

Shire of Denmark
Minutes



ROADWISE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM,
953 SOUTH COAST HIGHWAY, DENMARK,
THURSDAY 27 FEBRUARY AT 1.00PM.

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1. DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Director Assets & Sustainable Development assumed the Chair and declared the meeting open at 1.04pm.

2. ELECTION OF THE PRESIDING PERSON

The Director Assets & Sustainable Development called for nominations for the position of Presiding Member for the ensuing two (2) years.

(As per Policy P040235 the Presiding person [and Deputy if required] must be a sitting Councillor)

The Coordinator Assets & Maintenance submitted a nomination for Cr Seeney. Cr Seeney accepted the nomination in writing.

There being no further nominations received, the Director Assets & Sustainable Development declared Cr Seeney elected.

Cr Seeney assumed the Chair as the Presiding Person.

3. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

MEMBERS

Cr Roger Seeney	
Ms Kelli Gillies	WA College of Agriculture - Denmark
Mr Stuart Hoskins	Denmark over 50's
Mr Brad Lenton	Main Road Western Australia
Ms Marion Macdougall	St John Ambulance
Sergeant Matt Hartfield	OIC Denmark Police
Sergeant John Bridger	OIC Walpole Police
Mr Carl Beck	Road Safety Advisor (Great Southern)

STAFF

Mr David King	Director Assets & Sustainable Development
Mr Clint Daw	Coordinator Assets & Maintenance
Ms Sue Mearns	Executive Support Officer (Minutes)
Mr Nicholas Bahr-Pyke	

APOLOGIES

Nil

ABSENT

Mr Trevor Henderson	Denmark Senior High School
Ms Melanie Benson	Department of Transport

VISITORS

Nil

4. ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE PRESIDING PERSON

Cr Seeney thanked all members (present and in-absentia) for re-nominating as a member on the Roadwise Committee. Cr Seeney then thanked Sgt Hartfield on behalf of Council for his continued efforts in policing the Community.

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Note: The Mover of a motion is to confirm the Minutes of a Council or Committee meeting was to be present at that meeting.

COMMITTEE DECISION AND OFFICER RECOMMENDATION	ITEM 5.1
MOVED: Matt Hartfield	SECONDED: Carl Beck
That the minutes of the RoadWise Advisory Committee meeting held on the 3 rd September 2019, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings.	
	CARRIED: 10/0

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

6.1 Kearsley Road – unmade section (upkeep, access and signage) (Marion Macdougall)

Marion spoke of loose gravel at the top end of Kearsley Road which is causing traction issues for road users, including emergency vehicles.

The Director Assets & Sustainable Development (DASD) confirmed that Shire Officers were looking at solutions to remedy this issue in the short term, and as an accident had occurred on the road were going to record it on the Blackspot list for potential funding in the 2021/22 financial year. The DASD informed the Committee that he would let members know when the Summer grade would be undertaken.

Additionally, the Coordinator Assets & Maintenance (CAM) will investigate 'Unsealed Road' signage.

Action: DASD to inform the Committee when Summer grade being undertaken

Action: CAM to investigate 'Unsealed Road' signage

6.2 Implementation of street kerb numbering (Marion Macdougall)

Marion raised the issue of house numbering and the problems faced by emergency service officers trying to locate homes.

The CAM confirmed that this matter is currently being investigated by Shire Officers with a number of options being considered including kerb numbering which would be conducted in conjunction with the kerb replacement program.

The CAM confirmed that he would speak further with the St John Ambulance representative with regards to volunteers carrying out the work.

6.3 Roadwise 'Courtesy Electronic Speed Sign' (Clint Daw)

It was confirmed by the CAM that two (2) 'Courtesy Electronic Speed Signs' have been offered to the Shire of Denmark to be used during the Easter period. The primary location for the signs will be Peaceful Bay Road however it may be moved to other locations during this period.

The Committee were also advised that the 'Speed Alert Mobile' (SAM) Trailer would be used this Labour Day Long Weekend on Ocean Beach Road.

