

Donnybrook Balingup

Ratepayers & Residents Association Inc

'Contributing to a strong, vibrant and health community'

Community Meeting

Unconfirmed Minutes

Meeting held 7.00pm on 8th July 2021 at Donnybrook Country Club

1. PRESENT

DBRRA Members: 19

Community Members: 55

Elected Members: Councillor Jackie Massey, Councillor Brian Piesse, Councillor Anne Mitchell

Observers: Jodie Hanns MLA, Karen Steele

2. APOLOGIES

DBRRA Members: Desne Chapman, Allan Coxall, Don Hyland

Community Members: Tom Clifford, Peter Clifford, DFC President Peter Hearman, Kev Johns, Simon Mc Innes, Micheal Staffa,

Elected Members: Nola Merino MP, Steve Thomas, Councillor Shane Atherton, Councillor Leanne Wringe, Councillor Chaz Newman

3. MEETING OPENED

7.00pm

4. PRESIDENTS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome DBRRA members, community and Elected Members

Public Notification of Recording of Meeting

Rules of Engagement:

This is a public discussion, not a debate. The purpose is not to win an argument, but to hear many points of view and explore many options and solutions.

Everyone is encouraged to participate. You may be asked to share what you think, or we may ask for comments from those who haven't spoken. It is always OK to "pass" when you are asked to share a comment.

No one or two individuals should dominate a discussion. If you have already voiced your ideas, let others have an opportunity. When you speak, be brief and to the point.

When you speak, state your name and where you live. In a public meeting, it is helpful to know who is speaking as well as where they live in the community.

One person speaks at a time. Refrain from side conversations. Pay attention to the person speaking. If you think you will forget an idea that comes to mind, write it down.

Listen to and respect other points of view.

Do your best to understand the pros and cons of every option, not just those you prefer. Be as objective and fair-minded as you can be.

Seek first to understand, not to be understood. Ask questions to seek clarification when you don't understand the meaning of someone's comments.

All attendees must adhere to the Chairpersons directions

5. PURPOSE OF MEETING

Introduction to DBRRA

DBRRA Vision Statement:

'The purpose of the association is to contribute to a strong, vibrant & healthy community in the Donnybrook Balingup Shire through the development of a proactive & representative network of ratepayers'

DBRRA Key Objectives:

'Facilitate community discussion and advise the relevant authorities of the community's views and preferences.'

Facilitate resolution on issues affecting the community, including planning, infrastructure, environmental matters and residential concerns'

Membership Benefits and Application options

6. PRESENTATIONS

Slideshow by DBRRA President Brad Fowler

DBRRA Not against the Project

Project should have Business Case and Governance Model prior to starting

Five sporting clubs have withdrawn support

DLGSCI indicated funding would only be for a multi-purpose project

Stakeholder Group- no decision making, no terms of reference and no minutes

Master Plan and Business Case required prior to starting

Master Plan by consultant 'A Balanced View'- community consultation consisted only of a Survey with 32 responses & one open-door session

Public Notice for concept plan

DLGSCI outline justifying the need and public support is required prior to commencing project

Public Survey appears to be misleading, it mentions Stage 2 & Stage 3 which appear unlikely to go ahead (100 responses received)

Council Resolution May '20 OCM required prior any to further progress

Unclear why or who was selected Scenario B

The announced funding is Sports Funding, to assist with COVID stimulus

Timeline shown and approval gateway very close

Design & Construct option is fast however can be a more expensive, cost can escalate

\$9m Total Project Budget, around \$250k believed to be spent on pre-works with very limited detail to date

Is the 'Hub Model' the best? Other similar facilities have failed

State Funding may come at a cost and has been recently knocked back by Busselton & City of Perth

Documents/outcomes still required:

- Project Management Plan

- Feasibility Study

- Business Case

- Operational Model

- Governance Model

- A Fairer Outcome for all

Peter Kenyon is still to offer advice on governance options

Facility appears to be a two-storey hub built on the site of the current football club building

Estimated \$3000-\$4000 per/m² build price for two storey building

Wants vs Needs

A detailed draft 'Option D' provided from the Tennis Club took seven weeks to get a reply from the shire

A Committee of Council should be formed at this point, with delegation

Conflicts of Interest to be considered, financial, perceived or actual. Includes Employees, consultants, councillors and stakeholders

Basketball estimated 300 members and Netball 100 members with proposed benefit at Rec Centre

Pump Track Survey- data manipulation, only 13 votes in favour of locating Pump Track on current Netball and Hockey site

Hockey Club removed from the facility they built

\$8.4m 'Option D' could provide benefit to football, tennis, hockey, netball and basketball -yet no response from administration

Hearing questions from the community and seeking the answers from the shire

7. OPEN THE FLOOR TO DISCUSSION

Shire representation at the meeting is in a listening mode only

Co-operation is key

Query regarding who was present at DBRRA inaugural meeting? Minutes on DBRRA website

Women's Hockey feel pump track survey was flawed and happy with the existing facilities, concerns around pump track build and maintenance cost
Concerns around Pump Track Tender, limited detail and many assumptions
Men Hockey feel disaffected, ripped off and disappointed; facility built and funded by community
Correct information appears to not be getting through to councillors
Conversations need to be had around project model
Clubs require information
Questions around what is and why we need a pump track
Past projects going over budget, concerns the same thing may happen
FOI from WA Treasury Corp. indicates a large increase in annual operational revenue needed to be demonstrated, prior borrowing money
Disappointment and frustration over disposal of Fun Park
DBRRA hope to improve community engagement
Men's Hockey content with current modest facilities however concerns around cost to the community; Club cannot agree to anything with nothing in writing; Hockey at near the top of the ladder and heading into finals without a place to train
A better outcome can still be achieved through improvements across all clubs
Netball decided to move to Rec Centre but unwilling to support the current plans without knowing costs; concerns that it is unfair not all players will be able to play undercover
Project a great opportunity for young people however the money could be better spent across all clubs; concerns the community hub is dividing the community that it is being built for
Dept. Sport & Rec priorities are for playing surfaces
Concerns around community division, impressed with positive meeting, better facilities for hockey would be good, a pump track would be great also

8. PUBLIC RESOLUTION *Voting open to all those present*

Those present advise the Shire of Donnybrook Balingup Council that they will not support the 'Donnybrook Community Sporting, Recreation and Entertainment Precinct Project' until such time as the following points are addressed to all stakeholders' mutual satisfaction; for a **fairer outcome for all sporting and community groups.**

1. **Detailed Project Development Plan**
2. **Detailed Feasibility Study**
3. **Business Case Study**
4. **Operational Model**
5. **Governance Model**

Therefore, the community request the Shire of Donnybrook Balingup Council to defer any decision making on this project for six months **or until** the above documents are provided to all stakeholders and the community.

Moved Angelo Logiudice

Seconded Mike King

Project has drifted away from sport priorities, tough time to build

'Fairer outcome' is not measurable

Carried Majority

Abstained Brian Piesse, Ben Rose, Anne Mitchell, Jackie Massey

9. MEETING CLOSED

9.18pm