



**MINUTES
OF THE
SPECIAL MEETING OF ELECTORS
HELD AT THE
MOUNT PLEASANT BAPTIST COMMUNITY COLLEGE
AT 7.00PM ON
THURSDAY
1 FEBRUARY 2018**

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1. OFFICIAL OPENING

His Worship the Mayor, R Aubrey, welcomed Ratepayers and Electors of the City of Melville and opened the meeting at 7.00pm.

His Worship the Mayor advised the meeting had been called to discuss:

The planned use and development of facilities at Bert Jeffery Park under agreement with the Applecross Cricket Club.

2. PRESENT

His Worship the Mayor R Aubrey

COUNCILLORS

Cr D Macphail
Cr N Pazolli, Cr S Kepert
Cr J Barton, Cr G Wieland
Cr P Phelan, Cr K Wheatland
Cr T Barling, Cr N Robins

WARD

Central
Applecross - Mount Pleasant
Bicton - Attadale - Alfred Cove
Palmyra - Melville - Willagee
Bateman - Kardinya - Murdoch

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Dr S Silcox
Mr M Tieleman
Mr T Cahoon
Mr M McCarthy
Mr S Cope
Mr L Hitchcock
Mr J Clark
Mr J Bird
Mr M Doyle

Chief Executive Officer
Director Corporate Services
A/Director Community Development
Director Technical Services
Director Urban Planning
Executive Manager Governance & Legal Services
Governance and Compliance Advisor
Manager Natural Areas and Parks
Health Melville Coordinator – Recreation
Development
Manager Building and Environmental Health
Civic Facilities Coordinator
Property Coordinator
Governance Coordinator
A/Governance Officer
Administration Officer
Administration Officer

Mr T Capobianco
Mr W Thornton
Mr N Fimmano
Ms C Newman
Ms J Abelha
Ms A Blaylock
Ms K Elliss

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

At the commencement of the meeting there were 117 electors of the City, 13 non-electors and one representative from the press in attendance.

3. APOLOGIES

Cr K Mair – Central Ward

4. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cr M Woodall – Bull Creek-Leeming Ward
Cr C Robartson – Bull Creek-Leeming Ward

5. INTRODUCTION OF ELECTED MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

His Worship the Mayor, R Aubrey, introduced Elected Members and Senior Staff to the meeting.

6. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**6.1 FINANCIAL INTERESTS**

Nil.

6.2 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST THAT MAY CAUSE A CONFLICT

Nil.

7. BUSINESS

7.1 NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF ELECTORS

The following updated Notice of Meeting was advertised in the West Australian Newspaper on Wednesday, 24 January 2018 and the Melville Times Community Newspaper on Tuesday, 23 January 2018 in addition to being displayed on public notice boards at all the City of Melville libraries and the Civic Centre. The notice read:

**“Special Meeting of Electors
Thursday, 1 February 2018**

A Special Meeting of Electors of the City of Melville will be held at the Mount Pleasant Baptist Community College, 497 Marmion Street, Booragoon commencing at 7.00pm on Thursday, 1 February 2018 to consider a request signed by 101 electors to discuss the following-

The planned use and development of facilities at Bert Jeffery Park under agreement with the Applecross Cricket Club.

Electors and Ratepayers of the City are welcome to attend. Registration will be available from 6.15pm. The Council Meeting Schedule, Agendas and Minutes of meetings are available at www.melvillecity.com.au/agendas.

**Dr Shayne Silcox
Chief Executive Officer”**

7.2 MANNER OF CONDUCT OF THE MEETING

1. It is a requirement to advise that in the event of an emergency, everyone should take direction from officers who will guide you to the exit points of the building.
2. Toilet location will be advised.
3. All present are required to sign the attendance register at the entry to the Meeting Room.
4. Each person who participates in a vote or speaks must be an Elector of the City of Melville.
5. The proceedings are being taped for the purpose of production of the minutes and speakers are requested to use the microphones each time they speak.

The Minutes will include a summary of any questions asked and a summary of the response provided.

