



Minutes

SPECIAL MEETING OF ELECTORS

ON TUESDAY, 8 MARCH 2022

Held outdoors, behind the Shire Administration Building
at 953 South Coast Highway, Denmark.

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1. HOW THE SPECIAL ELECTORS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED

- The Deputy Shire President will preside over the meeting. If the Deputy Shire President is unable to attend, the electors must choose a councillor present to preside. If there are no Councillors present, then the electors are to choose one of themselves to preside (s 5.30 of the Local Government Act 1995).
- The only matter to be discussed at this meeting is the matter detailed under Item 4 of this Agenda.
- 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.
- Voting is to be conducted so that no voter's vote is secret.
- All decisions are to be made by a simple majority of electors present.
- 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.
- There will be no public question time, in accordance with Regulation 5 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996.
- The meeting procedure to be followed, other than those listed above, is to be determined by the person presiding.

* An **elector** means a person who is eligible to be enrolled to vote at Shire of Denmark local government elections.

2. DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Presiding Person to declare the meeting open.

3. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

ATTENDANCE – Electors Present:

Cr Kingsley Gibson (Deputy Shire President), Presiding Person

Cr Jan Lewis	Cr Nathan Devenport	Cr Clare Campbell
Cr Janine Phillips	Cr Donna Carman	Cr Donald Clarke
Pamela Swan	Diane Harwood	Erika Tharratt
Jennifer Baker	Shirley Motteram	Mark Parre
Beverley McGuinness	Greg Godfrey	Rachel Solomon
Brenda Balde	Nellie Hexter	Natalie Wares
John Balde	Tanya Garvin	Patrick Considine
Lisa Robertson	Patricia Kelson	Elizabeth Roster
Trever Clark	Leif Lebbing	Wendy Taylor
Massimo Rinaldi	Roger Seeney	Rod Taylor
Kate Devoy	Natasha Heal	Don Atkinson
Ash Murch	Richard Dunn	Shannon David
Jen Cooper	Julie Holroyd	Karene Svenson
Jenny Patterson	Helen Marshall	Silvia Lehmann
Bev Seeney	Joy Hawes	Jennifer Barter
Erica Mercer	Janet Blyszak	Sandra Van Lill
Andy May	Anne Templeton	Fabio Varrone
Lyn Knight	Vicci Lodge	Tancredi Rubinich

Russell Glass	Jean Fick	Genevieve Rubinich
Gloria Glass	Rob Slater	Louie Gerovich
Daniel Barndon	Chelsea Donohoe	John McMullan
Sallie Hosking	Jennifer Mackenzie	Norman Blunn
Justin Chester	Margaret Bridgart	Sheila Blunn
Jessie Gloede	Julia McHenry	Shane Parker
Jamie Falls	Lean Hannant	Mei Parker
Catherine Spaggiari	Nicole Robinson	Adrian Ollis
Natalie Wells	Kathy Parin	Marilee Coombs
Cress Rubinich	Sonja Boehringer	Peter Cooper
Anna Black	Sara Bolton	Brian Radalj
Chai Robertson	Courtenay Stickals	Zoe Weller
Nigel Holroyd	Danika Dickie	Amanda Blyszak
Jakeb Utech	Peta Hill	Tarja Henttonen
Bruce Cooper	Don Rosenthal	Michelle Levar
Rosie Wildman	Gregg Compton	Cassandra De Meer
Tanya Hadfield	Adrian Hinds	Ruth Halbert
Louise Cato	Peter Kerr	Julie Nayda
Kevin Nayda	Roy Mercer	Jan Hardwick
Tia Wells	Sue Wilson	Tamala Ridge
Asha Garner	Kerry Clark	Sara Patane
Laura Egan	Sandra Kerr	Anna Sobczyk
James Watkiss	Sarah Jindrich	James Kolan
Nana Kolan	Leigh Spriggs	Casey Bradshaw
Clint Warn	Dale Smith	Gary Wynne
Elizabeth Bain	Katrina Hawley	Doris Russell
Patrick Russell	Chris Robins	Christine Parlevliet
Carmel Appleby	Colin Wares	Joel Munyard
Heidi Barndon	Jennifer Tipper	Roderick Bartholomeusz
Jennifer Noble	Kaye Husking	Otto Ziegler
Lili Ziegler	Todd Anderson	Aletia Artemis
Leslie Allen	Genesis Gutierrez	Merome Darvill
Paula Ford	Brad Black	Billy Rufus
Natalie Rogers	Ian Corrans	Lynn Corrans
Richard Ross	Michael Guilfoyle	Lucy Wood
Letitia Bracken	Sheree Webb	Marilyn Bolton
Lianne Fiocco-Ramos	Laura Behrendt	Rita Abrahams
Mary Shannon	Craig Rogers	Jared Webb
Richard Boyd	Adam Cook	Luke Gaches
Sego Savoye	Judy Kingston	Glenda Ford
Greg Deely	Miguel Pez	Angela Tiller
Val Laing	Helen Spencer	Peter Lord
Geoff Bowley	Justin Ettridge	Theresa Beecroft
Kristi McMullan	Louise Lissiman	Luke Russell
Brian Fleming	Ian Bower	Judy Bower
Barb Thayne	Bart Lebbing	Rushi Bhatt
Theda Manscroft	Lydia Barak	Sue Beverley
John Beverley	Jillian Green	Gadi Barak
Michael Ford	Irene Bachmann	Kylie Collyer
Kevin Hard	Janice Hard	Jenny Coates
Heather Corrans	Ian Fenech	Linda Brough
Joelle Thorn	Rick Wale	Jan Wale
Ingrid Jansen-Neeling	Debra Coombs	Peter Burgess
John Jones	Ruben Boddington	Rosemary Ingham
Simon Anchor	Brian Rushton	Ruth Rushton
Denisia Menglet	Deanna Forster	Michelle Moore
Edward Clark	Lisa Clark	Nick Wishaw

