

TOWN OF BASSENDEAN

MINUTES

BASSENDEAN RIVER PARKS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 48 OLD PERTH ROAD, BASSENDEAN

ON WEDNESDAY 8 FEBRUARY 2017, AT 10.00AM

1.0 DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

Acknowledgement of Country

The Presiding Member opened the meeting, welcomed all those in attendance and conducted an Acknowledgement of Country.

2.0 ATTENDANCES, APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Present

Cr Bob Brown, Presiding Member
Cr Paul Bridges, Deputy Presiding Member
Andrew Hawkins, Department of Planning
Peter Kane, Department of Planning
Stephen Lloyd, Department for Parks and Wildlife
Brian Vincent, Community Representative
Nonie Jekabsons, Community Representative
Carol Seidel, Community Representative

Staff

Simon Stewert Dawkins, Director Operational Services
Brian Reed, Manager Development Services
Amy Holmes, Minute Secretary
Jeremy Walker, Environmental Officer

Apologies

Lucy Bromell, Ashfield CAN

3.0 DEPUTATIONS

Nil

4.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.1 Minutes of the Bassendean River Parks Management Committee meeting held on 3 November 2016

COMMITTEE/OFFICER RECOMMENDATION – ITEM 4.1

MOVED Cr Bridges, Seconded Jeremy Walker, that the minutes of the Bassendean River Parks Management Committee meeting, held on 3 November 2016, be confirmed as a true record.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 9/0

5.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDING PERSON WITHOUT DISCUSSION

This Committee has the ability to make some great achievements for our parks and river.

A Bassendean resident, Melissa Mykytiuk, has expressed a desire to be a part of this Committee.

6.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

7.0 BUSINESS DEFERRED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Nil

8.0 REPORTS

8.1 Bassendean River Parks Management Committee Instrument of Appointment – Amendment (Ref GOVR/LREGLIA/29) – Yvonne Zaffino Council Support Officer

APPLICATION

The purpose of the report is to advise that in December 2016, Council resolved to invite a representative from the Department of Fire and Emergency Services to be a member of the Bassendean River Parks Management Committee.

BACKGROUND

At the December 2016 Ordinary Council Meeting the following was resolved:

“OCM – 28/12/16 MOVED Cr Bridges, Seconded Cr McLennan, that the CEO write to the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) inviting them to appoint a representative to the Bassendean River Parks Management Committee (BRPMC) and that the Instrument of Appointment for the BRPMC be amended to include a representative from DFES.”

As a result, the Town has written to the Department of Fire and Emergency Services' (DFES) Assistant Commissioner Metropolitan Operations seeking a representative to this Committee and providing a copy of the 2017 meeting schedule along with the Bassendean River Parks Management Committee Instrument of Appointment and Delegation (see attached amended Instrument of Appointment & Delegation).

COMMENT

To date, the Town has not received feedback from the Department of Fire and Emergency Services to advise if a representative is available to attend the Bassendean River Parks Management Committee meetings.

It was agreed by the Committee that the Town writes to DFES and expresses concern about the proposal to use the Kitchener Road reserve to construct a fire track across Ashfield Flats.

COMMITTEE/OFFICER RECOMMENDATION – ITEM 8.1

RPMC – 1/02/17 MOVED Cr Bridges, Seconded Carol Seidel, that:

1. The Committee notes the information regarding the appointment of a representative from the Department of Fire and Emergency Services to the Committee.
2. Council amends the Bassendean River Parks Management Committee's Instrument of Appointment and Delegation, to include an additional community representative, and invites Ms Melissa Mykytiuk from the Botanic Gardens and Parks Authority to join the Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 9/0

8.2 Bindaring Park – Stage 2 Bindaring Wetland Concept Plan Development (Ref PARE/MAINT/67/69 – Jeremy Walker Senior Environmental Officer)

APPLICATION

The purpose of the report is to advise that quotations have been invited for the RFQ 335W 2016-17 Stage 2 Bindaring Wetland Concept Plan Development and CoTerra Environment has been appointed as Successful contractor.

BACKGROUND

At the Bassendean River Parks Management Committee meeting held 16 November 2016 (RPMC – 1/11/16) the Committee noted the specifications for Stage 2 of the Bindaring Park project.