6. No other audio or visual recording is to be undertaken without the permission of the Presiding Member.
7. Speakers are asked to clearly give their name and address each time they speak.
8. Upon a motion being proposed, each speaker is to address the Chair.
9. Only Electors of the City of Melville may move or second a motion.
10. All addresses are to be limited to a maximum of five minutes. Extension of time is permissible only with the agreement of a simple majority of Electors present (*Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 Regulation 17*)
11. No persons are to use offensive or objectionable expressions in reference to any Member, employee of the Council, or any other person (9.16 and 10.7 of Meeting Procedures Local Law).
12. All Elected Members and Directors attend this meeting to observe the proceedings and hear comments from Electors. All questions and comments should be directed to the Mayor who may invite a response from the Chief Executive Officer, Presiding Members of Committees, Directors or Elected Members.

8. PRESENTATIONS

8.1 City of Melville Presentation

A presentation by the Acting Director Community Development covered the following topics:

- Background to use of active reserves in the City of Melville and the key findings of various reviews and research undertaken by both the City of Melville and external organisations.
- Overview of the Strategies for the planning and development of parks and reserves to accommodate the current and predicted demand for recreational activities.
- The need for another Turf Cricket Wicket Pitch, and assessment of suitable locations.
- Reasons Bert Jeffery Park identified as most suitable location and proposed next steps.

8.2 Presentation from the City of Melville Residents and Ratepayers Association Inc.

Presenters:

8.2.1 Mr M McLerie

At 7.25pm Mr McLerie was issued with a first warning for not addressing the presiding member.

Mr McLerie presented his motion to the meeting and his concerns about the proposal to progress the development of Bert Jeffery Park as he did not believe that suitable consultation had been undertaken. [Presentation 1 February 2018](#)

At 7.29pm Mr McLerie was issued with a second warning for negative personal reflection.

At 7:30pm moved Mr Crawford of Attadale, seconded Mr Maynier of Attadale

That Mr M McLerie be granted an extension of time and permitted to speak for a further 5 minutes.

At 7:31pm the Mayor declared the motion

CARRIED

Mr McLerie expressed his concern that the City is running out of space for the purpose of recreation and

At 7:36pm moved Mr Maynier of Attadale, seconded Mr Crawford of Attadale

That Mr M McLerie be granted a further extension of time and permitted to speak for a further 5 minutes.

At 7:41pm the Mayor declared the motion

CARRIED (79/38)

8.2 Presentation from the City of Melville Residents and Ratepayers Association Inc Cont'd

At 7:42pm Mr McLerie was again warned against making personal remarks.

At 7.45pm Mr McLerie received his third warning for negative personal reflection and was asked to cease speaking and resume his seat.

8.2.2 Ms V Oldham, Murdoch

Ms Oldham gave an overview of her perspective of the events preceding the proposal to develop Bert Jeffery Park for Cricket and a petition presented to the City against this proposal.

At 7:51pm moved Mr McLerie of Bicton, seconded Mr Crawford of Attadale

That Ms V Oldham be granted an extension of time and permitted to speak for a further 5 minutes.

At 7:51pm the Mayor declared the motion

CARRIED

Ms Oldham expressed her concern that the City had not listen to the concerns of the effected ratepayers.

8.2.3 Mr D Kam, Murdoch

Expressed his concern against the development of Bert Jeffrey Park for use by the Applecross Cricket Club as the club is seeking to expand and this may result in parking issues, increase in the time Bert Jeffrey Park will be used for games and training, the proposal to construct an amenity building, the consumption of alcohol and the construction of flood lighting all of which will affect the amenity of the area.

Mr Kam requested that the proposal to develop Bert Jeffrey Park be paused until further consultation is undertaken.

8.2.4 Mr G Crawford, Attadale

Mr Crawford questioned why the Applecross Cricket Club was not playing in Applecross and that he was in favour of funds being expended to make this happen.

8.3 Presentation by Mr A Castley, Applecross Cricket Club

Mr Castley advised that the meeting that he supported the development of Bert Jeffery Park with a turf cricket wicket.

The Applecross Cricket Club has been in the City of Melville for 42 years and has been seeking a turf cricket wicket for approximately 20 years. The Club is based at Shirley Strickland and most of the games are played at that Reserve on the hard-wickets.

Mr Castley advised that the Club had financially supported and the sport of cricket at various locations in the City of Melville.

