Minutes



SPECIAL MEETING OF ELECTORS

ON TUESDAY, 1 AUGUST 2023

The meeting was held at the Denmark Recreation Centre (main court area), McLean Park, Brazier Street, Denmark.

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1. MEETING PROCEDURES DETERMINED BY THE PRESIDING PERSON

These procedures are consistent with requirements under the Local Government Act 1995 and the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996.

- The Shire President will preside over the meeting [s 5.30].
- The only matter to be discussed at this meeting is the matter detailed in the Special Meeting Request.
- All electors present are required to sign the Attendance Register with their name and address.
- Only electors are permitted to vote.
- Each elector who is present is entitled to one vote on each matter to be decided at the meeting but does not have to vote [r 17].
- Voting is to be conducted so that no voter's vote is secret [r 17].
- All decisions are to be made by a simple majority of electors present [r 17].
- The presiding person will call for a mover and a seconder for any motions.
- If a motion is moved and seconded, it becomes live, and the presiding person will facilitate debate.
- Debate will be limited to 3 speakers for the motion, and 3 speakers against the motion.
- Speakers for, or against, the motion will be limited to 3 minutes each.
- All decisions made at the meeting are to be considered at the next Ordinary Council meeting or, if that is not practicable, at the first Ordinary Council meeting after that meeting; or at a Special Meeting called for that purpose, whichever happens first [s 5.33].
- There will be no public question time [r 5].
- The meeting procedure to be followed, other than those listed above, is to be determined by the person presiding [r 18].

2. DECLARATION OF OPENING

6.19pm - The Presiding Person, Shire President, Cr Ceinwen Gearon, declared the meeting open and acknowledged the traditional owners of the land being the Menang and Bibbulmun people.

3. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES

ATTENDANCE

- 435 Electors.
- 4 entries on the Attendance Register were illegible.

| Ceinwen Gearon | Jessie Gloede | Hannah Halls |
|---------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Ana Orozco | Andrea Prince | Sandra Moore |
| Kristi McMullan | Warrick Gates | Doug Davies |
| Dorothy Davies | Carol Allmond | Roy Allmond |
| Andrew Hoadley | Maureen Cowdell | Martin Barker |
| Sue Allan | Ehtel Choules | Margaret Binka |
| Dennis Marshall | W Sheed | Des Arrow |
| Jenny Barker | Christophe Luigi | Karen Grose |
| Carol Blackett | Anthony Blackett | Donna Stretton |
| Trish Edmonds | Jane Hollard | Martin Hollard |
| David Gornall | B Trew | Ceinwen Gearon |
| Christine Cooper | David Ballantyne | Jaden Guidi |
| Clare Campbell | Jackie Ormsby | Sylvia Mestric |
| Vicci Lodge | Jak Weiland | Joel Prince |
| Martin Becker | Julie Arnold | Vicki Lumia |
| Peter Lumia | Leanne Laurie | Dennis Proctor |
| Rene Proctor | Geoff Bacon | Kingsley Gibson |
| Hugh Winer | Gary Jones | Brendan Wilkes |
| Russell Carter | Janine Phillips | Fiona Maron |
| Bobbie Batten | Adrian Rufus | Dace Verbaker |
| Stanley Hynes | Valerie Mather | Fiona Ross |
| Jan Axe | Lynda Jenner | Pam Rumbell |
| Kevin Nayda | R McNab | Damian French |
| Shari Bolitho | Anthony Farrell | Candy Koning |
| Kees Koning | Rosemary Lane | Peter Dean |
| Barry Stewart | Fran Pederick | Wally Pederick |
| Janice McDonald | John Kenyon | Fred Knight |
| Doug Sheed | Brian Wilson | Lorraine Bellas |
| Don Atkinson | Regina Higginson | Michelle Wright |
| Timothy Dunn | Olivia Carter | Lee Alexander |
| Trevor Helen | Helen King | Carole Wright |
| Kristine Plozza | Kevin Hard | Bryn Azzari |
| Karla Putland | Jason Putland | Tessa Moncrief |
| Carol Metropolis | Margaret Jones | Deborah Tyan |
| Peta Hill | Laura Staublg | Aaron Olszewski |
| Lara Van Der Muelen | Kieana Copeland | Yvonne Quinn |
| Katja Lamb | Hollie Gilmore | Casey Lindroth |

