

**NOTES OF UPPER COASTAL SPORTING FACILITIES
WORKING GROUP PUBLIC MEETING
HELD AT THE LANCELIN SPORTING COMPLEX
27 MARCH 2019 (6.28PM-8.30PM)**

Presentation by Chief Executive Officer Aaron Cook and Council Vice President/Working Group Presiding Member, John Elgin.

67 names recorded on attendee list, excluding presenters and working group members.

1. Working Group Representatives (10)

- Councillors: Jan Court, Jacqui Lobb and John Elgin
- Lancelin Community and Sporting Complex: Tom Papadopoulos and Norm Skoglund
- Ledge Point Country Club: Faye Paull
- Ledge Point Community Association: Marie Crane
- Ocean Farm Community Association: Andrea Vis
- Seaview Park Community Association: Christine Freestone
- Shire of Gingin Facilitator: Helen Sutherland

2. Working Group Progress

- Pilot program for the Shire of Gingin
- Early stages
- Planning a way forward to developing and building facilities in the Upper Coastal Area with decreased residential numbers coupled with a higher demand for funding and assets

3. Working Group Purpose

- To build a master plan for the Upper Coastal Area (UCA)
- Non duplication of assets
- Understand and respectful of building assets in the UCA
- To progress a master plan taking into consideration, funding, engagement, sustainable, justified and reasonable actions.

4. Master Plan Priorities

- Getting a master plan started
- Sustainable assets
- Lifecycle costs - not just the building
- Understanding and managing volunteer commitments, time, trends, capacity
- Due to less funding availability, better ways to best use and share current assets e.g. co-location, co-funding, business case
- Identify and review current assets for use and ways to increase capacity
- Outcome – maximum use of Shire of Gingin facilities and equipment

5. UCA Community and Shire of Gingin Considerations

- Community groups to think about contributions towards asset sustainability and funding
- Whole life costs due to non-funding from external grant sources for asset replacement and maintenance

6. UCA Community and Shire of Gingin Recommendations

- Community group collaboration within and between UCA organisations
- Community group colocation and shared asset utilisation
- UCA planning to address appropriate time frames, development in stages, prioritisation, realistic goals and be aligned to grant availability
- Minutes to be distributed to community groups to retain accurate information distribution and UCA Master Plan progress

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Below are audience questions in italics (Q.) with the presenters' response (A.) following. There are also a couple of audience comments, also in italics (C.). These are listed in order received.

- *Q1. Pathway – trigger point with developer (concrete? materials?).*
A. Best cost to be used
- *Q2 Master Plan consultant?*
A. Yes
- *Q3. Master Plan – use the one already done as the foundation?*
A. Yes - the parts that are appropriate
- *Q4. History on Lancelin Sporting Complex poor – altered timeframes, communications and expectations.*
A. Inefficient planning of large complexes causes financial deficits – long term. We have too many assets and duplications in the UCA. This Master Plan will define and clarify Shire of Gingin and UCA expectations
- *Q5. Netball courts – Quality poor and not inclusive of the complex sporting group needs.*
A. Short term fix is viable in particular instances to meet priority needs for existing clubs however a long term and overarching agenda is necessary to justify ratepayer's expenditure
- *Q6. Cost expenditure for Grace Darling Park?*
A. DFES \$240,000, Shire \$100,000, External \$140,000 this is separate to Asset fund

- *Q7. Is there one hub (sporting complex) or will there be a splitting of groups into different UCA's?*
A. Yes there is a hub however there is a priority to have maximum utilisation of all existing facilities
- *Q8. Ledge to be joined to Lancelin?*
A. Certainly a priority. The Master Plan priority is for club sustainability and maximum use of existing UCA assets and facilities. The utilisation of Ledge or Lancelin assets will be determined on what best addresses this criterion
- *C1. The Working Group consists of a balanced representation from the UCA. The role of the UCA representatives is to distribute accurate information to the UCA*
- *Q9. Netball Club is unable to plan strategically due to the lack of an overarching plan and direction.*
A. The Master plan will address what is required for the UCA. It will be achievable and sustainable. Patience and trust is required in the process to develop this Master Plan. The Master Plan will enable strategic direction for UCA groups
- *Q10. Request for copy of the old Lancelin Concept Masterplan 2016 in the Lancelin Shire Office please.*
A. Yes. This document is located in the Shire of Gingin Lancelin Office
- *Q11. Is the Council going to commit to these decisions once the master plan is completed?*
A. Yes. Due to the need to identify current facility use and a priority for asset management without raising Shire of Gingin rates. Council will make sustainable decisions which are fair and justified. Council cannot be asked to provide funding for non-rationalised assets. Groups may have to travel to use existing facilities rather than creating duplications
- *Q12. Is this a rationalisation program? We may lose numbers and groups if decisions cannot be made now. What is the long term benefit of this master plan?*
A. Sustainability is a Master Plan priority for UCA assets and groups. Short term priorities can be implemented however a master plan will ensure long term sustainable growth with a focus on UCA needs
- *Q13. The Lancelin Sporting complex group and affiliated clubs do work collaboratively to support each other.*
A. The Shire of Gingin agrees with this statement. A collaborative effort for all UCA groups within and across groups will be required to action the needs and positive growth of the UCA and to progress the master plan
- *Q14. The large amount of land at the Lancelin Sporting Complex was developed for and was identified for its current purpose and use. Why change this?*
A. The original purpose of this facility has been affected by changes in access to funding, maintenance costs and viability of existing UCA assets plus a lack of a master (overarching) plan for the UCA

- *Q15. Access to the Lancelin Sporting Complex is a priority.*
A. Yes it is. This is a part of the Master plan
- *Q16. Will the Master Plan be a part of the plans of the Shire of Gingin?*
A. Yes. This plan will be part of the Shire of Gingin Strategic plan, Corporate Plan and other relevant documents
- *Q17. The Master Plan needs to identify trends and shall be a long term plan.*
A. Yes it will be
- *Q18. Will the swimming pool in the Lancelin Caravan Park be public?*
A. Yes. It will be open to the public subject to specific terms and conditions not adverse to the business of the Caravan Park
- *Q19. Are you going to apply for funding?*
A. Yes. With using a Master Plan grant applications can be determined in advance
- *C2. The UCA working group is not Shire of Gingin biased. This working group was formed from the Lancelin Sporting Complex desire for strategic direction and time frames. Upper coastal groups were provided the opportunity to be representatives on this working group*
- *Q20. There are rumours and inaccurate information distribution.*
A. Yes. Two Actions to be taken. 1.) Introduction of UCA Community Connect Informal Group June 2019 to enable community groups to provide and share information on projects, events, UCA concerns with an email distribution network, and 2.) Shire of Gingin Community Project progress has been added to the Shire of Gingin website