

# SHIRE OF MT MARSHALL



## Facilities and Services Committee

**Minutes of the  
Mt Marshall Facilities and Services  
Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 18  
May 2022 in CWA House,  
Rowlands St, Beacon  
commencing at 6:08pm.**

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Chairperson

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**1.0 Declaration of Opening / Announcement of Visitors**

The Chairperson welcomed committee members to the meeting and declared the meeting open at 6:08pm.

**2.0 Record of Attendance / Apologies**

**Attendance**

Mrs Krista Lancaster	Committee Member / Chairperson
Cr ARC Sachse	Councillor / Committee Member
Cr TM Gibson	Councillor / Committee Member
Mr Michael Carr	Committee Member
Mr Nigel Beagley	Committee Member
Mr John Nuttall	Chief Executive Officer
Miss Rebecca Watson	Community Development Officer

**Apologies**

Mrs Sue Munns	Committee Member
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**3.0 Standing Orders**

**FASC2022/003 COMMITTEE DECISION:**

***That Standing Order number 9.2 - Limitation of Number of Speeches be suspended for the duration of the meeting to allow for greater debate on items in the agenda.***

***Moved: Cr TM Gibson***

***Seconded: Mr Michael Carr***

***Carried 5/0***

**4.0 Confirmation of Minutes**

**4.1 Minutes of the Facilities & Services Committee meeting held on  
Wednesday 16 February 2022**

**FASC2022/004 COMMITTEE DECISION:**

***That the minutes of the Facilities & Services Committee meeting held on Wednesday 16 February 2022 be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings with the following amendments:***

- 1. Correct Spelling of Mrs Krista Lancaster in item 7.0***
- 2. Inclusion of Cr Gibson comment about unpowered sites at Beacon Caravan Park in item 5.0***

***Moved: Cr TM Gibson***

***Seconded: Mr Nigel Beagley***

***Carried 5/0***

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**5.0 Reports of Officers**

Beacon Caravan Park

The project is still waiting for Western Power to provide the quote for the power upgrade at the Beacon Caravan Park. The funds for the power upgrade and campers kitchen will now be carried over to the 22/23 financial year.

Currently still waiting on quotes for the campers kitchen.

On a positive note, new caretakers have been appointed to commence early June and have committed to work through until the end of October 2022. This will be beneficial for the Park to be covered throughout the peak tourist season and provide weekend availability of accommodation to visitors and contractors.

Lucas Street Footpath

Waiting on the quote to be able to get this completed hopefully in the next six weeks Site meetings have been held with the affected business owners and a plan in place to suit all stakeholders.

Cr Gibson asked if we have considered locating the path on the southern side of the road. This option has been explored however it has been decided that the footpath will remain on the northern side of the road.

Beacon Recreation Centre

An inspection was held at the Beacon Recreation Centre with Chris Kirby from the Beacon Community Recreation Council. A list of items were discussed, some minor maintenance and other larger projects.

To be completed this year is the retaining wall around the tennis courts and back filling of the area to prevent water running onto the courts. The damaged posts of the shelter at the tennis club will also be replaced. Blocks will be arriving in the first week of June. Funds to pave this area will be requested in the 22/23 budget to complete the project. The other major capital project identified for the 22/23 budget was the replacement of the roof. On the southern end of the building there are many water leaks causing damage to ceilings inside the building. The roof has been patched and repaired for many years and with continued issues it is felt that replacement is the best option. This will then ensure any repairs or internal work completed on the building will not be compromised in the future.

The Roof and Wall Doctor has already inspected the building and provided costings for the project.

Nigel raised the issue of the leach drains. No issues with the water backing up since the roots were removed from the drain last year. Plans to have the drains inspected and any

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further removal of roots will be conducted before the Central Wheatbelt Preliminary Final fixture being held at the facility in August.

Krista requested that the two existing bins at the hockey grounds to be replaced and another additional bin be added near the home dug out. This will be requested within the 22/23 maintenance budget.

