



**MINUTES OF THE KATHERINE SPORT PRECINCT NETWORK ADVISORY GROUP  
MEETING WEDNESDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2009, CIVIC CENTRE, STUART HIGHWAY,  
KATHERINE**

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**1. OPENING**

5.30pm

**2. PRESENT**

Alderman Trevor Ford	Katherine Town Council (Chairman)
Alderman Toni Coutts	Katherine Town Council
Geoff Brooks	Katherine Town Council
Rebecca Mather-Brown	KROAKS
Jason Hillier	Nordraft/Katherine Speedway
Brett Thomsen	Katherine Motor Sports Club
Dean Hersey	Katherine Off Road Motor Cycle Sports Club
Sarah Heathwood	Netball

**3. APOLOGIES**

Tegan Forder	Netball
Lisa Elliot	YMCA

**4. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES – 12 AUGUST 2009**

MOVED: Jason Hillier/Toni Coutts

That the minutes of the meeting of the 14 October 2009 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED

**5. BUSINESS ARISING**

In reference to the extension of the Netball Canteen to accommodate Softball Alderman Coutts indicated that it was important that the scope of work was sufficient to fully meet future needs and that additional funding should be allocated if necessary.

## 6. ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION

### a. **Updated Sport Facility Master Plan**

The final draft of the Katherine Sportsgrounds Master Plan prepared by Nordraft was emailed to all sporting groups approximately two weeks prior to the meeting.

This plan will be discussed at the Showground Advisory Committee Meeting on 10 December 2009 and then again at a joint sports facility meeting in February 2010.

The Chairman thanked Jason Hillier for preparing the Master Plan and in discussion the following alterations were requested:

- Aquatic Centre - review costing of retractable shade structure and the club room. Relocate the club room to be an extension of the existing club facility.
- Netball – review the costing of the children’s play area on the basis that it will involve a netball ring and provision for hand ball.

The total value of all projects in the Master Plan is some \$5.7m which is considered a long term goal. As indicated by the Chairman it is important to realise that every asset that is created generates a requirement for ongoing maintenance and thus increases Council’s operating costs.

To assist with the preparation of a submission to Government for a capital grant for Master Plan projects the following preliminary priorities were identified:

#### **Oval No 2**

- Upgrade existing lighting \$490,000

#### **Oval No 4**

- Install fencing around oval \$60,000

#### **Netball**

- Extend Canteen - in progress
- Upgrade road access and car parking \$60,000
- Provide irrigation \$16,000
- Provide Children’s Play Area TBA

#### **Softball**

- Upgrade Safety Fencing \$4,200
- Replace Dug Outs \$4,500
- Upgrade Scorers Box \$2,000

#### **Aquatic Centre**

- Retractable Shade Structure TBA
- Club Room TBA

#### **Tennis**

- Upgrade pedestrian access \$11,500

**Baseball**

- Extend Safety Fence \$5,500
- Replace Scorers Box \$27,750

**Motocross**

- Connection to Power \$35,000
- Spectator Stands and Seating \$38,000
- Irrigation/Bore \$46,000

**Speedway**

- Concrete Barrier Wall \$180,000
- Upgrade Catch Fence \$60,000

Further discussions with sporting groups are required to finalise the above priorities.

**7. OTHER ISSUES**

**a. Netball**

It was requested in the coming Wet Season that Council Rangers and Police patrol the Sportsground in a bid to limit damage to facilities caused by itinerant campers.

It was agreed that approaches should be made to Katherine based Shires to contribute to the upkeep of sporting facilities used by visitors from regional communities.

**b. Come and Try Sports Day**

It was agreed that the Come and Try Sports Day should take place on 6 February 2010.

**8. CONTACT FOR MAINTENANCE ITEMS**

Sporting organisations are requested to report maintenance items direct to Council's Works section as they occur. Please contact Ross Cruden on (08) 8972 5500 or email [ross.cruden@ktc.nt.gov.au](mailto:ross.cruden@ktc.nt.gov.au)

**9. MEETING CLOSED**

Meeting was closed at 6.55pm.

**10. NEXT MEETING**

10 February 2010.