Further discussion was held with regards to the increase in the number of single vehicle road fatalities in the Great Southern. It was decided that a letter would be written to the Road

Safety Commissioner, Frank Pasquale highlighting this issue and encouraging an increase in advertising in an attempt to educate road users.

Action: Carl Beck to draft letter

6.4 40km/h zone through town (Clint Daw)

The CAM raised the subject of other Shires trialling a reduction in the speed limit through towns to 40kph (eg Nannup and Donnybrook).

The group held discussions and determined that they would be keen to see how successful these trials were in other locations before making any further determination for the Shire of Denmark CBD.

6.5 RoadWise Officer Report and Draft Annual Planner (Carl Beck – WALGA)

The WALGA Roadwise Officer discussed his report and annual planner (as attached) and asked for the Committee Members to review and provide comment at the next meeting.

6.6 Sober Super Hero Campaign (Matt Hartfield – WA Police)

Sgt Hartfield confirmed that the campaign was very well received by the Community this year although there was not as much sponsorship as previously provided. He suggested that a sub-committee be formed to assist in gaining more support from local businesses.

Committee Members were asked to consider formation of a sub-committee for further discussion at the next meeting.

The prize draw for the 2019/20 period will be conducted in the near future and the winner/media advised.

Sgt Hartfield would also like a letter of thanks be given to Lindsey Heymans and Tracey Whooley for their outstanding efforts to gain business support of this project.

Action: Thank you letter to be drafted

6.7 Drink & Drug Drivers (Matt Hartfield – WA Police)

Sgt Hartfield spoke to the Committee about the incidences of drink/drug affected drivers and the pro-active actions being performed in both Denmark and Walpole to try and address these issues including:

- Liaison with/education of licensed premises
- Road signage – ‘Police are now targeting...’

6.8 General Briefing (Matt Hartfield – WA Police)

Sgt Hartfield raised the continuing issue of parking at the Denmark Primary School. The CAM confirmed that Shire Officers were liaising with the Primary School on how best to resolve this issue. Options were discussed such as encouraging people to park further away and walk the remainder of the way to the primary school.

The CAM confirmed that he will obtain a report from Community Services and provide a report at the next meeting.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 Banner Board

The Road Safety Advisory (Great Southern), confirmed that he would be leaving the banner board with Shire Officers in Denmark for strategic placing in the Denmark locale.

7.2 Vegetation – Denmark Mt Barker Road

Sgt Hartfield spoke of vegetation obstructing the view of drivers at the intersection of Tulley Road (?) and Denmark Mt Barker Road.

Brad Lenton, the Committee Member for the Department of Main Roads advised that the vegetation on this road has just been trimmed and that he would contact the appropriate staff at Main Roads to have this issue addressed.

8. LATE ITEMS

8.1 Road Upgrades – William Bay National Park

The DASM confirmed that as the State Government would now have ownership of all roads within the William Bay National Park, that they would need to determine speed limits and required road upgrades for the area.

8.2 Department of Main Roads

Brad Lenton spoke to the Committee about recent upgrades to South Coast Highway between Denmark and Albany, including audible edge markers and 'cats eyes'.

The Presiding Member spoke of areas on the Highway where bitumen bleeding was occurring and asked what was being done to remedy the situation. Mr Lenton advised that the Department of Main Roads were reviewing the products used by contractors for re-sealing and encouraged all Committee members to report areas of concern to Main Roads (ph 138 138).

8.3 SLOMO Law

Sgt Hartfield reminded Committee Members of the recently introduced SLOMO (Slow Down, Move Over) law requiring that drivers slow down to 40 km/h when approaching stationary emergency vehicles.

It was agreed that more advertising of this law was required as a reminder to community members.

Action: Information to be placed on Shire of Denmark Facebook page and also to be included in the letter to the Commissioner as per item 6.3

9. NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting of the Roadwise Committee will be Thursday 28 May 2020 in the Council Chambers.

10. CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2.35pm.

The Director Assets & Sustainable Development recommends the endorsement of these minutes at the next meeting.

Signed: _____
David King – Director Assets & Sustainable Development

Date: _____

These minutes were confirmed at the meeting of the RoadWise Committee

Signed: _____
(Presiding Person at the meeting at which the minutes were confirmed.)