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**MINUTES**  
of the  
**SAXTON FIELD COMMITTEE MEETING**  
held  
**9.30 am, Wednesday, 12 May 2021**  
at  
**Saxton Netball Pavilion, Stoke, Nelson**

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**Present:** Derek Shaw, Independent Chair  
Tasman District Council: Councillors K Maling, T Tuffnell  
Nelson City Council: Councillors J Edgar, T Skinner

**In Attendance:** Tasman District Council: Community Development Manager (S Edwards),  
Reserves & Facilities Manager (R Hollier), Executive Assistant (T Fifield)  
Nelson City Council: Community Services Manager (A White), Principal Parks  
and Facilities Asset Planner (A Petheram), Parks and Facilities Asset Planner  
(J Loughnan)

**1 OPENING, WELCOME**

**2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Nil

**3 PUBLIC FORUM**

Nil

**4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Chair Derek Shaw declared a conflict of interest in respect to the submission from the Top of the South Athletics Charitable Trust.

**5 LATE ITEMS**

Nil

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## 6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

### **Moved Cr Edgar/Cr Maling SFC21-05-1**

**That the minutes of the Saxton Field Committee meeting held on Wednesday, 10 February 2021, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.**

**CARRIED**

### **Moved Cr Edgar/Cr Maling SFC21-05-2**

**That the minutes of the Draft Saxton Field Reserve Management Plan Submissions Hearing held on Wednesday, 10 February 2021 be confirmed, as amended and noted in the minutes, as a true and correct record of the meeting.**

**CARRIED**

## 7 PRESENTATIONS

Nil

## 8 REPORTS

### **8.1 Saxton Field Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Submissions**

Richard Hollier, Reserves & Facilities Manager, spoke to the report which provided the Committee with the opportunity to consider the submissions (in relation to Saxton Field) received by both Nelson City and Tasman District Councils to their Long Term Plans 2021-2031 (LTP) and to make recommendations back to both councils on the submissions.

#### **Nelson Gymnastics – Belinda Randall**

The Committee discussed Nelson Gymnastic's submission and had concerns with their 'Move Hub' Feasibility Study which made some assumptions in regard to participation. It was catering for groups within Nelson City rather than the whole region.

In response to a question, Sport Tasman's Regional Sport and Active Recreation Spaces and Places Strategy is a guiding document in terms of regional projects and focuses on process (how we prioritise the projects when they come in).

The Committee agreed that we need to give consideration to a regional facility. The Committee noted that the Nelson Gymnastic Move Hub would need to be considered through a prioritisation process at a Regional Funding Forum meeting.

#### **Nelson Hockey – Heather Bryant**

The Committee discussed Nelson Hockey's submission regarding bringing forward in the LTP the upgrade of the of the lighting system to LED lights.

It was noted the word "reallocate" in the staff comment/recommendation section of the report needs to be changed as it sounds like we are not doing a project. The funding that could enable the lighting to be brought forward has come from an underspend in the Champion Drive project and the wastewater project which has been undertaken in the current financial year, rather than a reallocation of funding.

The Committee agreed to fund \$50,000 from the wastewater project and \$25,000 from the

Champion Drive Stage 2 construction for the lighting in 2021/2022.

Mr Shaw left the room and vacated the chair at 10.00 am while the Top of the South Athletics Charitable Trust submission was being discussed.

The members elected Cr Edgar to chair the meeting while Mr Shaw was out of the room.

**Moved Cr Maling/Cr Skinner**

**SFC21-05-3**

**That Cr Edgar chair the meeting while the Top of the South Athletics Nelson submission is being discussed.**

**CARRIED**

**Top of South Athletics Charitable Trust – Derek Shaw**

The Committee discussed the Top of the South Athletics Charitable Trust's submission requesting funding for a pole vault facility.

Councillors said it made sense to have a complete package for athletics and they wouldn't like to see that we miss out on some events because we don't have the facility.