| Kate Rieben | Robbie Degenaar | Robyn Millar |
|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Julie Pepper | Karen Winer | Cathryn Overington |
| Hazel Moon | Jeremy Bate | Jasna Curic |
| Pat Ricketts | Tarryn Russell | lan Sinclair |
| Graham Batten | Justine Gamblin | Chloe Church |
| Kaye Husking | Sarah Pozzi | Deborah Parker |
| Andrew Huntley | Alison Walmsley | John Jenner |
| Ben Boston | Lisa Nicholson | Sharm Jackson |
| Amanda Gaunt | Phillip Drage | Sandra Kerr |
| Peter Kerr | Merylin Briggs | Wesley Briggs |
| Grant Ball | Carmel Stott | Pat Stewart |
| Mary Copping | Tom Jones | Wayne Kranendonk |
| John Watson | Mike Bentley | April Atkinson |
| Gaie Bradford | Ruth Price | Heidi Compton |
| Shirley Watkiss | James Watkiss | Elisha Rose |
| James Sturnioli | Kristina Varrone | Bill Byrne |
| Roderick Mitchell | Robyn Marley | John Overton |
| Julie Glynn | Adam Green | Catherine Burges |
| Royce Kelly | Maria Wakelin | Colleen Williams |
| Sandra van Lill | Donald Clarke | Irene Hogben |
| Sarah Carver | Gavin Lacey | Judy Gretton |
| Paul Mahoney | Holly Ferrara | Fay Malcolm |
| Bruce Anthony | Linda Whitlock | Ric Carter |
| Sandy Carter | Beth Franz | Emily Marney |
| John Davis | Fraces Davis | Martin James |
| Glyn James | Liz Archer | Nina Bradshaw |
| Ash Murch | Cyril Edwards | Amber Launay |
| Luba Ricketts | John Ricketts | Margaret Cocks |
| Deborah Ebbett | William Farquharson | Bev Seeney |
| Roger Seeney | Joy Hawes | Rob Woods |
| Bev McGuinness | Ross McGuinness | Margaret Walker |
| Gail Barker | Val Ball | Kaye White |
| Gabrielle Elliot | Tim Bussemaker | Colin Payne |
| Erica Mercer | Roy Mercer | Nicholas Dwyer |
| Janet Pattinson | Keith Swann | Hank Alberts |
| Lyn Cottee | Peter Cottee | Jim Sharpe |
| Adrian Kranendonk | Michael Kerr | Ian Alexander |
| Margaret Bridgart | Julie Sapstead | Deon Sapstead |
| Kev Gibbs | Jean Laing | Sue Young |
| Philip Giles | Janice Bremner | Andrew Ellis |
| Jeff Atkinson | Hanna Reichel | Joanna Griffith |
| David Faulkner | Chris Weiland | Patrick McConigley |
| Ruth McConigley | Elizabeth von Perger | Tom Rossignuolo |
| Fiona James | Christine Archer | Ashley (silent elector) |
| Judith Wilson | Graham Wilson | Margaret Norcross |
| Robin Norcross | Erica Bracknell | Holly Pepper |
| John Schindler | Louise Berry | Linda-Jane Eaton |
| Felicity Henderson | Mark Henderson | John Davies |
| Kerrie Davies | Tamala Ridge | Elina Mackay |
| Erika Tharratt | Gareth Anderson | Brendan Parker |

