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STRATEGIC BRIEFING FORUM

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
953 SOUTH COAST HIGHWAY, DENMARK,
ON TUESDAY, 27 SEPTEMBER 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

1.00pm – Cr Morrell declared the meeting open.

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

MEMBERS:

Cr David Morrell (Shire President)
Cr Ceinwen Gearon (Deputy Shire President)
Cr Mark Allen
Cr Yasmin Bartlett
Cr Peter Caron
Cr Jan Lewis
Vacant x 2

STAFF:

Bill Parker (Chief Executive Officer)
Gilbert Arlandoo (Director of Infrastructure Services)
Annette Harbron (Director of Planning & Sustainability)
Gregg Harwood (Director of Community & Regulatory Services)

ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Cr Rob Whooley

ABSENT:

Nil

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Nil

2. REPORTS / STRATEGIC DISCUSSION

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

2.1 Denmark Community Resource Centre

The Councillors attended the recently refurbished Community Resource Centre (CRC) and met with key members of the Executive Group and Board. The CRC explained the level of services that they provide to the Denmark Community. Some discussion followed with relation to innovation and establishing the CRC as an innovation hub, similar to the work completed in Geraldton by Pollinators. The CRC asked that they be considered when the Shire completes the new Community Strategic Planning Process from a service delivery perspective.

3. PRESENTATIONS/DEPUTATIONS

3.1 Mr Graham Robertson – The Gables

Mr Graham Robertson attended the meeting to discuss the Gables and his revised plans. The revised plans involve a reconfiguration of the balcony area and a request to widen the Strickland Street footpath from 2 – 3 metres. The Shire's Director of Planning and Sustainability explained that the revised plans would need to be the subject of formal consideration via an amended Development Application Process. In relation to the footpath widening request, the additional 1 metre would require a reconfiguration of the street parking; early assessments suggest that up to 5 car parking bays could be lost.

Council staff would prepare an item in due course for the reconfigured carpark seeking Council's initial consideration and recommendation for community consultation if request considered reasonable and such submissions be referred back to Council for final determination. The associated costs of the works would be at the expense of the developer with no contribution from Council.

3.2 Coastal Hazard Risk Management Adaptation

Councillor Mark Allen provided an update to the group in relation to the first Ocean Beach and Peaceful Bay Foreshore Concept Plan Working Group and more specifically the Coastal Hazard Risk Management Adaptation Plan Process. Cr Allen outlined that the process was very important for the Shire of Denmark, particularly for infrastructure that was located in close proximity to the shore line.

3.3 Denmark East Development Project (Eastern Precinct)

The Chief Executive Officer and Director of Planning and Sustainability provided an update in relation to Denmark East (Eastern Precinct). A recent meeting with adjoining landholders discussed potential realignments. An item to the 18/10/2016 Council Meeting would be prepared for Council's consideration of the revised alignment. A letter had recently been sent to the affected landholders following on from the recent meeting.

4. GENERAL BUSINESS

4.1 Items for potential discussion at subsequent Briefing Forums

Nil

5. CLOSURE

3.30pm – There being no further business to discuss the Presiding Person declared the meeting closed.