



Notes

STRATEGIC BRIEFING

HELD VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE,
ON TUESDAY, 05 APRIL 2022, COMMENCING AT 10:00AM.

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

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

MEMBERS:

Cr Ceinwen Gearon (Shire President)
Cr Kingsley Gibson (Deputy Shire President)
Cr Clare Campbell
Cr Donna Carman
Cr Donald Clarke
Cr Jan Lewis
Cr Jackie Ormsby
Cr Janine Phillips

STAFF:

David Schober (Chief Executive Officer)
David King (Director Assets and Sustainable Development, Deputy CEO)
Gina McPharlin (Director Corporate and Community Services)
Claire Thompson (Governance Coordinator)
Angela Simpson (Corporate Planning Officer)
Lee Sounness (Manager, Corporate Services)
Damian Schwarzbach (Manager, Sustainable Projects)

APOLOGIES:

Cr Nathan Devenport

ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Nil

ABSENT:

Nil

VISITORS:

Dr Cyril Edwards – Denmark Aquatic Centre Committee Incorporated

Mr Allister Dickson – Denmark Mountain Bike Club

Brad Drummond – Denmark Mountain Bike Club

Robert Glynn – Denmark Mountain Bike Club

Jake Drummond – Denmark Mountain Bike Club

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Nil

2. REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS

2.1 Aquatic Feasibility Study Report and Update

Denmark Aquatic Centre Committee Inc. (DACCI) Chair, Dr Cyril Edwards, and Manager of Sustainable Projects, Damian Schwarzbach, jointly presented on the history of the Aquatic Centre research and findings of the recent feasibility study commissioned by the Shire and DACCI.

Recommendations

1. Update modelling once current Census data is released
2. Development of a Leisure Centre Masterplan, given the proposed Recreation Centre upgrades incorporated into the Long-Term Financial Plan.
3. Further investigation required re: lifecycle, hydraulics and staff costings

2.2 Rating review Stage 3 – Part 2

The Manager of Corporate Services presented an update in respect to the rating review on rural land holdings deriving an income not consistent with rural use. There are currently 18 properties in this category that could be split rated.

2.3 Ethical Investments – Part 1 – Background

The Director of Corporate and Community Services provided background, objectives and context to current investment strategies. Legislative requirements were presented along with requirements under the LG Act and associated risk management guidelines.

2.4 Denmark Mountain Bike Club

Alister Dickson, Club President and members, shared the clubs objectives and vision along with thoughts on the proposed Mt Hallowell trail.

2.5 Ethical Investments – Part 2 – Discussion

The Shire President and Director of Corporate and Community Services, led a discussion on the opportunities the Shire of Denmark may wish to pursue with respect to sustainable and ethical investments.

2.6 Elected Members Expense Policy

The Governance Coordinator led a discussion and answered questions on the attached draft Elected Members Expenses Policy.

Feedback received on ICT considerations and the need to amend the draft to reflect asset depreciation.

2.7 Corporate Business Plan – Part 1/4

The CEO and Corporate Planner provided the background, context and a proposed process for the consideration, and development, of the 2022/23 Corporate Business Plan. This will be in conjunction with the 2022/23 IPRF documents as well as the budget for the new financial year.

Councillors provided feedback on priority areas for consideration.

3. ALLIANCE UPDATE

The Shire President provided an update on Alliance business and the last two meetings with regard to activity for the 22/23 financial year.

CEO's are preparing an operational plan for the consideration of the May meeting.

Cr Lewis provided an update on the Climate Alliance activity, including the climate dashboard, waste reduction and transport opportunities. Shared the major role of the Alliance will be one of advocacy, rather than project delivery. Adaption of buildings and electrical vehicle analysis are the two projects being submitted for funding under the climate alliance program.

4. COUNCILLOR ROUND UP

Cr Campbell

Has a decision been made on the April OCM in person attendance?

Response: Not yet and seeking advice.

Cr Orsmy

Are attendees required to be vaccinated?

Response: Not at this stage.

Cr Carman

- Mountain Bike Club, appreciated feedback by the Club today.
- Civic Centre seating requires consideration in the CBP process.
- Mining lease application process questioned. Meeting with DEC to be convened.
- Homeless Project Denmark – enquired on history, background and context of Shire's journey in understanding the housing issues in the Great Southern.

Cr Phillips

- Locality meeting at Peaceful Bay, maintenance issues will be raised including; dangerous exit at beach, concrete exposed, beach access/steps not repaired. Toilets at Sea Rescue building are in poor state, portable toilets not the answer. Important inclusive beach access (graduated) is installed. Slip road off highway should be a priority, bitumen tip entrance, and fire breaks are sub-standard.

- PB Fire Brigades said they were not invited.
Response: Shire understands all FCO's were invited and will investigate.
- Skate and Youth initiatives need to be reviewed.
- Cannot attend face to face at the April OCM, but able to video conference.

Cr Gibson

Nil

Cr Clarke

- Advocacy emails received on Special Council Meeting.
- Spoke to Mining exploration licence and process.
- Shire supported a tremendous collection of short films on offer by local artists.
- Rec Centre doesn't meet current BAL rating. Treatments are in place for next financial year through the Bushfire Risk Mitigation Program.

5. CLOSURE