

# Minutes

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## **SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL**

for the purpose of re-enacting items from the inaugural meeting of the Road Board in 1911 through to approximately 1920, as part of the Shire of Denmark's Centenary Celebrations.

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 953 SOUTH COAST HIGHWAY,  
DENMARK, THURSDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2011.

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22 September 2011

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**1. DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS**

*6.03pm - The President, Cr Thornton, declared the meeting open.*

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

MEMBERS:

Cr Ross Thornton (President)  
Cr Ken Richardson-Newton (Deputy President)  
Cr Phil Barnes  
Cr Kim Barrow  
Cr George Ebbett  
Cr Adrian Hinds  
Cr Dawn Pedro  
Cr Richard Phair  
Cr John Sampson  
Cr Alex Syme  
Cr John Wakka

STAFF:

Mr Dale Stewart (Chief Executive Officer)  
Mrs Annette Harbron (Director of Planning and Sustainability)  
Mr Gregg Harwood (Director of Community and Regulatory Services)  
Mr Rob Whooley (Director of Infrastructure Services)  
Ms Claire Thompson (Executive Assistant)

APOLOGIES:

Mr Garry Bird (Director of Finance & Administration)  
The Hon. Terry Redman MLA  
The Hon. John Castrilli MLA  
The Hon. Robyn McSweeney MLC  
Mr Tony Crook MP

ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Cr Robert Laing

ABSENT:

Nil

VISITORS:

Mr Jonathan Denmark  
Dr Hector Faulkner  
Approximately 70 Residents / Ratepayers

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Nil

### 3. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PERSON PRESIDING

#### Preamble

The President announced that the meeting was being held as a reenactment of the inaugural meeting of the Denmark Road Board which was gazetted on the 22 September 1911. The items/matters have been extrapolated from the early Denmark Road Board Minutes and any decisions / resolutions made are for the sole purpose of this reenactment meeting are fictional.

The public were further advised that the minutes of the Road Board from 1911 through to 1928 were all lost in a fire that also destroyed the Road Board Office. These reenactments therefore are based on extracts from newspaper articles of the day researched by Mr Craig Chappelle and Mrs Bev McGuinness and that during the course of this evening, the Council could take some 'theatrical license' with their interpretation.

#### Welcome

The President welcomed those present to the re-enactment meeting of the Denmark Road Board's inaugural and 1911 - 1920 meetings.

### 4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

#### 4.1 Dr Morgan Richards (aka Dr Hector Faulkner) re New Hospital.

*Dr Hector Faulkner addressed Council in the role as the late Dr Morgan Richards, as subsequently Chairman of the Board from 1923 to 1924, highlighting the imperative for a local hospital. Dr Faulkner urged Council to make the provision of a hospital in Denmark a high priority.*

#### 4.2 Dr Alexander Denmark (aka Mr Jonathan Denmark, the Great, Great, Great, Great, Great Grandson of the late Dr Alexander Denmark) regarding the proposal to change the name of the Denmark townsite.

*Mr Jonathan Denmark addressed Council in the role as the late Dr Alexander Denmark and referred to the States suggestion to change the name of the Denmark townsite. Mr Denmark stated that Sir Thomas Braidwood Wilson had named the town after his friend and colleague and that he objected strongly to changing the name.*

### 5. REPORTS

*Cr Barrow moved a Motion to Suspend Standing Orders to enable historical reenactments and fictional motions. The Motion was seconded by Cr Pedro. CARRIED.*

#### New Hospital

The Secretary stated that a letter from Dr Morgan Richards had been received requesting that the Board assist with lobbying the State Government to provide a hospital in Denmark.

*Members discussed the matter and Cr Richardson-Newton moved a Motion requesting the Secretary to write a letter to the Hon. Minister for Health and invite him to witness Dr Morgan in action at the Boarding House. Cr Barnes seconded the Motion. CARRIED.*

### **Scotch Thistle**

A letter had been received from the Denmark Settlers' Association asking that the Board declare the Scotch Thistle a noxious weed.

*Cr Wakka raised concerns as to what his sheep would eat if there was no Scotch Thistles as the plant provided much needed fodder for his flock.*

*It was agreed that the Board could not see the advisability of moving in the direction indicated, as the thistle had been declared by experts to be a useful fodder plant.*

### **Horse Rails**

A letter has been received from the Denmark Settlers' Association asking that the Road Board reserve a suitable site for farmers to tie up their horses whilst in town.

*Cr Richardson-Newton moved that the Board write to the Tidy Towns Committee seeking comment on the request. Cr Hinds seconded the motion. CARRIED.*

### **Wilson Inlet**

A letter had been received from the Railway Station Master asking that hasty action be taken in connection with the opening of the Wilson Inlet as the water level near the railway line is becoming dangerously high and it might result in timber exports being halted.

*Cr Syme moved that the matter be deferred for a year to judge the impact. Cr Barrow seconded the motion. CARRIED.*

### **New Bridge**

The Public Works Department have written to the Board asking if the Board would undertake the construction of a new bridge to take the place of the curved bridge on the West Denmark Road.

*Cr Ebbett moved that a new bridge be built on East River Road and that it be called the Link Road Bridge. Cr Wakka seconded the motion. CARRIED.*

### **Changing the Name of the Town**

A letter has been received from the District Surveyor asking the Board to consider changing the name of the town, as it was confusing with Denmark, Europe.

*Cr Richardson-Newton moved that the Board decline and respond by asking the Albany Municipal Council, the Albany Chamber of Commerce and the Albany Road Board to co-operate with them in opposing the change of the name of the Denmark townsite. Cr Barrow seconded the motion. CARRIED.*

**Sheep Complaint**

A letter had been received from an anonymous ratepayer complaining about sheep bells being rung at night in town causing annoyance to residents.

*It was agreed that the Denmark Butchering Company be informed that complaints have reached the Board and they must ensure that the sheep need to be yarded at night as arranged.*

**Night Carts**

A letter had been received from Mr John Ricketts of Strickland Street about the spillage from the Night Cart regularly running down the back of his lane into the Denmark River unabated and causing unwanted nutrients in the Inlet.

*Cr Syme moved that that the Night Cartsman be requested to empty the Night Cart more frequently at its usual dumping point, that being in the Inlet, opposite Denmark No. 3 Railway Station. Cr Sampson seconded the motion. CARRIED.*

**Motion to resume Standing Orders**

*Cr Ebbett moved a motion to resume Standing Orders. Cr Richardson-Newton seconded the motion. CARRIED.*

**6. CLOSURE OF MEETING**

*7.03pm - There being no further business to discuss the Shire President, Cr Thornton, declared the meeting closed.*

The Chief Executive Officer recommends the endorsement of these minutes at the next meeting.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

*Dale Stewart - Chief Executive Officer*

Date: 10 October 2011

These minutes were confirmed at the meeting of the \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Presiding Person at the meeting at which the minutes were confirmed.)*