Kirsten Lebbing	Stephanie Hewitt	Adam Kelson
Jaime Moore	Elizabeth Probst	Andreas Bachmann
John Wall	Tessa Moncrieff	Clancy Noble
Jenni Harrison	Matt Doble	Matthew Laing
Yamika Jackson	Carolyn Grayson	Michelle Cresdee
Shane Cresdee	Shashona Kealy	Cheryle Blaikie
Sandra Madeo	Mary Ballantyne	Anne Coning
Cornelis Coning	Elizabeth Hill	Philip Kinder
Joss Goulden		

APOLOGIES:

Cr Ceinwen Gearon (Shire President)
Victoria Castiglione

STAFF:

David Schober (Chief Executive Officer)
David King (Deputy Chief Executive Officer)
Gina McPharlin (Director Corporate & Community Services)
Ms Claire Thompson (Governance Coordinator)

4. PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

A request signed by more than 100 different Electors was submitted to the Shire President on 15 February 2022 requesting a Special Meeting of Electors for the following purpose.

The purpose of the Special Meeting is:

1. Discuss the Denmark community being declared a Pro Choice community in relation to the State Government vaccination mandates.
2. To hear and discuss community concerns in relation to the vaccination mandates.
3. Request that a vote be taken to oppose vaccination mandates and declare Denmark a Pro Choice community.
4. Request that the Shire President advise the Premier and State Parliament;
 - a) of community concerns in relation to existing mandates; and
 - b) request that they refrain from imposing further mandates as well as removing all existing mandates currently in place.

SPEAKERS

The Presiding Person had agreed to allow 3 persons to speak on behalf of the electors who requested the meeting. Cr Gibson advised that each speaker would be allocated 3 minutes.

1. Jessica Heller-Bhatt

Jessica said she was a Psychologist and that, due to the vaccine mandate, she had been dismissed from her role with the Department of Communities, Child Protection and Family Support. Jessica talked about the effects of discrimination including the division and segregation within communities.

Jessica suggested that people should not be deprived of their dignity including the right to make a living and their inherent right to political expression.

2. Dr Mitch Lever

Dr Lever advised that he had a background in microbiology and medical statistics and wished to highlight three facts which made it clear that the vaccine mandates were all risk, and no benefit.

Dr Lever referred to the statistics in numerous studies that demonstrated how the COVID-19 injections were causing harm. Dr Lever said that while the vaccination rate in WA had gone up, so had the number of case numbers, and that this was evidence that the vaccinations were ineffective. Dr Lever added that there was no evidence that asymptomatic people could infect other people.

3. Dr Mitch Sambell

Dr Sambell advised that he had previously worked as a medical Doctor, but had chosen to take on alternative employment because he had refused to have the vaccination. Dr Sambell said that everyone was expected to trust the science however, he had witnessed numerous cases of vaccine injury including, cognitive decline, stroke, heart attacks and blood clots.

Dr Sambell provided a number of statistics relating to the average number of deaths from the COVID vaccination, compared to the number of deaths from all other vaccinations in previous years. Dr Sambell noted that vaccinated people could still acquire and spread the disease and, asserted that people were being coerced into receiving a medical intervention, thereby removing their ability to consent.

MOTIONS

The following motions have been provided by the person who arranged the meeting request on behalf of the electors who signed the request.

Glossary of Terms and Definitions.

Access means to enter, or remain at a premises.

Approved COVID-19 vaccine means:

- a. any vaccine that has been approved by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) for use in Australia for the purpose of vaccinating persons against COVID-19 or any mutations and derivatives thereof; and/or,
- b. any other vaccine specified by the Chief Health Officer, or any other person authorised by the Chief Health Officer for that purpose, as an approved COVID-19 vaccine.

Premises has the same meaning that it has in the Public Health Act 2016 (WA).

