

Present: Mayor Keith Sullivan (in the Chair); General Manager, Leanne Mash; Councillors Don Fitzpatrick, Bob O’Bernier, Kerry Gibbons, Clive McCarthy (from 4.35pm); Clinton Corby (Oberon United Football Club); Geoff Oxley (Oberon Junior Hockey Club); Ian Christie-Johnston (Senior League); Peter Gascoigne (Oberon Junior League); Peter Varlas (Oberon Touch Football Club) (from 4.35pm) and the Executive Assistant, Sharon Swannell

Apologies: Nil

Confirmation of Minutes from meeting held 11 November 2011

Minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 11 November 2010 were read and accepted.

(O’Bernier/Gibbons)

Business Arising from the Minutes

Nil

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

There has been no announcement yet regarding Council’s application for funding to upgrade the playing surfaces on the Oberon Sporting fields.

The Mayor raised the Committee’s previous discussions regarding a major grant to upgrade all fields as one complex and asked if a concept plan could be developed to enable application for funding to be made. It is suggested that the Veolia Mulwaree Trust is an option for grant funding.

With respect to any works to be done to top dress the playing fields staff are requested to consult with the club representatives regarding suitable timing for any works.

Nomination of representative from Oberon Tennis Association Inc. to the Oberon Sports Complex Committee

Discussion was held regarding the nomination of a representative from the Oberon Tennis Association onto the Oberon Sports Complex Committee. The committee members felt that there would be advantages in this for the conduit of information between sporting codes.

The Mayor advised the committee representatives that the Oberon Indoor Sports and Tennis Centre expansion is now complete and encouraged other sports to utilise this facility. It is noted that the current committee of the Oberon Tennis Association Inc. will be expanded to include representatives from other sporting codes.

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Recommendation to Council: That the Oberon Tennis Association Inc. be invited to nominate a representative to join the Oberon Sports Complex Committee.

(Christie-Johnston/Fitzpatrick)

General Business

Councillor Gibbons raised the re-surfacing of the playing fields. Councillor Gibbons advised that when Orange Council carried out re-surfacing on Wade Park the fields were out for the season due to the timing of the work being carried out. This needs to be considered when programming works for the Oberon fields. The top dressing should be done during the spring.

Ian Christie-Johnston advised that the Rugby League season will be completed in the next two weeks and then Touch Football commences. This can be played on alternate fields if required.

Ian Christie-Johnston raised the care and upkeep of the grounds. Information had been sought by Leigh Robins into the care of grasses, techniques and materials for line marking etc. During this season the lines had been poisoned and this creates diverts in the fields which then become hazardous for playing.

Staff are requested to investigate training for parks and gardens staff on sports field maintenance. The timing of mowing is also a consideration, particularly during the changeover from Rugby League to Touch Football. Clubs are asked to supply a playing calendar to staff to assist with planning works.

Peter Gascoigne asked how individual clubs can access grant funding for projects. The General Manager advised that there are a number of different options. The Veolia Mulwaree Trust is a good source of funding. There is an online grants database which Council can provide details for. Council may also auspice funding for groups.

The Rugby League would like to obtain funding to upgrade their canteen and amenities.

The Mayor asked staff to review the lease agreement as the Leagues Club has some obligation to maintain these facilities.

The General Manager advised Peter Gascoigne to make an appointment to see Council's Community Liaison Officer, Kathy Beesley to facilitate the grants process.

Councillor Gibbons raised the multi-purpose goals and asked if this could be reconsidered. The Mayor advised that this was part of the funding application and had previously been discussed at length.

Geoff Oxley discussed the costs for Junior Hockey to train at the new Indoor Sports and Tennis Centre. It is estimated that the cost will be \$1,800 per season for the club to use the facility for training.

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The Mayor advised that there had to be equity for all users and an operational plan will need to be developed for the facility. The General Manager has held discussions with a representative from the committee and will write to the Oberon Tennis Association prior to their Annual General Meeting being held in September. Council is also investigating options for reducing the electricity account for the center.

Councillor Fitzpatrick raised the need for the committee to meet on a more frequent basis. A meeting is requested to be held in October.

Ian Christie-Johnston asked if any progress had been made to put the ground bookings on Council's website. The General Manager advised that the website is being upgraded and this will be investigated as part of the upgrade.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Oberon Sports Complex Committee will be held on Wednesday 26 October 2011 commencing at 4.30pm.

This concluded the business and the meeting rose at 5.05pm.

Confirmed this _____ of _____ 2011.

General Manager

Chairperson

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