



MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

held on

Wednesday, 30 August 2023 at 4:00pm

at the

**Shire of Morawa Council Chambers,
26 Winfield Street, Morawa**



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Item 1 Opening of Meeting

The President declared the meeting open at 4:00pm.

Item 2 Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners and Dignitaries

The President acknowledges the traditional custodians, the Yamatji people, and recognises the contribution of Yamatji elder's past, present and future, in working together for the future of Morawa.

Item 3 Recording of Attendance**3.1 Attendance****Council – Electronic Attendance**

President (Presiding Member) Councillor Karen Chappel
Deputy President Councillor Ken Stokes
Councillor Shirley Katona

Council – In Person

Councillor Debbie Collins
Councillor Mark Coaker

Staff – In Person

Chief Executive Officer Scott Wildgoose
Executive Manager Corporate & Community Services Jackie Hawkins

Members of the Public

Nil

3.3 Apologies

Councillor Yvette Harris
Councillor Jane Coaker

3.4 Approved Leave of Absence

Nil

3.5 Disclosure of Interests

Agenda Item 6.1 Request for support from Morawa Speedway Association in relation to Club Night Light Program Grant Application		
Disclosing Member	Nature of Interest	The Nature being
Cr Katona	Impartiality Interest	Cr Katona is the president of the Morawa Speedway Association

Item 4 Applications for Leave of Absence

Nil

Item 5 Declaration by all Members to have given due consideration to All Matters Contained in the Business Paper before the Meeting

- President (Presiding Member) Councillor Karen Chappel
- Deputy President Councillor Ken Stokes
- Councillor Shirley Katona
- Councillor Debbie Collins
- Councillor Mark Coaker

Item 6 Reports from Officers**6.1 Request for support from Morawa Speedway Association in relation to Club Night Light Program Grant Application**

Author: Chief Executive Officer

Authorising Officer: Chief Executive Officer

Disclosure of Interest: The Author and Authorising Officer declare that they do not have any conflicts of interest in relation to this item.

Cr Katona declared an impartiality interest and made the following statement:

“With regard to agenda item 6.1 Request for support from Morawa Speedway Association in relation to Club Night Light Program Grant Application, I disclose that I have an impartiality interest because I hold the position of President of the Morawa Speedway Association. As a consequence, there may be a perception that my impartiality on the matter may be affected. I declare that I will consider this matter on its merits and vote accordingly.”

OFFICER’S RECOMMENDATION/RESOLUTION**230815****Moved: Cr Collins****Seconded: Cr M Coaker**

That Council resolves to:

- 1. Support the Morawa Speedway Associations Club Night Light Program Grant Application with a commitment to provide financial contribution towards the project equivalent to one third of the total project cost, up to \$15,000**
- 2. Accept the Morawa Speedway Lighting Upgrade Project Assessment undertaken by the CEO as per Attachment 1**
- 3. Agrees to provide plant and labour support to the Morawa Speedway Associations barrier and fencing upgrades, up to an overall resource cost of \$25,000**
- 4. Direct the CEO to include a \$40,000 budget allocation in the next annual budget review to ensure funds are available for this project, subject to the club confirming that it will be moving ahead with the works**

CARRIED BY SIMPLE MAJORITY 5/0

PURPOSE

For Council to assess a request for financial and in kind support from Morawa Speedway Association in relation to their upgrade works.

DETAIL

The Morawa Speedway Association (MSA) has been operating for a number of years and hold regular race meets that attract a number of visitors and competitors to Morawa.

The WA Speedway Commission audits speedway tracks each year and provides a venue grading assessment and safety improvement plan, if needed.

The MSA was informed in 2020 that improvement works were required for the safety barrier and fencing at the venue in order to improve safety and track grading. The club has been actively fund raising and investigating opportunities to undertake these improvements. Initially it was thought the club would need a large grant and loan to undertake these works, however they have found an alternative method to deliver these requirements.

The club has suggested that during the safety barrier and fence upgrade works they may require some Shire assistance in terms of machinery and operators. The Shires wet hire rates are approximately \$250 per hour per item of plant (depending on the type of plant needed), if MSA required two machines with operators for a week, it would normally be charged at a rate of approximately \$19,000.

Whilst the club has been investigating barrier and fence improvements it has also come to their attention that the current lighting LUX level is not sufficient to accommodate an improved venue grading. As such the MSA is looking to upgrade its venue lighting and upgrade the 18 track floodlights to 400W LED Lights, as well as upgrading lighting in the amenity areas of the venue.

The club and electrical contractor has determined that the track floodlight poles do not need replacing just the lights, thus the total project cost has been minimised. The current lighting upgrade cost estimate is approximately \$45,000.

The MSA has engaged with the Department of Local Government, Sport, and Cultural Industries and identified that the lighting upgrade works may be eligible for funding under the Club Night Lights Program Small Grants Round. As part of this funding application a Local Government project assessment and co-funding contribution is required.

The Shire CEO has undertaken a project assessment (Attachment 1) and requests Council approval to submit the assessment to the department as part of the grant application.

A one third cash contribution from the Shire would equate to up to \$15,000 depending on the final project cost. Given the project is not confirmed until the grant decision is made, it is recommended that any budget amendment to accommodate the funds contribution to the club be incorporated with the October Budget Review.

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

Medium significance – The Shire’s coordination and contribution towards the Speedway project is minimal, but the club needs a decision before 31 August 2023, to support their grant application.

CONSULTATION

Senior Management Team
Morawa Speedway Association
WA Speedway Commission

LEGISLATION AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

N/A

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS

In viewing the holistic project components including cash and in kind contributions to the overall barrier, fence, and light upgrades at the Venue, the Shires overall contribution towards the upgrades could be up to \$40,000 depending on how much plant and operator support is required by the club.

The overall project cost will likely exceed \$150,000 (if volunteer labour costs are included) for the three phases and as such the club is making a significant cash and in kind contribution to the upgrades.

The Shire's cash contribution should be capped at \$15,000 – but a general budget allocation of \$40,000 (cash and resource costs) should be made at the next budget review to enable the Shire CEO to allocate plant and labour resources towards the holistic upgrade project.

Strategic Community Plan 2023 - 2032

Increase Active Living

- This project will contribute towards the active living focus area of the strategic community plan as speedway maintains strong local membership and track improvements will allow for a higher participation rate.

RISK MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

The Shire will manage its financial risk by creating a max budget allocation and ensuring the club are responsible for any short falls in funding or cost escalations.

CONCLUSION

That Council should support the lighting project with a cash contribution, and provide support to the Morawa Speedway Associations track safety upgrades, to ensure local participants can still participate in a safe environment and the local community can continue to benefit from the visitors attracted by high quality speedway events.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – 6.1a Project Assessment

Item 7 New Business of an Urgent Nature

Nil

Item 8 Matters for Which the Meeting May Be Closed (Confidential Items)

Nil

Item 9 Closure

There being no further business, the President declared the meeting closed at 4:03pm.