At 8:07pm moved Mr Mr M McLerie, Bicton, seconded Mr J Markwart, Booragoon

That Mr A Castley be granted an extension of time and permitted to speak for a further 5 minutes.

At 8:07pm the Mayor declared the motion

CARRIED

Feedback from local residents is that they are in favour of cricket being played on Bert Jeffery Park and the Club was making a commitment to looking after the Reserve.

9. QUESTIONS

Questions Submitted Prior to the Meeting

9.1.1 Mr C Schuster, Mount Pleasant

Question 1

Of the active sporting grounds owned or controlled by the City in what year was the most recent addition of an active sports facility (in other words a formerly passive space developed for active sport(s), and what was the City's approximate population in that year, what is the City's current population and what is the City's projected population in 2030?

Response

There has not been a substantial upgrade from passive Public Open Space to active Public Open Space in the last 20 years. While not regarded as a passive, Bert Jeffery Park begun more regular use by a smaller number of junior footballers around 2012.

The statistics on population movement show a population of 86,865 in 1991. The current population is estimated to be 104,000 and is predicted to be 128,700 by 2030. (Forecast ID). Substantial growth that needs to be supported with active recreational areas.

9.1 Questions Submitted Prior to the Meeting, Mr C Schuster - Cont'd

Question 2

If and when the Tompkins Park facility is redeveloped with a lawn bowls facility, can the City describe the number and use of the sporting fields there now (rectangular or oval) and the number that will exist at Tompkins Park if the redevelopment plan is completed in full?

Response

Currently there is 4 cricket, 1 soccer and 3 rugby union fields.

Once the redevelopment is completed there will be 4 Cricket, 2 Soccer, 3 Rugby Union fields and 4 Bowling greens

Question 3

How many of the City's outdoor sports facilities are now lit to a standard allowing games using large balls (or athletics) to be conducted at night and why was the strategy implemented?

Response

In 2011 six of the City's 20 active reserves did not have any training lighting. Additionally, a significant portion of the flood lighting only lights a section of a sporting field.

A key strategy since 2011 to meet the increasing demand for participation is to improve the flood lighting of active reserves. An identified constraint is access to flood lit fields for training. Additional flood lighting helps to spread the wear and tear for training and may provide the opportunity to have community level games played at night, alleviating pressure on weekends.

Additional lights since 2011

- Tompkins Park (additional lighting) 2012
- Winthrop Park 2014
- Alan Edwards 2014
- Karoonda Reserve (additional lighting) 2016
- Peter Ellis Park - completion due March 2018
- John Connell Reserve (Upgrade) - completion due March 2018

Question 4

How many joint arrangements with other landowners does the City have to provide outdoor sporting facilities for our community?

Response

There are three (3) partnerships; Murdoch University, Melville Primary School and Palmyra Primary School.

9.1 Questions Submitted Prior to the Meeting, Mr C Schuster - Cont'd

Question 5

What consultation occurred with both the cricket club and the Murdoch community in relation to this use of Bert Jeffery Reserve?

Response

The Applecross Cricket Club has been involved in a number of discussions regarding the placement of a turf pitch within the City.

The local residents of Bert Jeffery have received a number of letters informing of the intended future use and installation of facilities.

Question 6

What is preventing, or did prevent, the Applecross Senior Cricket Club playing all of their games (and grades) at Shirley Strickland Reserve in Ardross?

Response

The top teams are required to play on natural turf and the lower grades play on synthetic pitches. The removing of the synthetic pitch would displace the lower grades as well as the junior cricket club that plays from Shirley Strickland.

Additionally the location of the turf block on the football oval used in the winter would increase the maintenance of the turf and could adversely impact on both the summer and winter use of the fields.

9.1.2 Ms G Tulloch, Murdoch

Proposed Building Works on Bert Jeffery Park

Question 1

Who is paying for the amenities block and what is the total cost including the extra change room?

Response

The City is funding the community asset (subject to budget approval). A grant of \$40,000 has also been committed to the project through the State Government's Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund. Officers will finalise the cost and any options once the location is determined. This will then be presented to Council for approval.

