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**MINUTES**  
of the  
**SAXTON FIELD COMMITTEE MEETING**  
held  
**9.30am, Wednesday, 14 November 2018**  
at  
**Saxton Netball Pavilion, Stoke, Nelson**

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**Present:** Judene Edgar (Chair), Councillors T Tuffnell, K Maling, (Tasman District Council), Councillors T Skinner, B Dahlberg (Nelson City Council)

**In Attendance:** Tasman District Council: Community Development Manager (S Edwards), Reserves and Facilities Manager, (R Hollier), Reserves Officer – Assets and Projects (G Thorn), Executive Assistant (T Fifield)  
Nelson City Council: Community Services Manager (R Ball), Property Parks & Facilities Asset Manager (A Petheram), Property, Parks and Facilities Asset Planner (P Harrington), Mark Preston-Thomas, Manager Community Partnerships

**Part Attendance:** Nelson City Council: Manager Strategy (M Tregurtha), Policy Adviser (G Thorpe), Parks and Facilities Manager (R Bartlett), Manager Communications (P Shattock), Legal Advisor (F McLeod)

**1 OPENING, WELCOME**

Judene Edgar opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

**2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Nil

**3 PUBLIC FORUM**

- 3.1 Marty Grant, accompanied by three members of Nelson Baseball Association, discussed and tabled a submission seeking a permanent venue for baseball at Saxton Field.

Mr Grant said Nelson Baseball established a baseball programme two years ago and they worked with both councils to find a place to base themselves. They are presently using a small piece of ground at Champion Green. They train three times a week and games are on Saturdays.

Mr Grant said the proposal in their submission seeks a permanent venue at Saxton Field for Nelson Baseball:

- he noted the softball diamonds are not being fully utilised and they would like to find some way to be allocated a part of that complex or share it; or
- make Champion Green a better surface for players; or
- find an alternative venue in Nelson.

#### **4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Nil

#### **5 LATE ITEMS**

Nil

#### **6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**Moved Cr Tuffnell/Cr Dahlberg  
SFC18-11-1**

**That the minutes of the Saxton Field Committee meeting held on Wednesday, 8 August 2018, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.**

**CARRIED**

#### **7 PRESENTATIONS**

Nil

#### **8 REPORTS**

##### **8.1 Update on Saxton Field Projects**

Richard Hollier, Reserves and Facilities Manager, and Andrew Petheram, Property Parks & Facilities Asset Manager, spoke to the report which updated the Committee on the progress of the following projects:

##### *Replacement of hockey turf no 2*

- Mr Petheram is confident that this project will be completed within budget and during this calendar year.

##### *Champion Drive/Saxton Field link road*

- Work has begun on the link road and the construction price is within budget. Mr Petheram noted concern about the leftover material which has to be moved off the site. Cr Maling said that Bells Island requires some fill – Mr Petheram will contact staff regarding this matter.

##### *Velodrome advertising and asset sponsorship*

- \$19,000 has currently been received for sponsorship and this includes a grant from Network Tasman.

The Committee discussed the grounds at Champion Green not being suitable for baseball. Staff noted that Champion Green was an area that was close and available at the time that baseball needed a facility, however being a relatively new sports field it was noted the thatch cover is still being worked on and there is presently no irrigation. It's a ground in development.

The Committee members requested staff to liaise with Nelson Baseball with regards to more permanent options for them.

**Moved Cr Maling/Cr Dahlberg  
SFC18-11-2**

**That the Saxton Field Committee receives the Update on Saxton Field Projects Report  
RSFC18-11-1**

**CARRIED**

**8.2 Bay Dreams Festival Camping at Saxton Field**

Mark Preston-Thomas, Manager Community Partnerships and Roger Ball, Community Services Manager, spoke to the report which provided the Committee with information on the Bay Dreams Music Festival and proposed camping and associated activities on Nelson City Council's reserve land at Saxton Field.

The report also invited the Committee to provide feedback on the proposed camping and associated activities at Saxton Field to Nelson City Council for consideration as part of the Council's decision-making.

It was noted that Nelson City Council had received legal advice that camping was permitted.

Mr Preston-Thomas noted that 17,500 concert tickets have been purchased outside the region.

The Committee discussed the overall planning of the camping at Saxton Field:

- it would be impossible to keep alcohol out and this could cause a lot of problems;
- Police who are experienced with concerts would need to be involved – it was noted the Police would be bringing in resources from elsewhere;
- Tasman District Council should have been informed of the concert earlier;
- Tasman District Council staff do not see camping as being permitted under the Saxton Field Reserve Management Plan;
- Bay Dreams need to finalise their consent for the camping;
- Bay Dreams have been involved in a number of international events and specialist security staff are coming up from Christchurch;
- there needs to be discussions between the two councils;
- there would be a continuous security presence and the cricket oval would be protected as part of the security plan;
- it would be the event organisers responsibility for water tanks etc if there are water restrictions;
- a consent has yet to be issued regarding a traffic management plan for the surrounding streets/people manning key intersections;
- the event organisers would need to enforce that Saxton Field is smokefree and it would be a condition of the hire;
- the event organisers would be required to have evacuation points in case of an emergency;

- in regard to neighbour consultation and if it was going to be part of the resource consent, it was an expectation that Bay Dreams/Nelson City Council will contact all neighbours.

**Moved Cr Tuffnell/Cr Skinner  
SFC18-11-3**

**That the Saxton Field Committee:**

- 1 receives the Bay Dreams Festival Camping at Saxton Field Report RSFC18-11-2 and its attachment; and**
- 2 notes that the decision about whether or not to approve the use of Nelson City Council recreation reserve for this purpose is being made by Nelson City Council; and**
- 3 notes that Nelson City Council has provided conditional landowner approval for camping and associated activities at Saxton Field (refer attached map A2083648) and this is also subject to a resource consent application and associated approvals to be sought from Nelson City Council; and**
- 4 invites the Committee to provide feedback to Nelson City Council on the proposal for camping and associated activities at Saxton Field and camping conditions at Saxton Field; and**
- 5 notes that Nelson City Council will take into consideration feedback provided by the Committee as part of its decision-making; and**
- 6 notes that Nelson City Council will not be seeking any remedial or other costs arising from the Bay Dreams camping and other activities at Saxton Field from either Tasman District Council or the Saxton Field combined maintenance budget.**

**CARRIED**

## **9 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION**

### **9.1 Procedural motion to exclude the public**

**Moved Cr Maling/Cr Dahlberg  
SFC18-11-4**

**THAT the public be excluded from the following part(s) of the proceedings of this meeting. The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution follows.**

**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:**

**9.1 Future Development Ideas for the Saxton Oval**

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)(i) - The withholding of the information is necessary to enable the local authority to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).	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 10.57 am

Date Confirmed:

Chair: