

Shire of Denmark Minutes



ELECTORS SPECIAL MEETING

TO BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER,
953 SOUTH COAST HIGHWAY, DENMARK,
TUESDAY 25 OCTOBER 2011, COMMENCING 6.00PM.

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1. DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

6.05pm - *The Presiding Person, being the Shire President of the Shire of Denmark opened the meeting.*

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE**COUNCILLORS:**

Cr Ross Thornton (Shire President)
Cr John Sampson (Deputy Shire President)
Cr Kelli Gillies
Cr Adrian Hinds
Cr Jan Lewis
Cr Barbara Marshall
Cr Ian Osborne
Cr Dawn Pedro
Cr Belinda Rowland
Cr Roger Seeney
Cr Alex Syme

STAFF:

Mr Dale Stewart (Chief Executive Officer)
Mr Garry Bird (Director of Finance & Administration)
Mrs Annette Harbron (Director of Planning & Sustainability)
Ms Claire Thompson (Executive Assistant)

APOLOGIES:

Cr Phil Barnes
Mr Gregg Harwood (Director of Community and Regulatory Services)
Mr Rob Whooley (Director of Infrastructure Services)

ELECTORS:

An Attendance Register was circulated at the commencement of the Meeting for members of the public to record their attendance. The number of Electors recorded on the Attendance Register was 42 (copy attached) not including Councillors or Staff.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PERSON PRESIDING

This Special Meeting of Electors was called following receipt of the petition at Item 4 of the Agenda.

The procedures for Electors meetings are as set out in the Local Government Act 1995, sections 5.26 to 5.33 and the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996, sections 15 to 18.

4. BUSINESS

4.1 A Petition has been received which contains 122 signatures requesting the following;

REQUEST FOR A SPECIAL MEETING OF ELECTORS

TO: The Chief Executive Officer of the Shire of Denmark

1. Under Section 5.28 of the Local Government Act 1995, we the electors of the Shire of Denmark whose names, addresses and signatures are set out in the attached lists and who comprise electors, request that a special meeting of electors of the district be held.
2. The details of the matter to be discussed at the meeting concern the Draft Local Planning Strategy (2011), and associated planning matters raised in that Strategy including the following:
 - The adequacy or otherwise of the public/community consultation process;
 - Designation of part of the WA College of Agriculture Denmark Farm for future urban development;
 - Planning for the proposed East-West Link Road and its justification;
 - Other proposed changes to land use in the Denmark town area;
 - Any other planning matters raised in the Strategy that are of concern to Denmark residents.

Discussion ensued.

RESOLUTION

MOVED: Mike Travers

SECONDED: Tony Wilson

This meeting calls on the Denmark Shire Council when developing the Town Planning Scheme from the current LPS with regard to the alternative river crossing that:

1. It carries out a requirements study which focuses on the objectives of the alternative crossing;
2. The requirements study will prioritise the objectives and document multiple planning options, including environmental, social and economic implications, to fulfill the requirements;
3. The resulting planning options will be incorporated into the Planning Scheme;
4. In respect to all requirements and planning options, Council will seek community input in the form of independent and professionally facilitated workshops in order to elicit community views and aspirations.

AMENDMENT

MOVED: Kim Lisson

SECONDED: Chris Constable

After the words "alternative river crossing" and/or "alternative crossing" the words "and link road proposal" be added at every place where it appears in the motion.

CARRIED

AMENDED MOTION

This meeting calls on the Denmark Shire Council when developing the Town Planning Scheme from the current LPS with regard to the alternative river crossing and link road proposal that:

1. It carries out a requirements study which focuses on the objectives of the alternative crossing and link road proposal;
2. The requirements study will prioritise the objectives and document multiple planning options, including environmental, social and economic implications, to fulfill the requirements;
3. The resulting planning options will be incorporated into the Planning Scheme
4. In respect to all requirements and planning options, Council will seek community input in the form of independent and professionally facilitated workshops in order to elicit community views and aspirations.

THE AMENDED MOTION BECAME THE SUBSTANTIVE MOTION WHICH WAS PUT & CARRIED

RESOLUTION

MOVED: Dawn Cottam

SECONDED: Doreen Rudd

That Council reconsider the need for commercial designation in the Local Planning Strategy for the following streets;

- Welsh
- Horsley
- Price.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION

MOVED: Jez Fleming

SECONDED: Deborah Feld

This meeting calls on the Denmark Shire Council to formulate a Community Consultation Policy.

In the Policy, the following, will form the basis of the document:

1. Objectives
2. Definitions
3. Roles and Responsibilities of the Council
4. When will Council Undertake Formal Community Consultation?
5. Key Principles.

CARRIED

AMENDMENT

MOVED: Kim Lisson

SECONDED: Mike Travers

Add the words "and Engagement" after the words "Community Consultation".

CARRIED

AMENDMENT

MOVED: Kim Lisson

SECONDED: Josephine Mitchell

That this policy be developed through a process of community engagement and consultation led by a Working Group comprised of representatives of Council members, Council Administration and Community representatives.

CARRIED

AMENDED MOTION

This meeting calls on the Denmark Shire Council to formulate a Community Consultation and Engagement Policy.

In the Policy, the following, will form the basis of the document:

1. Objectives
2. Definitions
3. Roles and Responsibilities of the Council
4. When will Council Undertake Formal Community Consultation?
5. Key Principles

That this policy be developed through a process of community engagement and consultation led by a Working Group comprised of representatives of Council members, Council Administration and Community representatives.

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5. CLOSURE OF MEETING

7.15pm – There being no further business to discuss, the Presiding Person advised that the resolutions would now be considered by Council at its meetings to be held in November 2011 and declared the meeting closed.