

Shire of Denmark
Minutes



ROADWISE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
953 SOUTH COAST HIGHWAY, DENMARK,
THURSDAY 17 JUNE 2020.

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1. DECLARATION OF OPENING

Cr Roger Seeney, the Presiding Person declared the meeting open at 1.12pm.

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES

MEMBERS

Cr Roger Seeney	Presiding Person
Mr Trevor Henderson	Denmark Senior High School
Sergeant Matt Hartfield	OIC Denmark Police
Mr Reece Skipper	Main Road Western Australia
Mr Carl Beck	Road Safety Advisor (Great Southern)

STAFF

Mr David King	Director Assets & Sustainable Development
Ms Sue Mearns	Executive Support Officer (Minutes)

APOLOGIES

Mr Clint Daw	Coordinator Assets & Maintenance
Sergeant John Bridger	OIC Walpole Police
Mr Brad Lenton	Main Road Western Australia
Mr Stuart Hoskins	Denmark over 50's

ABSENT

Ms Melanie Benson	Department of Transport
Ms Kelli Gillies	WA College of Agriculture - Denmark
Ms Marion Macdougall	St John Ambulance

3. ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE PRESIDING PERSON

Cr Seeney thanked the Road Safety Advisor and Executive Support Officer for keeping RoadWise information updated on the Shire's website and Facebook page during the COVID-19 crisis.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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 4.0
MOVED: Matt Hartfield	SECONDED: Cr Roger Seeney
That the minutes of the RoadWise Advisory Committee meeting held on the 27 February 2020, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings.	
CARRIED: 5/0	

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.1 Correspondence - Road Safety Commission to the Denmark RoadWise Committee

Correspondence received from Mr Roger Farley, Assistant Director of the Road Safety Commission (RSC) was discussed and it was decided that the Road Safety Advisor (RSA) Great Southern would continue to encourage the RSC to increase the

amount of mass media being produced in relation to fatigue, drink driving and SLOMO laws.

5.2 Sober Super Hero Campaign (Sgt Matt Hattfield)

The Committee discussed the processes required to support the Sober Super Hero Campaign for 2020 and determined that letters would be drafted by the RSA asking for support and donations from both previous and potential contributors and be sent to Committee Members for endorsement.

It was further discussed that, as local businesses may have been impacted by the COV-19 crisis, Council would be asked to support a contribution of \$400.00 to the Campaign.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 Director Assets & Sustainable Development (DASD) Report

The DASD reported that the annual Road Safety Audit had recently been conducted with the emphasis on:

- Lights Road
- Tea Tree Lane
- Prawn Rock Channel
- McLean/Scotsdale/Sutton Road intersection

6.2 Road Safety Advisor (RSA) Great Southern Report

The RSA made reference to his report (Attachment 1) and further discussed:

- Changing the banner at located at the Denmark Community noticeboard;
- Road fatalities;
- Discontinuation of the Cranbrook RoadWise Committee which had previously been run by Community Members;
- Truck rest stop being established at the intersection of Great Southern and Albany Highways; and
- Requirements for an increase in the width of shoulder clearing.

The Committee then discussed the lack of a taxi operator within the Shire and the opinion that this may be resultant from excessive fees and charges relating to insurance and registration. The RSA advised that he would contact the State Government in relation to this matter and report back to the Committee.

6.3 OIC Denmark Police Report

Sgt Hattfield spoke further of the Sober Super Hero Campaign and the positive impact it was having on the younger members of our Community.

The Committee was advised that a new Officer in Charge has been appointed to the Walpole Police Station and that Sgt Dave Murphy would now be attending the RoadWise Committee Meetings as a Police representative.

Sgt Hattfield commented that road numbers were definitely down during COVID-19 restrictions which resulted in a definite reduction in visitors.

6.4 Main Roads Representative

The Committee spoke with the Main Roads Representative with regards to most effective signage for use on damaged roads. Mr Skipper confirmed that unfortunately 'Hazard' signage can only be used for a maximum of 24 hours and although there may not be roadworks being conducted in the area, it was considered that 'Roadworks Ahead' signage was more effective in slowing down road users.

6.5 Denmark Senior High School Representative

Mr Henderson confirmed that a new Traffic Warden has commenced at the High School crossing on South Coast Highway and was proving to be an effective deterrent for speeding drivers.

7. ACTION LIST

The attached RoadWise Committee Action Sheet records items from meeting minutes that require action.

8. NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting of the RoadWise Committee will be Thursday 20th August 2020 in the Council Chambers.

9. CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2.00pm

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.)