Shire of Denmark

Notes



STRATEGIC BRIEFING

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 953 SOUTH COAST HIGHWAY, DENMARK, ON TUESDAY, 17 MAY 2022, COMMENCING AT 12:00PM

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

Cr Kingsley Gibson

Cr Donna Carman

Cr Clare Campbell

Cr Donald Clarke

Cr Nathan Devenport via Video Conference

Cr Jan Lewis

Cr Jackie Ormsby

Cr Janine Phillips

STAFF:

David Schober (Chief Executive Officer)

David King (Deputy CEO)

Gina McPharlin (Director Corporate and Community Services) via Video Conference

Claire Thompson (Governance Coordinator)

Angela Simpson (Corporate Planner)

Lee Sounness (Manager Corporate Services)

APOLOGIES:

Nil

ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Nil

ABSENT:

Nil

VISITORS:

Chris Liversage, Consultant via Video Conference Case Koning and John Xanthis, Wilson Inlet Restoration Group Inc.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

As this meeting is informal, Councillors are not required to declare any interests however, for transparency, it is recommended that both Councillors and Officers do and that those interests be recorded in the meeting Notes.

2. REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS

12:00am

2.1 Budget Workshop #2 – Part 1

The Finance team delivered part 1 Budget Workshop number 2, reviewing income streams, current economic conditions and rate setting.

2:00pm

2.2 Budget Workshop #2 – Part 2

The Finance team delivered part 2 of Budget Workshop number 2, which discussed Fees and Charges. A report will be tabled with Council at the June OCM to set Fees and Charges for the 22/23 Financial Year. This is a transparent way to communicate fees and charges to the community as well as ensuring these are adopted by July 1, 2022.

2.30pm

2.3 Wilson Inlet Restoration Group

Mr Koning and Mr Xanthis discussed recent channel mapping and data from the last 20 years relating to the inlet. WIRG propose a change to the Bird Sanctuary location with respect to its placement relative to the Nullaki peninsula. WIRG also referenced the landscape protection guidelines within the Wilson Inlet Foreshore Management Plan.

2:50pm

2.4 Cat Local Law draft

The Governance Coordinator provided an overview of the process to date in drafting a Cat Local Law with Councillors. The Consultant, Chris Liversage, attended via video link and addressed Councillor questions.

It is proposed the Cat Local Law will be presented to Council at the June OCM for consideration.

It was further discussed that the Shire should raise through WALGA Zone and State meetings the need to lobby the Government to change State legislation in order to support more comprehensive measures within Cat Local Laws.

3:20pm

2.5 Denmark Cottage Crafts and Denmark Woodturners Leases

The Governance Coordinator provided information on discussions with the Denmark Cottage Crafts Inc. and Denmark Woodturners Inc. on their respective leases.

The Governance Coordinator will continue with the preparation of draft leases appreciating feedback received by Councillors.

3:30pm

3. Close and break