| Amanda Porter | Megan Prater | David Turnbull |
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| Todd Anderson | Avril Steyl | Melissa Howe |
| Jamie Moir | Rodney Prater | Peta Turnbull |
| Ross Thornton | Steph Tchan | Michael Woodfield |
| Rosemary Ingham | James Woenne | Hayley Stinson |
| Christopher Hoare | Roslyn gates | Shirley Boni |
| Leo Boni | Murray Bolitho | Lyell Edmonds |
| Edward Wierobeis | Ryan Phillips | Beryl Nicholls |
| Rosemary Thorn | Julie Nayder | Peter Gornall |
| Theresa Hughes | Linda Simonis | Avril Marriott |
| Peter Marriott | Gilbert Wrightson | Stuart Young |
| Bert Pattinson | Glasson Gardner | Robert Otway |
| Reed Duggan | Rob Kolgariff | Gerald Koza |
| Marinus Van Vliet | Steven Gersbach | Margaret Redman |
| Julie Byrne | Ray Ashton | Robert Gretton |
| Ruby Tchan | Andria Taylor | Michael Hosking |
| Lauren Kreuger | Alex Metropolis | Sara Hammond |
| Andrea Gaynor | Kanae Jones | Joshua Griffith |
| Jess Dyer | Jane Visser | Gavin Beebie |
| Trendy Duncan | Michael Bow | Scott Maschette |
| Nicha Maschette | Bruce Sharp | Jolly Edwards |
| Damon Laurie | Xavier Launay | Alasdair Millar |
| Jan Lewis | Michael Wyson | Gaynor Mitchell |
| David Lonie | Michael Berry | Allister Dickson |
| Denisia Menglet | Richard Ricketts | Trevor Wakelin |
| Philip Williams | Sally Prickett | Julie Grist |
| Kathleen Prater | Lorraine Cotton | Kristin Haefner |
| Judith Parkinson | Doug Head | Graeme Kontoolas |
| Pete Dingey | Stuart Irwin | Rebecca Kirkwood |
| Chris Kirkwood | Albert Nicholls | Kelli Gillies |
| Jemma Smithers | Bev Farrell | Noel Phillips |
| Rosie Phillips | Peter Kelly | Ian Osborne |
| Neville Thorn | Glenice Smith | Rob Allen |
| Chris Alberts | Ken Hick | Graham Dixon |
| Dana Boston | Lockyer Eastland | Louise Mckenna |
| Colin Carlisle | Daniel Porter | Dean Chappell |
| Marlee Swallow | Donna Carman | Kendel Lynam |
| Glynis Woodfield | Helen Vanmelle | Izaak Vanmelle |
| Jane James | David Morrell | Tegan Smith |
| Duncan Smith | Maren Heckel | Logan Chappelle |
| Fred Rieben | Paul Llewellyn | Justin Chester |
| Ian Robbins | Perez Ruben | John Burfitt |
| Brian Redfern | Norman Blunn | Kerith Bradford |
| Jillian Gow | David Price | Jan Kilgariff |
| Marg Holmes | Jen Cooper | James Back |
| Oliver Watkins | Claire Azzari | Christan Murtha |
| Pat Sacino | Emilia Guidi | Zoe Car |
| May Carter | Ian Whitlock | Tash Rubie |
| Jasmin Gretton | Matt Sivyer | Bob Mulligan |
| Leaha Holecek | Chelsea James | Donna James |

| Andrew Quinn | Melanie Trenow | Scott Bailey |
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| Jenny Whishaw | Nick Whishaw | Jeff Head |
| Janine Tinley | Lez Baines | Graham Greenhalgh |
| Joane Carter | Glen James | Ann Ross |
| Mark Gretton | Christine Randall | Matthew Parkes |
| Williow Davies | Natalie Burford | Geoff Osborne |
| Jasmin Stone | Karen Anderson | Ann Templeton |
| Krita Stratton | D Baker | Eric Fabre |

APOLOGIES

Ronda Thomas

STAFF:

David King (Chief Executive Officer)
Claire Thompson (Governance Coordinator)

4. PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

A request signed by 373 different Electors was submitted to the Shire President on 11 July 2023 requesting a Special Meeting of Electors for the following purpose.