In December 2016, quotes were invited from suitably qualified and experienced contractors in accordance with the specifications to undertake Stage 2 works that will comprise of the following:

- Consultation with the Town of Bassendean and key stakeholders, including the Friends of Bindaring Park and also the Department of Parks and Wildlife (previously the Swan River Trust) on the water quality treatment train design objectives which fit the purpose of the Town and its stakeholders, enhances ecological values and improve the amenity of the upper portion of Bindaring Park.
- Following agreement on proposed options appointed consultant will develop concept options that address the agreed design objectives.
- Presentation of a concept design report including sketches and detail of the concept options, including probable development estimate costs for the proposed concepts and identifying operational and management options to be considered.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Environmental Sustainability & Adaptation to Climate Change

Objective: Conserve, protect and provide access to the Town's waterways

Strategy: Continue to rehabilitate and preserve the Swan River foreshore and provide responsible access to the river for the community

Strategy: Strive to divert drainage water to recharge groundwater and ensure that run-off to the Swan River is of a high quality

COMMENT

The Town's officers have reviewed all submissions and evaluated accordingly, with the successful contractor being CoTerra Environment. Stage 2 works will commence in February 2017.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

Nil.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Funds have been listed in the 2016/17 Operational Budget

Cr Bridges requested that in future, committee members be given the opportunity to review the scope of works.

COMMITTEE/OFFICER RECOMMENDATION – ITEM 8.2

RPMC – 2/02/17 MOVED Cr Bridges, Seconded Carol Seidel, that the Committee notes that CoTerra has been awarded the contract for Stage 2 works and that works are due to commence in February 2017.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 9/0

8.3 Bassendean Foreshore Precinct Plan (Ref. GOVN/CCLMEET/1 – Brian Reed, Manager Development Services)

APPLICATION

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the status of the Bassendean Foreshore Precinct Plan.

BACKGROUND

This matter was last considered by the Committee at its meeting held on 16 November 2016 where it was resolved by (RPMC – 2/11/16) to note the status of the Bassendean Foreshore Precinct Plan.

On 8 December 2016, a meeting has been held between officers of Department of Parks and Wildlife and officers of the Town to discuss the resurrection of the project.

The outcomes of the meeting are described in the comment section below.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Environmental Sustainability & Adaptation to Climate Change

Objectives: Continue to rehabilitate and preserve the Swan River foreshore and provide responsible access to the river for the community

Outcome : Adoption of the Bassendean Foreshore Precinct Plan by June 2017.

COMMENT

The following outcomes were agreed on the meeting held on 8 December 2016:

- The Steering Group is to meet in February – Brian Reed to arrange
- Brian Reed to contact Department of Planning to establish representation from that organization.
- A mini literature review is needed in terms of the relevant Strategic Documents – Appendix 1 – The Town' officers will do this for the EMRC and Town's documents.
- The draft plan needs updating in terms of new projects that have been initiated in the meantime
- Department of Parks and Wildlife –to contact UDLA about getting the draft plan in an editable version.

Further updates will be provided to the Committee once the Steering Committee has met.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

Nil at this stage

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The Town has budgeted \$5,000 to complete the project which included \$1,560 of the Original Swan River Trust Grant Funding.

COMMITTEE/OFFICER RECOMMENDATION — ITEM 8.3

RPMC – 3/02/17 MOVED Simon Stewert-Dawkins, Seconded Jeremy Walker, that the Committee notes the status report on the Bassendean Foreshore Precinct Plan.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 9/0

8.4 Ashfield Flats Reserve - Land Management (Ref PARE/MAINT/68 – Simon Stewert-Dawkins, Director Operational Services)

APPLICATION

The purpose of the report is to advise that the Department of Planning has prepared a draft Ashfield Flats Reserve Fire Management Plan and Weed Management Plan, and is seeking comment from key stakeholders.

BACKGROUND

In May 2015, the Bassendean Local Emergency Management Committee considered the Ashfield Flats, 5 March 2015, bush fire and risk management issues.

As a result, in June 2015 Council (OCM-32/06/15) resolved to write to the Department of Planning and Water Corporation to request the respective agencies to:

- a) *Implement a Bushfire Management Strategy, similar to the attached document for land owned by the respective agencies; and*
- b) *Implement the attached April 2015, Ashfield Flats Reserve Preliminary Weed Management Plan, in order to reduce the fire risk and rehabilitate this important wetland and bush forever site, and it be reviewed in conjunction with those households on Hardy Road directly impacted by the fire threat, the Bassendean Preservation Group and AshfieldCAN.*

On 3 November 2016, the Department of Planning provided to the Town the attached copy of the draft Ashfield Flats Reserve Fire Management Plan and Weed Management Plan.