9.1 Questions Submitted Prior to the Meeting, Ms G Tulloch- Cont'd

Question 2

Explain "subject to funding" in the context of the extra change room -

- a) *Whom or what is the funding dependant on and when will the Applecross cricket club and residents know if the extra change room has been granted the funds to proceed.*
- b) *How will this be communicated to the cricket club and the local residents and how much notice will we be given before work begins?*

Response

Funding approval is required by Council for the 2018-2019 Budget.

Works would begin late 2018. The Club and residents would be notified once the schedule is known.

Question 3

What is the purpose of the kiosk in the amenities building? Please provide detailed rationale for the need for a kiosk to be part of a toilet and change room.

Response

A kiosk/kitchenette is a standard provision at active reserves for supporting the sporting activity. This allows the basic preparation and appropriate storage of food and non alcoholic drinks (making sandwiches, reheating pre-cooked food, etc). They can often be a source of fund raising for clubs through the sale of soft drinks, lollies and pre-heated foods.

9.1.3 Mr A Tulloch, Murdoch

With reference to the letter to the residents dated 29 Jan 2018:

Question 1

Have you consulted the Applecross Cricket Club in relation to the plans and proposed location of the amenities block?

Response

Officers have had general discussion with the Club regarding the concept and location.

The feedback period is currently open until 28 February 2018. The Applecross Cricket Club is able to provide feedback as part of this process.

9.1 Questions Submitted Prior to the Meeting, Mr A Tulloch- Cont'd

Question 2

Have the Applecross Cricket Club accepted or endorsed these plans and location?

Response

See response question 1, the feedback period is still open and the Club is able to provide feedback as part of this process.

Question 3

What is the cost of the proposed amenities block and what is the source of the money required to install it?

Response

The City is funding the community asset (subject to budget approval). A grant of \$40,000 has also been committed to the project through the State Government's Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund. Officers will finalise the cost and any options once the location is determined. This will then be presented to Council for approval.

Question 4

What are the proposed timelines for beginning and completing this building?

Response

If approved works may begin late 2018.

9.1.4 Ms A Tulloch, Murdoch

Relating to Bert Jeffery Park

Question 1

To what extent will the kiosk in the proposed amenities block be used?

Response

The kiosk/kitchenette allows the basic preparation and appropriate storage of food and non-alcoholic drinks (making sandwiches, reheating pre-cooked food, etc). They can often be a source of fund raising for clubs through the sale of soft drinks, lollies and preheated foods.

9.1 Questions Submitted Prior to the Meeting, Ms A Tulloch- Cont'd

Question 2

Can you confirm that alcohol will never be served or consumed at any time in the future at these premises?

Response

The City does not intend to approve a liquor licence for the amenities building.

Question 3

How many and which trees are going to be cut down to place the amenities block in the proposed location?

Response

Detailed design is still required; however it is not likely that any trees will need to be removed.

Question 4

Will the playground need to be reconfigured again to accommodate the amenities block?

Response

The swings may require relocation but not the main playground

9.1.5 Mr R More, Murdoch

Question

With regards to insurance, who covers any person or damage to property by a cricket ball?

Response

The Clubs take out insurance for instances like this, that is, each Incorporated Club takes out insurance, so essentially it is between those two parties.

At 8:23pm the Mayor called for questions from the meeting.

9.2 Questions Received From the Meeting

9.2.1 Mr G Crawford, Attadale

Question

What is the estimated cost for the development of John Creaney Reserve and what were the issues with that site?

Response

The Acting Director Community Development advised that the site does not have appropriate irrigation, the site is undulating and would require significant civil works. There are no facilities there.

The costs associated with developing this site to be suitable for active recreation have not been explored as it is a former tip site and development costs for this purpose would be significant.

9.2.2 Ms M Sandford, Applecross

Question 1

Given the length of time the Applecross Cricket Club has been seeking alternative grounds in the City of Melville, did the Council considered using the eastern portion of Tompkins Park to accommodate the Applecross Cricket Club?

Response

The Acting Director Community Development advised that the site was considered as Tompkins Park will continue to be used for recreational activities. There is no change in terms of the allowable use for Tompkins Park or Bert Jeffery Park.

