bookings
- Dumping of mulch
- Sporting fees
- Wheelie bins
- Floodlights

3. Recreational Asset Management Plan / Sports Project

Alan Cattermole provided a presentation on the current progress of the Sustainable Asset Management Plan for Recreation assets. Asset Management is a key priority for Council for the next few years. The Plan will allow projections of likely renewal / capital costs for assets related to Council's recreation assets. A Plan for all Council's assets will be prepared over the coming years.

A copy of the presentation is separately attached.

4. Capital works sports nominations

Council's budgeting process for 2006/07 has commenced. This includes preparation of capital works nominations. Alan provided an overview of the parks and sportsground nominations that are being put forward by the Recreation and Sports team. Most projects are related to actions in adopted Plans of Management and Masterplans. The nominations also include the Sports Council rolling funding. It is intended that in June 2006 Sports Councillors will be invited to be more involved in the process, and that these nominations will link to the Asset Management Plans.

5. Current sporting issues

- Bins – types and locations of bins discussed. Plastic wheelie bins are the most practical in terms of maintenance and waste collection. Old residential bins are used for parks. Arson - This is a police issue and police could be contacted to patrol the problem areas.
- Floodlights – Council is trying to progress floodlight improvements and there are some floodlight nominations for the capital works program. Whilst there are Australian Standards these are not legally binding ie. floodlights may be assessed as 'inadequate' but can still be used.
- Mower – BM City Services have purchased a new mower – a \$65K investment.

Action: Contact police and request patrols in problem locations where wheelie-bins are frequently burnt.

6. Water Savings Action Plan

Andrew Pattison provided a presentation on the Water Savings Action Plan that Council is required to prepare under State Government legislation. The objective of the plan is for council to reduce water consumption by 20% over 4 years. The first round of data gathering is about understanding the high-usage sites. The option of 'not irrigating' our ovals is not being put forward as an option to save water.

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7. Sportsground hire and use handbook

Issues discussed:

- Should not be locked into closure periods, these need to be flexible, only a few grounds that need intensive maintenance
- Part II, 7: 'Poor playing surface' is a Council responsibility (see point 4), terminology needs to change, more about mutual obligation, clubs can make decisions on short-term matters eg. glass on the field, but not a general poor playing surface
- Part II, 3: Include statement about where fine revenue will go, should be put back into the facility, change wording from "will" to "could"
- Part II, 30: "actively" needs to be defined
- Canteen: needs earlier communication when another user-group will be using canteen, acceptable to seek remuneration for use of fridge, urn etc that a club has purchased, who though decides what is a 'reasonable rate'
- Include a glossary of terms
- User Guide needs to be kept simple
- Would be good to get handbook adopted by Council before next booking round
- Councillor Myles advised that a Councillors Briefing Session would not be necessary

Action: Adrian to organise a separate 'special' Sports Council meeting to finalise handbook.

8. Draft Report re: restricting smoking at sporting ovals

The Sports Council agreed that in response to Councillor McInnes' Notice of Motion:

- Council would prepare a response that advised that a Policy would be drafted in 2006/07 for consideration by the Sports Council
- Council would trial designated smoking areas in a couple of locations

9. Media review / correspondence received

No items

10. General discussion

- Warrimoo Oval Masterplan is planned to go to the 13 December Council meeting and Council will meet with the club in approximately three weeks
- Ground closure issues – some clubs said they received a phone call with a directive from Council that grounds were closed; the standard procedure is to call Council on 4780 5617; different sports can have a different effect on fields; one option is to have Council not involved in ground closure at all however what happens when fields are damaged.

Matters arising from previous minutes:

Action: Council to prepare issues paper regarding 'oval closures' for further discussion with Sports Councillors **ONGOING**.

Action: Council to prepare response to Councillor McInnes' Notice of Motion regarding banning smoking at sporting ovals as per item 8.

Action: Sports Councillors to advise Councillor Myles if they would be interested in participating in a tour of a premier sports oval facility.

Action: Investigate the 'Powers of Delegation' the Council may have with regards to the watering of ovals.

Action: An audit to be carried out on the Katoomba basketball courts, findings to be raised at the next SLA meeting. **COMPLETE**

Action: "Safe Club" seminar to be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

Action: Review to be carried out of current NSW Sport & Rec Grant guidelines.

Action: Invitation to be sent to the Department of Sport & Recreation to give a presentation on grants **COMPLETE**

Action: Touch to be advised about the POM for Summerhayes Park **COMPLETE**

Action: Council to send a link to all members to allow them to review courses available from NSW Sports & Recreation. **COMPLETE**

Action: Sports ground Hire/Use Handbook to be included on next agenda **COMPLETE**

Action: The positive feedback from the District Swimming Carnival to be forwarded to Kirrillee Twomey **COMPLETE**

Action: BMCC Lighting report to be sent to Rugby/Chris **COMPLETE**

Action: BMCC to follow up request for use of Frank Walford Park for the State Athletics Championships **COMPLETE**

Action: CSR to be raised to repair the damaged nets at Peter Carroll Field **COMPLETE**

11. Next Ordinary Meeting

Next meeting: **Monday 6th February 2005**, 7.00pm at **Blaxland Community Centre**. Dinner will be provided. Please RSVP and provide agenda items to Adrian Birkbeck ph 4780 5709.

Meeting closed 9:50pm

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<http://www.bmcc.nsw.gov.au/index.cfm?L1=1&L2=557&L3=1034>