

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF THE WOODEND-SEFTON COMMUNITY BOARD HELD IN WOODEND COMMUNITY CENTER, SCHOOLS ROAD, WOODEND ON TUESDAY, 3 DECEMBER 2024, AT 5.30PM.

PRESENT

S Powell (Chairperson), M Paterson (Deputy Chairperson), B Cairns, R Mather and P Redmond.

IN ATTENDANCE

I Clark (Project Manager), D Roxborough (Strategic and Special Projects Manager), K Rabe (Governance Advisor)

1 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

2 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interest recorded.

3 REPORTS

3.1 Pegasus Community Centre – Approval to Consult – I Clark (Project Manager)

I Clark presented the report which sought the approval to go out for public consultation on the preliminary design of the proposed Pegasus community centre. Consultation would open on Monday 16 December 2024 and close on Sunday 26 January 2025.

P Redmond asked if this facility was to replace the current leased facility or to upgrade and future proof the facility. I Clark replied that the new facility offered similar options as the current version however there was scope for the facility to be used by many more people for a variety of uses such as meetings, functions and recreational activities. Councillor Redmond queried if the ceiling height would restrict the options for some sports such as basketball and D Roxborough confirmed that the ceiling heights were kept low to reduce the build cost and therefore the facility would not be suitable for basketball.

R Mather clarified that the current facility's lease was due to expire in the near future and any delay to the build could impact having to possibly extend the lease which would lead to further costs. R Mather also suggested amendments to the 'Let's Talk' brochure which were well received by staff.

In response to B Cairns query regarding the drop-in sessions I Clark replied that two sessions had been scheduled; one on Monday 20 January from 1.30pm to 3.30pm and on Tuesday 21 January from 5pm to 7pm. By offering two different timeslots it was hoped that this would provide residents a choice of attending either during the day or the evening.

P Redmond asked what the proposed build timeframe was and D Roxborough replied it was scheduled for a year from August 2025 to August 2026.

In response to B Cairns query regarding costings, I Clark replied that currently the cost was over budget by \$600,000 however those costs were hoped to be reduced once detailed costings were carried out.

S Powell asked if the current user groups of the Pegasus Community Centre could be targeted during the consultation.

Moved: R Mather

Seconded: M Paterson

THAT the Woodend-Sefton Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 241128211094.
- (b) **Approves** public consultation be carried out to seek feedback on the concept design for Pegasus Community Centre, based on the attached draft Consultation Document and plan, and the proposed community drop-in sessions as noted within this report.
- (c) **Notes** \$5.296 million has been allocated for this project, with approximately \$1.1 million designated for land purchase and \$4.296 million for building construction.
- (d) **Notes** that staff have previously undertaken detailed consultation with the community regarding the location of the Pegasus Community Centre with 77.7% of respondents expressing support for the 66 Pegasus Main Street Location.
- (e) **Notes** that the high-level estimate for the Pegasus Community Centre building has been received and is within budget scope. Staff will continue to value engineer the preliminary design to bring the overall costs down during subsequent design stages. Feedback from the proposed consultation process will assist in any such future value engineering activities.
- (f) **Notes** following consultation staff will bring a summary of the feedback and recommendations for the Board's consideration and potential approval, a report will also be presented to Council to approve any tender.
- (g) **Circulates** this report to the Community and Recreation Committee.

CARRIED

R Mather stated that this was a good report, and she was pleased to see a start on this long-awaited facility. She was confident that the consultation would be well received by the community.

M Paterson agreed and noted that this had been a project that had taken a long time in coming to fruition and he did not want it delayed any further.

B Cairns noted that there was a high level of interest in the project however expressed concern regarding the possible \$600,000 over budget.

P Redmond stated he was pleased with the progress however was concerned regarding the timing of the public consultation, noting that it was Council policy to not consult during the holiday period when so many people would be away. He queried why the project team had decided to consult now rather than wait until the end of January / February 2025. He did not believe that by extending the consultation period into February would significantly impact the build timeframe. He also stated he would be interested in the public's opinion regarding the design as he felt there was not enough effort to future proof the building and believed there was scope to make it more multifunctional than was currently proposed.

S Powell stated she had considered the timing of the consultation carefully and believed that it could work in the projects favour as more of the residents would be on holiday and therefore had the time to take part in the consultation.

R Mather, in her right of reply, stated that she agreed it would be great to have a bigger and more multifunctional facility however the design and build was constrained by the budget allocated.

The Chair thanked staff for their work on this project.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Woodend-Sefton Community Board is scheduled for 5.30pm, Tuesday 10 February at the Woodend Community Centre, School Road, Woodend.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING CLOSED AT 4.27PM.

CONFIRMED

Chairperson

Date

Briefing

(4.30pm – 5.15pm)

- *Woodend Elderly Housing – Rob Hawthorne (Property Manager) – 20*