

OBERON COUNCIL

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Present: Mayor Don Fitzpatrick (in the Chair); Acting General Manager, John Chapman; Director of Engineering, Aruna Wickramasinghe; Works Manager, Ian Tucker; Director of Development, Gary Wallace; Councillors Keith Sullivan, Bob O’Bernier; Clinton Corby (Oberon United Football Club); Ian Christie-Johnston (Senior League); Peter Gascoigne (Oberon Junior League); Peter Varlas (Oberon Touch Football Club) Harold Lyme (Observer for Oberon Tennis Association) and the Trainee, Hanna Bates

Apologies: Councillor Kerry Gibbons and General Manager, Leanne Mash

Declarations of Interest: Nil

Confirmation of Minutes from meeting held 24 August 2011

Minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 24 August 2011 were read and accepted.

(B O’Bernier/I Christie-Johnston)

Business Arising from the Minutes

Nil

Council’s application for funding for improvements to Oberon Sporting fields

The Committee was informed that a formal reply has not yet been received in response to Council’s application for a NSW Department of Sport and Recreation grant for work on the surfaces of playing fields and erection of multipurpose goals and that it had been indicated that funds may not be available until February 2012.

On-line bookings for sporting facilities – update

It is expected that the on-line booking system will be ready by Christmas.

General Business

It was noted that, in accordance with the terms of the lease of the buildings by the Rugby League Club, the club is responsible for all maintenance and improvements to the buildings.

Ian Christie-Johnston raised the issue of the lines at the Leagues Club Football grounds. He is concerned about the quality of the ground where the lines have been marked, as it is quite poor.

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Ian Tucker advised that the lines are drawn with paint and a small amount of round-up. He also advised that Council believes the poor quality of the ground is due to diesel remaining in the soil from when Council used to mark the lines with diesel.

Council staff were requested to contact other Councils in the area for specialized advice from qualified personnel. It was also requested that the soil be tested to confirm whether the diesel is a problem or not.

The quality of the football fields as a whole was discussed. In order for the fields to be in top condition for the football season, they need to be tended to immediately. It was suggested that Dick O'Donnell from the Golf Club be contacted in regards to machinery to help aerate the field.

The condition of the Recreation Ground was raised. Clinton Corby raised concerns about the ruts that have formed around the fields as a result of line-marking practices using diesel and/or round-up. They are a trip hazard and Council staff were requested to top-dress and re-seed at least the worst areas to prevent any accidents as soon as possible.

Council staff were requested to contact the Rural Fire Service in regards to driving their fully laden water tankers onto the small soccer field adjacent to the Recreation Ground, as it is causing damage to the ground. It was suggested that some form of barriers be erected to prevent vehicles driving onto the field without permission.

Ian Christie-Johnston also informed the Committee that the Oberon Rugby League was intending to enter into Group Ten for the 2012 season. If they do, then new standards require organisers to have barriers between the spectators and the fields.

The Acting General Manager undertook to ensure that the matters referred to staff are promptly investigated with a view to formation of an action plan and appropriate recommendation to Council, if necessary, to address the issues raised

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Oberon Sports Complex Committee will be held on Wednesday 1 February 2012 commencing at 4.30pm.

This concluded the business and the meeting rose at 5.37pm.

Confirmed this _____ of _____ 2011.

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