The purpose of the Special Meeting was as follows:

The decision of the Shire of Denmark Council on item 9.3.1 at the 18 April 2023 Ordinary Council Meeting which endorsed (among other things) the termination of the Lions Club lease of Pt Crown Reserve 30277 and the granting of an expanded lease over this reserve to the Kwoorabup Nature School.

5. MOTIONS

MOTION 1.

MOVED: IAN OSBORNE SECONDED: ROGER SEENEY

 That the Shire of Denmark Council publish on the Shire's website a copy of all planning approvals that have been issued in respect of the Kwoorabup Nature School's current and proposed future operations as required by the Shire of Denmark Local Planning Scheme No.3 and the Planning and Development Act 2005.

- 2. If there is planning approval(s) in place in respect of the Kwoorabup Nature School's current operation, that the Shire of the Denmark Council:
 - a) Instruct the CEO to investigate and publish on the Shire's website why and how an approval was issued to the Kwoorabup Nature School given:
 - (i) The School is located within a designated bushfire prone area;
 - (ii) The School is located within a BAL-40 and BAL-Flame Zone category of risk;
 - (iii) State Planning Policy 3.7 provides that vulnerable or high-risk land uses must not be approved in such areas unless the development is "unavoidable"; and
 - (iv) The Kwoorabup Nature School's current operation is avoidable in this location.
 - b) Instruct the CEO to defer implementation of the Council of the Shire of Denmark's resolution in respect of Item 9.3.1 of the 18 April 2023 Ordinary Council Meeting until such time as a planning application has been submitted and approved for any expanded operation.
 - c) Instruct the CEO to seek advice from Department of Fire & Emergency Services as to the suitability of the Kwoorabup Nature School remaining in its current location and employ a Level 3 Bushfire Practitioner to undertake the Risk Assessment. Until such time these reports have been obtained and should they determine the site is unsuitable, the Shire of Denmark refuse any proposed works and the Kwoorabup Nature School be advised to find an alternative location which meets planning requirements.

MOTION SUPPORTED BY A MAJORITY OF ELECTORS

MOTION 2:

MOVED: JAMES BACK SECONDED: JOANNE GRIFFITH

That the Shire prioritise facilitating a dialogue among all stakeholders, and the broader community, to revise the concept plan for Reserve 30277 in order to move forward with collaboratively creating an exciting multipurpose precinct that interprets and promotes its diverse heritage for the benefit of residents and visitors.

MOTION NOT SUPPORTED BY A MAJORITY OF ELECTORS

MOTION 3:

MOVED: ROGER SEENEY
SECONDED: ROSS MCGUINNESS

1. As the site was a previous railway terminal and siding and given that all railway sites are considered to be contaminated sites, we request that the Shire of Denmark publish the environmental clearance of the site showing no contamination including an audit of the Old Post Office for asbestos sheeting.

2. Given that schools are considered as 'a sensitive use', has the school been made aware that environmental clearances will be necessary.

MOTION SUPPORTED BY A MAJORITY OF ELECTORS

MOTION 4:

MOVED: BEV MCGUINNESS

SECONDED: LEZ BAINES

- 1. For the Shire of Denmark Council to rescind its resolution in respect of Item 9.3.1 of the 18 April 2023 Ordinary Council Meeting which endorsed (among other things) the termination of the Lions Club lease of Pt Crown Reserve 30277 and the granting of an expanded lease over this reserve to the Kwoorabup Nature School; and
- 2. Instruct the CEO to negotiate an extension/new lease to the Lions Club over its headquarters on Pt Crown Reserve 30277.

MOTION SUPPORTED BY A MAJORITY OF ELECTORS

MOTION 5:

MOVED: PETER KERR SECONDED: SANDY KERR

Should the expanded lease be finally agreed that the Shire of Denmark apply a six metre set back of all buildings proposed from the Inlet Drive boundary and the boundary facing the Denmark Machinery Restoration Group and the Denmark Mens Shed.

MOTION SUPPORTED BY A MAJORITY OF ELECTORS

6. CLOSURE

8.11pm – There being no further motions, the Presiding Person declared the meeting closed.