Vaccine does not mean the medical terminology as defined in medical journals, but is the generic term in the context of COVID-19 as referred to by the Therapeutic Goods Administration and the Chief Health Officer and Government Officials, and publications and statements made and issued under their auspices.

Vaccination status means whether a person is not vaccinated or has been vaccinated.

Not vaccinated means that the person has not been administered with any dose of an approved COVID-19 vaccine.

Vaccinated means that the person has been administered with any prescribed doses of an approved COVID-19 vaccine.

4.1 COVID-19 VACCINATION PRO-CHOICE STATEMENT – PART 1

MOTION 1: The motion to be considered, forms the first part of an advocacy position statement called the 'COVID-19 Vaccination Pro-Choice Statement'. We request that the Council adopt this position statement and actively advocate to the State Government to remove the vaccination mandate policy.

MOTION 1
MOVED BY Luke Russell
SECONDED BY Sandra Madeo
<p>We request that the Council adopt an advocacy position statement called the 'COVID-19 Vaccination Pro-Choice Statement' with the content:</p> <p>That no person shall or should be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) prevented from performing work or receiving income on the basis of vaccination status; b) discriminated against on the basis of vaccination status; c) coerced or manipulated into the need for vaccination for any reason; d) deprived of any Statutory and Regulatory benefits on the basis of vaccination status; e) restricted access to premises on the basis of vaccination status; f) restricted in any form of community participation on the basis of vaccination status; g) required to provide evidence for any reason of vaccination status; and / or, h) subject to anything under written law that a person who differs in vaccination status is not. <p>CARRIED</p>

4.2 COVID-19 VACCINATION PRO-CHOICE STATEMENT – PART 2

MOTION 2: The motion to be considered, forms the second part of an advocacy position statement called the 'COVID-19 Vaccination Pro-Choice Statement'. We request that the Council adopt this position statement and actively advocate to the State Government to remove the vaccination mandate policy.

MOTION 2
MOVED BY Daniel Barndon
SECONDED BY Silvia Lehmann
<p>We request that the Council adopt an advocacy position statement called the 'COVID-19 Vaccination Pro-Choice Statement' with the content:</p> <p>That the Local Government shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) not restrict any function, property, or service of the Local Government based on vaccination status; and, b) as far as practicable redeploy or reinstate employees of the Local Government that risk termination or have been terminated on the basis of vaccination status; c) honour all obligations under contract for all persons adversely impacted as a consequence of inferred mandatory requirement for vaccination; and, d) establish means to compensate Local Government employees that have lost income as a consequence of termination on the basis of vaccination status. <p>CARRIED</p>

4.3 COVID-19 VACCINATION PRO-CHOICE STATEMENT – PART 3

MOTION 3: The motion to be considered, forms the third part of an advocacy position statement called the 'COVID-19 Vaccination Pro-Choice Statement'. We request that the Council adopt this position statement and actively advocate to the State Government to remove the vaccination mandate policy.

MOTION 3
MOVED BY Chai Robertson
SECONDED BY Letitia Bracken
<p>We request that the Council adopt an advocacy position statement called the 'COVID-19 Vaccination Pro-Choice Statement' with the content:</p> <p>That the Local Government actively advocate for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the removal the COVID-19 mandatory vaccination policy and any associated directions made under the Public Health Act 2016 (WA); and b) the repeal of any mandate or written law, or, anything done under any mandate or written law that conflicts with this position statement. <p>And that The Local Government in performing an advocacy role will seek the cooperation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Other Local Governments across the State; b) Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA); c) Local Government Professionals WA; and, d) Other professional bodies, associations, and business entities. <p>CARRIED</p>

4.4 COVID-19 VACCINATION PRO-CHOICE STATEMENT – PART 4

MOTION 4: The motion to be considered, forms the fourth part of an advocacy position statement called the 'COVID-19 Vaccination Pro-Choice Statement'. We request that the Council adopt this position statement and actively advocate to the State Government to remove the vaccination mandate policy.

MOTION 4
MOVED BY Bart Lebbing
SECONDED BY Rushi Bhatt
<p>We request that the Council adopt an advocacy position statement called the 'COVID-19 Vaccination Pro-Choice Statement' with the content:</p> <p>That no volunteer, including but not limited to fire & emergency services, service clubs, and community volunteers, shall or should be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) prevented from participating in volunteer roles on the basis of vaccination status; b) limited in their capacity as a volunteer on the basis of vaccination status; c) discriminated against on the basis of vaccination status; d) coerced or manipulated into the need for vaccination for any reason; and/or e) required to provide evidence for any reason of vaccination status. <p>CARRIED</p>

Cr Gibson asked whether there were any other motions relating to the purpose of the meeting. There were no further motions.

5. CLOSURE

6.07pm – The Presiding Person, Deputy Shire President, Cr Gibson, declared the meeting closed.