On 18 January 2017 the Town provided the attached feedback concerning the draft Ashfield Flats Reserve Fire Management Plan.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Environmental Sustainability & Adaptation to Climate Change

Objectives: Continue to rehabilitate and preserve the Swan River foreshore and provide responsible access to the river for the community

Outcome : Foreshore rehabilitation works are undertaken in accordance with Swan River Trust (Department of Parks and Wildlife) Best Management Practices for Foreshore stabilization and bush rehabilitation is undertaken in accordance with Council adopted weed management plan and biodiversity plan

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

Bush Fire Act 1954
Local Government Act 1995

Metropolitan Region Scheme
State Planning Policy 3.7 Planning in Bushfire Prone Areas
State Planning Policy 2.8 - Bushland Policy for the Perth Metropolitan Region

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil at this stage.

COMMENT

The Department of Planning is working with key stakeholders to progress a final Ashfield Flats Reserve Fire Management Plan and Weed Management Plan.

The Department of Planning has advised that it would like to discuss the draft WAPC plans and seek comment from Committee members and key stakeholders. Once the feedback has been received, the draft final documents will be re-presented to the Committee prior to being adopted by the WAPC/ Department of Planning and being implemented.

Peter Kane addressed the committee on this item.

The Committee made the following comments:

- *DPAW, as a key stakeholder will be requiring that the draft plan be submitted for review and feedback.*

- *Draft Weed Management Plan will be updated.*
- *Discussed the proposed fire track on the Kitchener Road Reserve, given sensitive nature of the area.*
- *Typha weed shouldn't be eradicated and should be contained in some areas as it provides habitat for some birdlife.*

COMMITTEE/OFFICER RECOMMENDATION – ITEM 8.4

RPMC – 4/02/17 MOVED Simon Stewert-Dawkins, Seconded Stephen Lloyd, that the Committee notes that:

1. The Department of Planning is working with key stakeholders and seeking comments on the draft Ashfield Flats Reserve Fire Management Plan and Weed Management Plan attached to the agenda of 8 February 2017; and
2. The Department of Planning has indicated that the draft final Ashfield Flats Reserve Fire Management Plan and Weed Management Plan documents will be re-presented to the Committee prior to being adopted and implemented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 9/0

8.5 Water Corporation Stormwater Drains (Ref WATR/MAINT/2 – Simon Stewert-Dawkins, Director Operational Services)

APPLICATION

The purpose of the report is to advise that in January 2017 the Town promoted the Department of Water and Water Corporation's Drainage for Liveability Project to the broader Bassendean community inviting suggestions to make better use of the green spaces around Storm Water Drains.

BACKGROUND

In November 2016, the Bassendean River Parks Management Committee considered the Water Corporation's Drainage Liveability project and resolved:

“RPMC – 4/11/16 MOVED Lucy Bromell, Seconded Nonie Jekabsons, that the Committee notes Council (OCM – 35/10/16) resolution concerning the Water Corporation's Drainage for Liveability Project and suggests an expression of interest application be collated for:

1. *The Chapman Street drain between the outlet and the Villiers Street road reserve; and*

2. *The site 17 drain at the corner of Railway Parade and May Holman Drive; and*
3. *Be presented to Council for consideration.”*

As a result, Council (OCM - 15/12/16) MOVED Cr Pule, Seconded Bridges, resolved, in part to:

“Note that once the broader community has provided their suggestions to make better use of the green spaces around Storm Water Drains, a further report will be provided outlining the broader community and Committee’s suggestions, together with a draft proposal for the Drainage for Liveability Project for Council for consideration.”

In January 2017, the Town promoted the Water Corporation’s Drainage for Liveability Project to the broader Bassendean community inviting suggestions to make better use of the green spaces around Storm Water Drains.

COMMENT

The Department of Water and Water Corporation, earlier this year signed a “Drainage Partnership Agreement to commit to move Perth from ‘Drained City’ towards a ‘Water Sensitive City’; and have also recently released a “Drainage for Liveability Program” to enhance stormwater drains and basins across Western Australia.

Stormwater drains and basins serve a functional purpose, but they also have the potential to contribute to the liveability of our local communities.

As part of the “Water Sensitive” urban design vision, the Water Corporation is seeking to integrate water systems planning with land use planning and are inviting expressions of interest from Local Governments with the aim that it will show how water can make our communities more sustainable, productive, resilient and liveable.

