



SHIRE OF CARNARVON

AGENDA FORUM NOTES

AGENDA FORUM MEETING
TUESDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2024

GUIDELINES

Agenda Forums are to be advertised and open to the public, unless the Council is being briefed on a matter for which a formal meeting may be closed.

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Disclosure of Interests shall be adhered to as per a formal meeting of Council.

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Agenda Forums shall follow the order of the Full Council Agenda.

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The Presiding Member must ensure no debate or decision making occurs between elected members during the forum.

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A public record of all Agenda Forums shall be maintained.

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AGENDA FORUM MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2024

COMMENCING AT 8.30AM

1.0 ATTENDANCES, APOLOGIES AND APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cr E Smith.....	Presiding Member/Shire President
Cr B Maslen.....	Councillor, Gascoyne/Minilya Ward
Cr L Skender.....	Councillor, Plantation Ward
Cr L Vandeleur.....	Councillor, Town Ward
Cr A Cottrell.....	Councillor, Coral Bay Ward
Cr M Ferrierinha.....	Councillor, Plantation Ward
Cr D Maslen.....	Councillor, Town Ward
Mrs A Selvey.....	Chief Executive Officer
Mr A Thornton.....	Deputy CEO
Mr M Mallon.....	Acting Executive Manager, Infrastructure Services
Mrs D Hill.....	Senior Executive Officer

Apologies

Cr P Kelly.....	Councillor, Town Ward
Mr D Nielsen.....	Executive Manager, Infrastructure Services

Observers.....	Nil
Leave of Absence.....	Nil

1.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

(Councillors and Staff are reminded of the requirements of Section 5.65 of the Local Government Act 1995, to disclose any interest during the meeting or when the matter is to be discussed.)

Cr Cottrell – Proximity Interest – Item 7.4.2 – French Street Coral Bay – Transport
Cr B Maslen – Impartiality Interest – Item 7.4.3 - Beach Vehicle Access Closure Exemption Request - Norwest Boardriders

2.0 DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

2.1 GOVERNANCE

7.1.1 Actions Performed Under Delegated Authority

Cr Cottrell – relating to the RAC Development, has there been a waste plan submitted
CEO – not at this stage

7.1.2 Bibbawarra Bore Partnership Group – Memorandum of Understanding

CEO – advised that Cr Kelly had submitted a few queries in relation to the MOU and that a minor amendment be made to read – *“A set of principles for the development of the bore that is consensually supported by community and stakeholders.”*

Cr B Maslen – query relating to the mesquite eradication program – where is this at

CEO – funding is expected to commence trials
Cr B Maslen – will Council be brief on the methodology of this program
CEO – yes
Cr D Maslen – there are some historical inaccuracies within the report that need to be amended
CEO – noted and will advise the State Register from which the information was accessed from

7.1.3 **Compliance Audit Return**
Nil discussion

7.1.4 **Request for Deed of Extension of Lease - Portion of Lots 547 on DP205438 Powerhouse Building (Office) Carnarvon Airport**
Cr D Maslen – what is the extension period
CEO – for 5 years with the option of a further 5 years

2.2 CORPORATE & COMMUNITY SERVICES

7.2.1 **Budget Adjustments - January 2024**
Nil discussion

7.2.2 **Accounts Paid under Delegation January 2024**
Nil discussion

7.2.3 **Bushfire Risk Management Plan 2023/2028**
Nil discussion

7.2.4 **Proposed Amendments to Fees and Charges 2023/2024**
Cr Vandeleur – how do we compare with other Council's on their fees
Michael Mallon – We got fees from Exmouth \$149/t; Geraldton \$124/t; Karratha \$195/t;
Basically, 1 tonne = 1m3

7.2.5 **Proposed Budget Review 2023/2024**
Nil discussion

7.2.6 **Monthly Financial Report January 2024**
Nil discussion

2.3 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

7.3.1 **Disability Access and Inclusion Plan 2024-2029**
President – how often is this reviewed
CEO – every 5 years

7.3.2 **Public Open Space Strategy**
CEO - Cr Kelly has submitted the following –
Sporting field use at the Egan St Reserve is to be reduced in size and increase the tourism use of the reserve. It fulfils an important POS function in the town site although based on land area is surplus to needs. The management and planning of Festival Park may take this site into account.
What level of community consultation has been undertaken in regards to change of use?
CEO - the development of a long vehicle parking area at the Egan Street Reserve (Town Oval) was discussed as one of the “Big Ideas” endorsed in the Strategic Community Plan. The Plan was

developed by a Community Panel of approx. 28 community members, it was advertised for public comment and no objections or concerns were expressed, the SCP was subsequently endorsed by Council. We have also engaged directly with main stakeholders, being the Catholic School and the Rugby Club. I do not have access to the notes from those meetings with me right now, but I will try and have them before the meeting tomorrow. My recollection is that the school would prefer that the Oval is retained in its current size to allow for the annual sporting carnival to save on bussing students to Festival Grounds. The proposed smaller oval would be sufficient for their weekly sporting activities. I do also believe that the Rugby Club would prefer to retain this oval, but in the administration's assessment, their training and games could be accommodated at Festival Grounds.

7.3.3 Road Dedications and Closures – Initiation of Advertising

Cr Skender – will there be an impact on growers relating to their prolongations, services etc.

CEO – will find out – maybe Council would like to defer this matter until we have the information and the growers are consulted

7.3.4 Waiver of Fees for ECU Tax Clinic

Nil discussion

7.3.5 Regional Arts Venue Support Grant Application

Nil discussion

7.3.6 Community Growth Fund – Round 1, 2024

Cr Vandeleur – the policy needs to be amended to include the sponsorship funds and remove the iconic events – when will this occur

CEO – the team is working on the policies with the next quarterly review to be carried out prior to the budget

2.4 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

7.4.1 Proposed Renaming of Rushton Street to DeBoni Street

Nil discussion

7.4.2 French Street Coral Bay – Transport Study and Road Safety Audit

Cr Cottrell proximity interest and left meeting

Cr B Maslen – if the closure eventually goes ahead and it is vested in the Shire, do we have an estimate of worth \$

CEO – no valuation has been done at this point in time but will be done

Cr Vandeleur – rather than sell what can we do with the land? What are our options – ie. market mall, pedestrian POS etc.

Cr B Maslen – how can the bikepath cost be made more affordable

Michael Mallon – issues include accommodation in the Bay for the workers, mobilisation etc.

CEO – we have applied for the Growing Regions Funding

Cr Skender – what is the mechanism other than tourist tax

CEO – through specified area rates

7.4.3 Beach Vehicle Access Closure Exemption Request – Norwest Boardriders

Nil discussion

7.4.4 Temporary Partial Road Closure Annear Place
Nil discussion

3.0 MATTERS FOR WHICH MEETING TO BE CLOSED TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

12.1 **Carnarvon Airport Pavement Inspection Report**
Confidential discussion took place

4.0 CLOSURE:

The Presiding Member declared the meeting closed at 11.06am