Question 2

Why was Tompkins Park not considered suitable prior to the Strategy, Tompkins Park is an obvious choice as it has the infrastructure?

Response

The Acting Director Community Development advised that there are a number of issues to be considered as to where sports are played and consideration of growth of all sports and all recreational activities and finding a balance.

9.2.3 Mr M French, MelvilleQuestion

Will the turf be able for the general community to use? Will it be barricaded off?

Response

The Acting Director Community Development advised that Turf Crickets Wickets are expensive to maintain and are subject to deterioration, they may be roped off for regeneration and remediation, however the rest of the Reserve is available for the community to use.

9.2.4 Mr J Markwart, Booragoon

This development is not just for the Applecross Cricket Club, it is for the wider community.

9.2.5 Mr D Joy, Mount PleasantQuestion

Does anybody know of the 4,000 to 5,000 senior sports game played on a weekend and that after the game people enjoy a beer?

Response

The Mayor advised that whilst he understood the point, drinking on a reserve without a liquor licence was illegal.

9.2.6 Mr M Kalkhoven, ApplecrossQuestion

Prior to the City of Melville excising of approximately 2 hectares of public open space at Tompkins Park, was there a plan to add another Turf Pitch at this site given there is already a lot of infrastructure to accommodate such an extension?

Response

The Acting Director Community Development advised that the proposal was considered, however all current uses needed to be considered and there is an existing synthetic pitch at the site another Turf Wicket would impact the use of the synthetic pitch.

Question 2

Prior to the current proposed development there was a drawing that had an additional turf pitch, an additional synthetic pitch, an additional rugby field and another soccer pitch?

*9.2 Questions from the Meeting, Mr M Kalkhoven- Cont'd*Response

The Acting Director Community Development advised that the proposal was considered, however all recreational activities in the City were taken in to consideration, along with where these activities can be undertaken.

Question 3

Is there a Policy for the creation of sporting hubs, and wouldn't putting all cricket together at Tompkins Park fulfil the policy of creating a sporting hub for various sports?

Response

The Acting Director Community Development advised that the development of sporting hubs is the vision for the City, however sporting hubs are home grounds with clubrooms, such as Shirley Strickland Reserve. The proposal for Bert Jeffery Park does not include clubrooms, it is a secondary field with minor facilities.

Question 4

Had the turf pitch been built at Tompkins Park would there be any economies of scale having the required equipment on site for maintenance requirements?

Response

The Melville Cricket Club has a full time curator who is responsible for maintaining the two turf blocks and approximately 22 practice strips, the Melville Cricket Club play in the Premier League which is a higher level than the normal domestic cricket. It is difficult to determine any savings.

9.2.7 Mr S Green, BooragoonQuestion

Who sets the times and dates for Special Electors Meetings?

Response

The Governance and Compliance Advisor advised that the *Local Government Act 1995* requires the City, through the Mayor to organise a meeting once a request for a Special Electors Meeting has been received. The meeting must be held within 35 days of receiving the request and must be advertised for 14 days prior to being held.

Question 2

Within that 35 day time period, is it at the discretion of the Council to determine the date and time at which the meeting will occur?

*9.2 Questions from the Meeting, Mr S Green- Cont'd*Response

The Governance and Compliance Advisor advised that it is at the discretion of the Mayor and it is influenced by the availability of suitable premises.

Question 3

Is there anything that could be done to make the date and time of these meetings that would allow for a more representative group of the community to attend?

Response

The Mayor advised that there are limited opportunities to book suitable venues, especially when a large attendance is anticipated.

9.2.8 Mr R Prior, ApplecrossQuestion

Has the City satisfied itself that the Applecross Cricket Club is representative of the area? Is it a condition that members need to live in the area to be a member?

Response

The Mayor advised that it is not a condition of any Club to have members live in the area to represent the Club and it is not usual for a substantial number of members to live outside of the area.

9.2.9 Mr G Crawford, AttadaleQuestion

Mr Crawford asked the representatives of the Applecross Cricket Club if they would like him to, on the assumption that the motion before the meeting was accepted, move a further motion to reimburse the Applecross Cricket Club for lost funds?

Response

The Mayor advised that there did not appear to be an appetite from the Applecross Cricket Club representatives to take up the offer.