Cr Edgar supported the project but said the project should be in Year 3 (2023/2024), because it's a lower priority than some other projects, as it is primarily for a small group of people.

The Committee agreed to allocate \$36,000 from the Champion Drive Stage 2 construction savings to the pole vault facility in 2021/2022.

**Moved Cr Skinner/Cr Tuffnell**

**SFC21-05-4**

**That the Saxton Field Committee:**

- 1. receives the Saxton Field Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Submissions Report RSFC21-05-1; and**
- 2. recommends to the Nelson City Council and Tasman District Council that they adopt the projects outlined in Attachment 4 to this report RSFC21-05-01 for inclusion in the Councils' Long Term Plans 2021-2031.**

**CARRIED**

Mr Shaw arrived back at the meeting at 10.11 am

## **8.2 Saxton Field Activity Report**

Richard Hollier, Reserves and Facilities Manager and Andrew Petheram, Principal Parks and Facilities Asset Planner, spoke to the report which was taken as read.

The Committee discussed the following matters:

- the Champion Road link road – staff are delighted with how smoothly the project has run and the quality of the product produced. The Committee asked for an official opening to be organised;
- the design for the clay cricket block has been completed - construction is not scheduled until 2024/2025;
- Mr Hollier and Mr Petheram are meeting today to discuss the preferred option for the BMX track;

- tree planting has been continuing in the last few weeks and some large liquid ambers have been planted;
- Saxton Creek esplanade upgrade is nearing completion and this will be a great link from the railway reserve up to Silvan Forest;
- the stage 4 stormwater upgrade work involving a new culvert under Main Road Stoke has begun. Staff have met with Downer and have given them truck access off Main Road, Stoke. A Councillor noted that some of the branches on the cycle track by the culvert need to be trimmed;
- Te Tau Ihu Baseball Association were really pleased with how the tournament went at Saxton; and
- the football season has begun.

At yesterday's Nelson City Council's Full Council meeting, changes were requested in regard to the Saxton Field Reserve Management Plan:

- to add that there are significant mental and physical health benefits of having facilities like Saxton Field;
- include both Nelson City and Tasman District Councils' community outcomes in the vision section of the RMP;
- in section 4.11.2.2 Fireworks and Fires, change "may consult" to "shall consult" with neighbours; and
- the last paragraph in section 5.1 should state "It is expected that the sporting/recreational codes who wish to construct new facilities will have to fundraise at least 20% of the costs of those facilities and the councils will contribute the remaining amount **if approved by both councils**".

There was a discussion regarding sponsorship updates from the velodrome no longer being necessary at meetings as there has been no progress. Mr Shaw declared a conflict of interest with regard to the Saxton Velodrome Trust. The Committee noted the difficulty of obtaining sponsorship and advertising funding relating to the velodrome, particularly in a post-Covid environment.

It was noted that the booking system has started to operate.

Councillors noted the trees around Saxton Field have become a fantastic feature and they thanked Mr Petheram.

Cr Edgar noted that it's Susan Edwards last meeting due to the restructure at Tasman District Council and without her leadership and support, the Committee wouldn't have achieved as much as they have. Her depth and wealth of knowledge has been incredible. The Committee also thanked Tara Fifield for the excellent support she has given to the Committee since its inception.

**Moved Cr Maling/Cr Edgar**  
**SFC21-05-5**

**That the Saxton Field Committee receives the Saxton Field Activity Report RSFC21-05-2;**

**CARRIED**

## 9 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

### 9.1 Procedural motion to exclude the public

Moved Cr Tuffnell/Cr Skinner  
SFC21-05-6

This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by section 6 or section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public, as follows:

### 9.2 Naming rights

Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Particular interest(s) protected (where applicable)	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
The public conduct of the part of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists under section 7.	s7(2)(a) - The withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of a deceased person.	s48(1)(a) The public conduct of the part of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists under section 7.

**CARRIED**

The meeting concluded at 11.13 am

Date Confirmed:

Chair: