



STRATEGIC BRIEFING FORUM

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
953 SOUTH COAST HIGHWAY, DENMARK,
ON TUESDAY, 26 JULY 2016.

The Council Forum and Briefing session follows the suggested format proposed by the Department of Local Government Operational Guidelines (Number 5 January 2004). The role of such forums is to allow opportunity for elected members and senior officers of the Council to come together outside of the formal meeting process to discuss matters that do not require formal decisions, do not discuss matters on the Ordinary Council Meeting Agenda but to discuss matters that might be conceptual (brain storming etc.), informative (updates on progress with matters) or administrative in nature. For this reason they are normally held 'in committee'. Disclosures of Financial, Impartiality and Proximity interests are still to be recorded and dealt with if they arise.

1. DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PERSON PRESIDING

10.40am – The Shire President, Cr Morrell, declared the meeting open.

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

MEMBERS:

Cr David Morrell (Shire President)
Cr Mark Allen (*from 11.05am*)
Cr Yasmin Bartlett
Cr Peter Caron
Cr Ceinwen Gearon
Cr Jan Lewis
Cr Roger Seeney

STAFF:

Cliff Frewing (Chief Executive Officer)
Annette Harbron (Director of Planning & Sustainability)
Gregg Harwood (Director of Community & Regulatory Services)

APOLOGIES:

Cr Kelli Gillies (Deputy Shire President)
Cr Rob Whooley
Gilbert Arlandoo (Director of Infrastructure Services)
Kim Dolzadelli (Director of Finance & Administration)

ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Nil

ABSENT:

Nil

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Nil

2. PRESENTATIONS/DEPUTATIONS

Nil

3. REPORTS / STRATEGIC DISCUSSION

To discuss and formulate philosophies, ideas, strategies and concepts for the development of the local government and district.

3.1 Rivermouth Caravan Park – Attended by Noel & Paul Phillips and Julie Hodges

Councillors discussed a number of items in connection with the proposed future development at the Denmark Rivermouth Caravan Park including the term and conditions of lease, purpose of vesting of management order, building plans for reception office / kiosk and plans for toilet block. Reference was also made to an existing 2004 Concept Plan for the Rivermouth Foreshore Area which included boat moorings.

It was noted that there were 8 years left on the current lease and there was a proposal to extend the least up to 21 years or cancel the existing lease and enter into a new lease for 21 years.

The lessees also requested a change to a condition of the lease which referred to the word “consider” to “will support” which would give the lessees certainty of tenure in relation to a request for a lease extension.

There was also a desire to build a new toilet block which was similar to a previous proposal already approved in principle in conceptual form. The lessees were encouraged to lodge a development application for the new toilet block.

Reference was also made to the potential development of a coffee shop which could be included within the Railway Heritage Precinct upgrade proposal. It was possible that such a facility could be included in the Spirit of Play facility when that organisation moved from the site and the Woodturners group moved in.

It was proposed to form a Working Group consisting of Councillor and community member representation, Staff and the Lessees to progress the review of the Rivermouth Foreshore Concept Plan, including the Caravan Park.

4. GENERAL BUSINESS

4.1 Items for potential discussion at subsequent Briefing Forums

Nil

4.2 Wilderness Ocean Walk

An update was provided on the gravel stock pile at Lights Beach.

4.3 Denmark East Development Project

An update was provided on signage for the project.

4.4 Denmark Tourism Inc.

Notice was given that an amendment to the Officer Recommendation would be provided to the Council regarding the need to finalise Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) by 30 September 2016.

5. CLOSURE

12.40pm – There being no further business to discuss the Shire President, Cr Morrell, declared the meeting closed.