9.2.10 Ms J Edinger, MelvilleQuestion

How the Council considered looking at their processes and including consultation with the residents at the beginning of the process?

*9.2 Questions from the Meeting, Ms J Edinger - Cont'd*Response

The Acting Director Community Development advised the timeframe at the start of the process was critical. There have been approximately five information sheets distributed to residents in the past 12 months.

Bert Jeffery Reserve is an active public open space Reserve that is for sport and non-sport activities.

Question 2

Is the Council going to put in place in its procedures that the affected residents will have a certain period of time to be consulted.

Response

The Acting Director Community Development advised that the City does follow a Stakeholder Management Framework.

9.2.11 Mr J Markwort, BooragoonQuestion

Can the Council elaborate on any additional support that has been received for the development at Bert Jeffery Park?

Response

The Acting Director Community Development advised that generally the community is silent if they support a proposal, a limited number of objections had been received for the development at Bert Jeffery Park, however there had been support from other avenues as well.

9.2.12 Mr D Joy, Mount PleasantQuestion

If the motion is passed at the development at Bert Jeffery Park is blocked and the Turf Cricket Pitch removed, how long do you think it would be before a new location could be found?

Response

The Mayor advised there would be no guarantees that a new location could be found?

9.2.13 Ms V Oldham, MurdochQuestion

Why is the Council spending \$9million upgrading Shirley Strickland Reserve without installing the Turf Wicket there to accommodate the Cricket Club, considering this is their home ground?

9.2 *Questions from the Meeting, Ms V Oldham - Cont'd*

Response

The Acting Director Community Development advised that the installation of a turf wicket at Shirley Strickland Reserve would mean displacing other teams/clubs playing at the site and impacts on winter sport. The development Shirley Strickland Reserve is about \$6.4million and includes a clubroom/change room facility as the current facilities are beyond their use by date and require replacing. The development also includes outdoor gym equipment and an adventure playground, so the development will increase community access and use.

Question 2

No other active sporting field has amenities so close to residences, so why did Council agree to installing such a development at Bert Jeffery Park without any consideration to the effect it would have on the local houses given its close proximity to them?

Response

The Acting Director Community Development advised that there are a number of examples where Clubroom facilities, not just change room facilities, are on the edge of a reserve in close proximity to residence, such as Koorinda Reserve. There may be issues where there are late night activities at a clubroom, however the proposal for Bert Jeffery Park is change room, not a clubroom.

Question 3

Why did the Council ignore the petition that was hand-delivered, even though the local government authority advised that this petition should not have been disregarded?

Response

There Mayor advised that a petition was presented to the Council in late 2017, and a report was presented that considered alternative sites.

Question 4

A petition with 300 signatures was delivered to the CEO's office in February 2017, response never received, why?

Response

The Mayor advised that he would follow this matter up.

Question 5

Why has Council continued with this development despite the protests of the local residents?

9.2 *Questions from the Meeting, Ms V Oldham - Cont'd*

Response

The CEO responded that the sustainability of the City in the longer term to limit the burden on rates is a priority, this is done through the rationalisation of facilities and the reduction asset gap and liabilities into the future. The City also works within restricted water allocations, this Reserve is part of existing allocations. The location of a turf pitch at this location is a cost effective solution in the longer term.

Question 6

Why has the Council continued to change its mind on amenities at this location and the position of them?

Response

The Acting Director Community Development advised that the locations have never been determined, they were indicative only. Locations have been investigated further, where services are available, where the impact on amenity is the least, the access to the buildings and access to the grounds for the sports being played.

9.2.14 Mr N Williams, Mount Pleasant

Question 1

How many adults in over the age of 18 in the City of Melville?

Response

The Mayor advised that there are approximately 73,000 electors.

Question 2

How many of those turned out at the last election?

Response

The Mayor advised that there was approximately a 37% voter turnout for the 2017 local government elections.

Question 3

What was the voter turnout in the year of the Mayoral election?

Response

The Mayor advised that there was approximately a 27% voter turnout for the 2015 local government elections.

9.2.15 Mr J McCann, ArdrossQuestion

Why doesn't any know about the petition referred to earlier?

