



Notes

STRATEGIC BRIEFING

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
953 SOUTH COAST HIGHWAY, DENMARK, ON
TUESDAY, 19 JULY 2022, COMMENCING AT 12:30PM

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 Kingsley Gibson - Chair
Cr Donna Carman
Cr Clare Campbell
Cr Donald Clarke
Cr Nathan Devenport
Cr Jan Lewis
Cr Jackie Ormsby -arrived at 12:39pm
Cr Janine Phillips

STAFF:

David Schober (Chief Executive Officer)
Gina McPharlin (Director Corporate and Community Services)
Claire Thompson (Governance Coordinator)
Renee Wiggins (Manager, Community Services)
Courtney Walsh (Communications and Engagement Officer)

APOLOGIES:

Cr Ceinwen Gearon
David King (Deputy CEO)

ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Nil

ABSENT:

Nil

VISITORS:

Nil

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

12:30pm

2.1 Elected Member Expenses

The Governance Coordinator led a discussion with Councillors regarding the policy review. A copy of the draft policy was provided and officers answered questions relating to the proposed changes. A report will be prepared for the August 2022 Ordinary Council Meeting.

12:45pm

2.2 Councillor Round-Up

Cr Campbell – Shared feedback from Denmark Historical Society on the recent Council resolution relating to the State Historical Societies Conference in 2022.

Cr Clarke – Denmark Arts update including funding arrangements with the Shire. Brave New Works and Denmark Markets were discussed, noting that DA is currently reviewing its business activity with new staff and Board members.

Cr Phillips – Nil

Cr Gibson – Proposed Mountain Bike trail concept plan for Mount Hallowell is generating concerns from community members regarding the holding of large events. This is incorrect and the Denmark Mountain Bike Club have held radio interviews recently indicating this is not their intent.

Cr Ormsby – Recent complaint received regarding the previous Physiotherapist Classes at the Denmark Recreation Centre.

Also raised recent concerns around Foot and Mouth disease given Denmark reliance on the agriculture sector. Department of Primary Industries and Research Development will be presenting at the next Local Emergency Management Committee on the link between local and state government agencies in combating the Indonesian outbreak.

Cr Devenport – Nil

Cr Carman – Enquired as to the release of the Draft budget.

Cr Lewis – Shared disappointment with misinformation in the public domain on rates and other issues by certain community members, which leads to unnecessary community tension and concern.

1:30pm

2.3 Denmark Surf Life Saving Club Redevelopment

The Sustainable Projects Manager introduced his new team to Councillors.

Officers noted recent discussions with the DSLSC members, following receipt of the opinion of probable cost estimates, which is considerably higher than the estimated budget at \$5.8 million.

DSLSC will provide written advice to the Shire on their position following recent discussions with officers within the next two weeks.

2:00pm

2.4 Australia Day event

The Community Services team provided information relating to last years' event and presented future options, including grant opportunities and requirements, based on Councillor, officer and community feedback. The Denmark Citizen of the Year Awards were also discussed, particularly in relation to collaborating with community groups.

Discussion with community groups will further inform the position and this will be discussed further next month with Councillors.

3:15pm

3. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Former Shire of Denmark Councillor Ian Osborne, and son, attended to place a framed poem on the Shire of Denmark recognition wall written by his father, former Shire of Denmark President Frederick Osborne.

4. CLOSE