Cr Gibson also raised about the condition of the cricket nets. These will be inspected to determine any required repairs to the nets.

**Flood Damaged Roads**

Funding has been approved by Department of Fire and Emergency Services to repair a series of roads in the northern end of the Shire that experienced significant flood damage in February 2021. It is hopeful that the work will commence in June to repair the roads. The Shire will advertise the affected roads locally so the community are aware of any possible disruptions to road use during the repair period.

**Beacon Community Park**

At the previous meeting it was asked that the Committee engage in some community consultation to determine a priority list of what the project will involve. Krista reported that the following:

1. A BBQ and Shade area for the community to gather for events and occasions
2. A water park
3. Nature play area for children

The community has indicated that they would like the park area located at the Beacon Recreation Complex to be able to utilise existing facilities such as toilets within the concept.

The community also indicated that the War Memorial should remain as a separate project and remain in its current location at the front of the Beacon Men's Shed.

The Committee discussed a staged approach to the facility and it was agreed that the project would be done in the following stages based on the community consultation undertaken.

**Stage 1**

Redevelopment of the entry to the Beacon Recreation Centre to incorporate a community park space to include a bbq, shelter/shade, seating, landscaping and disabled access to the Beacon Complex. The proposed area to be developed is along the northern end of the Beacon Complex.

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**Stage 2**

A water park similar to that located in Menzies and Sandstone

**Stage 3**

A nature play/park area for children. Exact details on this area will need to be determined with further community consultation.

Chief Executive Officer, Mr John Nuttall has spoken with the company who installed the Menzies and Sandstone water parks to ascertain an estimate for a similar water park facility to be built in Beacon. The parks in Menzies and Sandstone cost around \$400,000.00, however the company revealed that with the Department of Health regulation changes in regards to water parks and an increase in material costs, to construct a similar water park facility in Beacon would cost in the vicinity of \$700,000.00.

It was also discussed that we would need to perform soil testing on the site to ensure that the location would be suitable for a water park.

**6.0 General Business**

Water Disruptions at Cleary

Cr Gibson indicated that her property along with quite a few others have been impacted by a pipe burst in the area. She enquired about if the Shire was able to provide any support to these farmers and residents to be able to access water until the repairs are complete and the water is restored.

Chief Executive Officer, Mr John Nuttall explained the situation with current restrictions and regulations enforced by Water Corporation regarding standpipes located within the Shire. The Shire is unable to unlock these for people to be able to access without incurring massive fees including roughly an annual \$150,000 standpipe fee and water being charged at a rate of \$8/kl. The Shire would need to charge close to \$15/kl to recoup the cost of the commercial rate for the standpipes and water usage and cover the increased cost of water. John informed Cr Gibson that the only available standpipes are the community ones that unfortunately release water at such a slow rate that it will not be much use to someone wanting to take a large amount of water.

Cr Gibson may be able to look at several tanks in the area to secure water for her property.

Rowlands Street Drainage

Mr Nigel Beagley raised that each time it rains leaves are blocking the small drains since the footpath was installed along Rowlands Street. This is causing water to then flood out across the footpath and road. The Shire will investigate what can be done to be able to rectify the issue.

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**Advertising for Beacon Cleaner Position**

Concerns are being raised in the community regarding the wording on a previous advert for the Beacon Cleaner Position. The concern being that the advert stated that the applicant can be based in other towns and does not have to reside in Beacon. CEO, John Nuttall explained that the original advert for this position was run for approximately four weeks and not one enquiry about the position was received from Beacon residents or otherwise. The advert was modified to encourage possible applicants to fill the position from surrounding communities in an attempt to fill the position. Finding staff to fill positions is proving difficult in the current times. It was also noted that the position has now been filled by a person residing in the Beacon townsite.

**7.0 Next Meeting – Wednesday, 17 August 2022 at 6pm in the CWA House, Beacon**

**8.0 Closure of Meeting**

The Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 7:32pm.

These Minutes were confirmed by the Facilities and Services Committee at its meeting held

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Chairperson