Response

The CEO advised that there was a petition that was presented to the Council and was considered by the Council, we are unsure if this is the same petition and the City will follow this matter up.

Question 2

Residents have indicated that people have been seen drinking after the cricket. Is the Council aware of this and how does the Council deal with this issue if it occurs in the future?

Response

The CEO advised that the City does not support drinking Bert Jeffery Reserve and if the Club does not manage this, if there are consistent breaches of this nature, they will lose the right to use the Reserve.

Question 3

If there was a breach, how does the Council become aware of this?

Response

The CEO advised that is usual for these issues to be reported by residents.

9.2.16 Ms M Burns, MurdochQuestion

With respect to the petition referred to earlier, it was created the week that the soil was taken from the reserve and the work was featured in the local paper. The petition had over 300 signatures and was presented to the CEO and they were told that because it was not presented in the appropriate and manner, it would not be accepted.

Response

The Mayor advised that if wasn't presented in the correct format, it would have been dealt with as a multi-signature letter.

9.2 *Questions from the Meeting, Ms M Burns - Cont'd*

Question 2

There was no response given, how could the ratepayers get a response?

Response

The Governance and Compliance Advisor responded that petitions are presented in a particular form and presented to Council. With respect to multi-signature letters, the lead person on the letter will receive a response advising of the City's position and Elected Members are advised of multi-signature letters through a weekly internal bulletin.

Question 3

If there wasn't a response, what are the residents supposed to do?

Response

The CEO advised that it should be brought to his attention.

Question 4

The residents have been advised on many occasions that the park belongs to everyone and we agree with that, that the ground is not owned by anyone and we agree with that. There has been discussion by Applecross Cricket Club that the turf wicket that is there and they have paid for cannot be used by everyone, so if the park belongs everyone, then why can't everyone use that cricket pitch?

Response

The CEO advised that from his understanding, there are times it can be used by everyone and there are times, when it is roped off, it is pre-game or remedial works are being undertaken.

Question 5

So if it isn't roped off and there are no signs saying "Get Off" the community can use it?

Response

The Mayor advised that there is a preference that the turf isn't used as it is an expensive and time consuming process to prepare a turf for games.

9.2 *Questions from the Meeting, Ms M Burns - Cont'd*

Question 6

Are the community as ratepayers entitled to use the entire Bert Jeffery Park when games are not being played?

Response

The CEO advised that if the community felt there was a reason for them to use the turf wicket area, they could make representation to the City and the City will negotiate with the Club to see if a reasonable outcome can be achieved for all parties.

Question 7

If any residents observe anyone consuming alcohol, who is the specific person that should be informed?

Response

The CEO advised that the matter should be reported to the Police as it is drinking in a public place, but the issue should be brought to the attention of the City so it can be addressed with the Club.

10. MOTION/S

Mr McLerie advised of a minor change to the motion as submitted.

The CEO acknowledged the minor change to the motion submitted (inclusion of the words "and recreation) in point three.

MOTION 1 MR M McLERIE, BICTON

At 9:05pm – moved Mr M McLerie of Bicton, seconded Mr G Crawford of Attadale

Motion

The Electors of the district want Council to direct the Chief Executive Officer to cease all work and expenditure on any developments at Bert Jeffrey Park until such times as:

- 1. the Department of Local Government has finalised the current Authorised Inquiry, as announced on 29 November 2017, into the City, and**
- 2. the local community is thoroughly consulted about the change in use and any developments at Bert Jeffrey Park and the community's views taken into account in relation to any use and development activities at the park, and;**
- 3. the Chief Executive Officer prepares and presents to Council a report, in the context of a longer term sports and recreation strategy, a detailed assessment of alternative locations for the Applecross Cricket Club. Alternative locations include but not limited to Shirley Strickland Reserve Ardross, Tompkins Park Alfred Cove and John Creaney Park Bull Creek; Troy Park Attadale, all of which are, or adjacent to, existing "sporting hubs"(Report), and;**
- 4. Council considers and votes on the Report.**

At 9:18pm the Mayor submitted the motion, which was declared

CARRIED (55/46)

11. CLOSURE

There being no further business, His Worship the Mayor, R Aubrey, declared the meeting closed at 9:18pm.