

Shire of Kojonup Briefing Session – 2 August 2016

Record of Meeting – (9:00am – 3:15pm)

Attendance: Councillors: Mathwin (left at 3:00pm), Radford, Pedler & Warland (from 9:00am) & Councillors: Hobbs, Fleay & Pritchard (from 10:30am)

Officers: MCS & SFO (9:00am – 10:30am), S/HTP (9:00am – 10:30am), CEO (1:30pm – 3:15pm) & DSC (11:00am-12:05pm)


Guests: Ms. Tracey Hodgkins – CEO, Southern Dirt (1:25pm – 2:05pm)

Apologies: Cr Sexton (Leave of Absence)

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

CONCEPT/AGENDA FORUM

Time Slot	Item	Response / Action
9:00am – 10:30am	Audit Committee Meeting	Minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting held 2 August 2016 are available on the Shire website at: http://www.kojonup.wa.gov.au/council/committees-of-council/audit-committee/2016-2/
11:00am – 12:15pm	Site Inspection of Chief Executive Residence Councillors must wear closed in shoes	 <p>Progress site visit was undertaken in the company of Builder Michael Prandi. Michael was available to answer queries of Councillors.</p>

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<p>1:30pm – 2:00pm</p>	<p>Tracey Hodgkins – CEO, Southern DIRT, to discuss with Council the use of the CWA building and trade-offs</p>	<p>The Shire President welcomed Tracey who advised that since her commencement membership to Southern DIRT had doubled.</p> <p>The Value of Southern DIRT to the Kojonup Shire:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 365 day a year support, advice and education to farmers who underpin the prosperity of the entire region; – Bringing interest to the area through research initiatives, agribusiness opportunities and new and profitable regional events; – Bringing levy monies back to farmers to drive prosperity; – Development of community initiatives such as the 'Young Farmer Network' to encourage youth back to the region; and – Support for NRM activities as needed. <p>In order to maintain the Shire's sponsorship cash component and have the CWA building, our organisation board is willing to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Take on the ongoing maintenance of the new building; 2. House and support the NRM officer; 3. Generally fix up the building inside and out at our own cost minus major construction and plumbing issues; 4. Recognition of the Shire as a partner in all Southern Dirt promotional materials; and 5. Provide support for the Shire in developing the tourism master plan as needed. <p>Other Shire Support currently: \$50,000 Techspo - Katanning Shire \$25,000 per year - West Arthur</p> <p>Support packages in development: - Boyup Brook - Wagin - Woodanilling</p> <p>The CEO is preparing an agenda item regarding use of CWA Building by Southern DIRT and sharing accommodation with Council's NRM/Landcare officer. The agenda item will also include the kind relocation of Kojonup Community Growth Association to the Tourist Railway Station building.</p>
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		Tracey will provide Council a copy of Southern DIRT's strategic plan once finalised and looks forward to providing quarterly updates.
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COUNCILLOR Q & A

<p>2:00pm – 2:30pm</p>	<p>Councillor Updates <i>Opportunity for Councillors to outline meetings attended, discussions had or queries received for Councillor and Officer information.</i></p>	<p>Cr Radford:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sewer overflow occurred once again on the section of line between Pensioner and Soldier Roads. Water Corp attended however this is an ongoing issue given the age and composition of the sewer main and a new line needs to be installed. The CEO will write to Water Corp seeking action for the sewer main to be upgraded. <p>Cr Pritchard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Historical Society still questioning their lack of involvement in the Spring Advisory Committee despite a copy of Council Decision 174/15 and background report tabled at the 22 October 2015 Council Meeting being forwarded to the Society. Council's position has not changed in recognition of the "Spring Agreement." • CEO to arrange Landgate information on boundary of lots around the Spring/Old Post Office/Barracks area to be forwarded to the Society. • White Dam – gate and fence damage need attention as matter not yet addressed. CEO to action. • Town Dam – Concrete barricades preventing rain runoff entering the dam – why? CEO via Manager Regulatory Services to follow up with Water Corp ASAP. <p>Cr.Mathwin:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Briefed Council on recent attendance at a Primary Health Care meeting <p>Cr Hobbs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main Roads WA – passing lane Harold Road/Albany Highway to Bailey Road (2.4km). Rock test drilling now being undertaken. <p>Cr Radford:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Airport Fencing – Could Building Maintenance Coordinator explain fencing options such as using pine posts to guard against salt and vermin control? • Broom Sweeper offer – KTR hasn't heard back. CEO to address ASAP.
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		<p>Shire President:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• SEGRA Conference – October 2016 Councillors to give thought on attendance as registration/accommodation arrangements to be discussed at next Briefing Session.• WALGA Convention – Motions 4.1 – 4.4 – support, 4.5 – oppose, 4.6 – support, 4.7 – support but what about Fruit Fly baiting? 4.8 – Amended motion required, 4.9 -4.12 support.
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10:30am Morning Tea

12:15pm Lunch Provided – **Rick's "Christmas in August"**

Info Bulletin	Circulated	<p>Councillors to review and ask questions out of session or at the next briefing session. A copy of any question, and the response will be circulated to all Councillors for information.</p>
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