
MINUTES
of the
SAXTON FIELD COMMITTEE MEETING
Komiti Whenua Saxton
held
9.30 am, Wednesday, 3 August 2022
at
Saxton Netball Pavilion, , Stoke, Nelson

Present: Mr D Shaw (Chairperson), Tasman District Councillors K Maling, T Tuffnell and Nelson City Councillors J Edgar (via zoom) and T Skinner

In Attendance: Tasman District Council: Reserves and Facilities Manager (R Hollier), Reserves Officer (R Coleman), Group Manager – Community Infrastructure (R Kirby), Executive Assistant (K Ktori), Executive Support Officer (A Brough),
Nelson City Council: Group Manager Community Services (A White), Principal Parks and Facilities Asset Planner (A Petheram), Team Leader – Parks and Facilities (P Harrington), Parks and Facilities Activity Planner (J Loughnan), General Manager Spaces and Places (T Thomas), Engineering Cadet (M Christian)

1. OPENING, WELCOME

Chairperson, Derek Shaw welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

There were no apologies

3 PUBLIC FORUM

Nelson Tasman Climate Forum's Transport Group's Coordinator, Bruno Lemke, said there were a lot of vehicles in Saxton Field with only one or two people in them and is concerned about the greenhouse gasses produced from these vehicles. Some of his suggestions included ride sharing apps and gates at the entrance to Saxton charging the public to enter. He suggested Saxton Field or the varied sports groups could organise this. Mr Shaw said that something could be put on the Saxton Field website regarding this matter.

Nelson Cricket's Operations Manager, Tim Murdoch, discussed the lack of international cricket at Saxton Field due to lack of infrastructure (fibre and TV cameras are one of the main issues). He confirmed that tours will be coming up and NZ Cricket will be asking Associations to tender for matches over the next five to six years. Saxton Field requires media towers/scaffolding and fibre to be bought to the centre of the wicket. Mr Murdoch will look at the cost to complete this but estimates it to be around \$25,000.

Central districts are keen to promote Saxton Oval but we are down on the list of accredited international venues. The capital investment needs to be made by both councils or Saxton Field.

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

5 LATE ITEMS

Nil

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

**Moved Councillor Maling/Councillor Tuffnell
SFC22-08-1**

That the minutes of the Saxton Field Committee meeting held on Wednesday, 11 May 2022, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED

7 PRESENTATIONS

Nil

8 REPORTS

8.1 Saxton Field Concept Development Plan

Principal Parks and Facilities Asset Planner, Andrew Petheram, presented the Saxton Field Concept Development Plan which was taken as read.

Mr Petheram mentioned that the tracks and trails in the plan are half built and the plan has been updated to show this. He also mentioned that the demand for facilities far outweighs the space. A lawn bowls and gymnastics hall have previously been requested but these associations cannot come up with the funding. They need to fundraise at least 20% of the costs and the councils will contribute the remaining amount. An outdoor basketball court and netball warm up space are also needed.

Discussion ensued about:

- a demand for a national standard skate park. This is not proposed in this plan but will be investigated further;
- the existing BMX will be retained. BMX cannot put a formal facility near the velodrome as it could upset the base of the velodrome and would be under the overhead high tension lines;
- a regional play facilities at Saxton. It was not recommended as this would be better sited near a shopping precinct to generate money for businesses;

- a proposal for a clay wicket block for senior cricket - the cost of the clay was quite expensive;
- sealing the entrance and driveway to the indoor cricket and target shooting facility;
- the long term proposal to install a pavilion at Velodrome;
- Councillors were concerned the softball and baseball associations were not working together. There was a suggestion that baseball should be in the same pavilion with softball;
- staff were suggesting the purchase of the Radio NZ site as it compromised activity in the centre of the park and it would be a good location for a baseball ground;
- circuses being held at the Richmond Showgrounds rather than at Circus Green in Saxton;
- a road linking developments behind Saxton Field - this would provide more parking and open up Saxton Field;
- Saxton field is not considered a priority for additional sports lighting at present;
- suggestion about sculptures/artwork that could reflect sporting activities - one idea would be to put an art feature at the entrance to Saxton.

There were concerns from councillors regarding ponds near playgrounds, dogs on leashes, the amount of land used for parking and shade and seating near facilities.

In response to a question about buying additional land, adjoining residential land prices are too high.

Staff noted that the cross country was very successful and there was a lot of positive feedback.

**Moved Councillor Maling/Councillor Skinner
SFC22-08-2**

That the Saxton Field Committee:

1. receives the Saxton Field Concept Development Plan RSFC22-08-1; and
2. requests officers to further investigate a location for a competitive skatepark; and
3. adopts the Saxton Field Concept Development Plan Report and its Attachment 1 (Plan No. 18-0147 A2907563 3 August 2022);
4. requests officers to investigate the possible purchase of the land which includes the Radio New Zealand radio mast.

CARRIED

8.2 Saxton Field Activity Report

Reserves and Facilities Manager, Richard Hollier presented the report which was taken as read:

- the report included capital projects for this financial year and last;
- the pole vault facility is to arrive on 11 August;
- an issue with Garin College students parking at Saxton.

Concern was expressed about the extra costs for the Saxton Stadium basketball hoops. This matter will be brought back to the Committee.

There was a discussion regarding damage to fields by vandals – it was noted that CCTV cameras have recently led to a culprit being identified who is now being prosecuted.

Officers were asked whether installation of fibre to the wicket block could be installed within the

current budget. Mr Harrington said that the matter would be investigated.

There was positive feedback regarding Nelson Cricket and the funding needed to have International Cricket matches at Saxton. It would be good to have Nelson Cricket attend a future meeting to discuss this matter further.

**Moved Councillor Skinner/Councillor Maling
SFC22-08-3**

**That the Saxton Field Committee receives the Saxton Field Activity Report RSFC22-08-2.
CARRIED**

The meeting concluded at 11.33 am

**CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD BY THE CHAIRPERSON AND CHIEF
EXECUTIVE UNDER STANDING ORDER 27.4:**

Chairperson

D.M. Shaw

Date

11/10/2022

Chief Executive

C. Dae

Date

7/10/2022