In January 2017, the Town promoted the Drainage Liveability project via the Town’s website at <http://www.bassendean.wa.gov.au/community/community-engagement/drainage-liveability-idea.aspx> and also via social media, the Customer Service Centre and Bassendean Library asking residents to provide their feedback by the 10 March 2017.

COMMITTEE/OFFICER RECOMMENDATION – ITEM 8.5

- RPMC – 5/02/17** MOVED Nonie Jekabsons, Seconded Carol Seidel, that the Committee notes the Drainage Liveability project community consultation currently being undertaken and that a further report will be presented to Council for consideration.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 9/0

8.6 Nature-Based Regional Playground Location (Ref: PARE/DESCONT/10 - Graeme Haggart, Director Community Development)

APPLICATION

The purpose of this report is to advise the Bassendean River Parks Management Committee of a Council resolution for site for the Nature-based Regional Playground.

BACKGROUND

In December 2016 Council (OCM - 12/12/16) resolved the location for the Nature-based Regional Playground to be on part of Lot 646 Kitchener Road.

The Town has engaged Nature Play Solutions (consultants) to consult with the community; design the facility; prepare the tender documents; assist with the tender process and selection of builder; and then assist the Town with supervision of construction.

An early priority outcome required of the consultants was to assist with site selection for the facility.

A major consideration in facility design is site location, such that the facility is designed to suit the topography and geographical features of the site.

The consultants met with the Regional Playground Working Group (Working Group), a community reference group of the Liveable Town Advisory Committee on 16 November.

The Working Group is comprised of seven community members and two Councillors (Crs Gangell and McLennan) and has been established to assist with achieving the Regional Playground facility.

At the meeting the Working Group work-shopped with the consultant, the community engagement plan and the preferred location for the facility.

The December 2016, Officer Report to Council articulated the benefits and constraints associated with each of the potential four potential sites for the facility and recommended Council resolve that the facility be constructed on the preferred site, being that aspect of Ashfield Flats immediately adjacent to and to the south of Sandy Beach Reserve (part of Lot 646 Kitchener Road).

The Town has commenced discussions with the Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) / Department of Planning to establish a management order for the portion of land where the Regional Playground is proposed to be located and these discussions are continuing.

COMMENT

At the May 2014 Ordinary Council meeting, Council resolved (OCM–20/05/14) to “consider allocating funding in the 2014/15 Budget for the development of a regional playground in accordance with the Town of Bassendean’s Long Term Financial Plan”.

Achieving a Nature-based Regional Playground located on part of Lot 646 Kitchener Road will achieve the long held ambition of the community and of Council.

Given the Western Australian Planning Commission / Department of Planning has provided agreement to a management order, the Town has commenced design processes.

A consulting Arborist report has been received and a feature survey of the site ordered.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

Local Government Act 1995.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Council has allocated \$150,000 in the 2016/2017 Budget for the design process for the proposed Nature-based Regional Playground.

The project is estimated will cost up to \$2m.

A project funding strategy has been established including that two properties have been acquired by the Town under 20A Reserve classification from the Department for Lands for 5% their market value in order to sell the properties for residential purposes with the yield to be used for the facility.

Additional funding is to be acquired from Cash in Lieu Reserves and through a LotteryWest grant application.

The Committee expressed concern about raising the level of the playground with fill/soil and about the playground being in the floodway and the potential to cause obstruction or hazards should there be a flood.

COMMITTEE/OFFICER RECOMMENDATION — ITEM 8.6

RPMC – 6/02/17 MOVED Cr Bridges, Seconded Carol Seidel, that the Committee notes the December 2016 Council (OCM - 12/12/16) resolution for the Nature-based Regional Playground at the preferred location at Part Lot 646 Kitchener Road **and requests that due consideration be given to isolating the location of the former McDonald's farmhouse as an archaeological site and providing appropriate interpretive signage.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 9/0

9.0 **MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN**

Nil

10.0 **ANNOUNCEMENTS OF NOTICES OF MOTION FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

10.1 **Cr Brown**

That a working group be established to develop the contemplative park and observatory on the Villiers Street Reserve.

11.0 **CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS**

Nil

12.0 **CLOSURE**

The next meeting is to be held on Wednesday 3 May 2017 commencing at 10am.

There being no further business, the Presiding Member declared the meeting closed, the time being 11.25am.