Record of Meeting (9:00am – 2:35pm) Shire of Kojonup Briefing Session 3 May 2016

**Attendance:** Councillors: Radford, Pedler, Mathwin & Warland (from 9:00am) & Councillors: Hobbs & Pritchard (from 10:30am)

Cr Sexton (10:30am - 1:25pm & 2:08pm - 2:35pm)

Officers: MCS (9:00am - 10:30am), ČEO (10:30am - 1:25pm & 2:08pm - 2:35pm), TP (10:30am - 11:07am), SR/BMC

(11:30am - 12:00pm) & DSC (1:35pm - 2:20pm)

**Guests:** A.W. Potts Memorial past committee members: John Mathwin, Eric Wright, Peter Anderson, Terry Taylor, & John

Hassle (11:30am - 12:00pm) & LandCorp Development Manager: Jon Bailey (1:50pm - 2:20pm)

**Apologies:** Shire President, SFO

## **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Nil

## CONCEPT/AGENDA FORUM

Item	Issue	Response / Action
9:00am – 10:30am	Audit Committee Meeting (See Minutes under separate cover)	Minutes of Audit Committee Meeting held 3 May 2016 available on Shire website at: <a href="http://www.kojonup.wa.gov.au/wp-content/uploads/05-Audit-Committee-Minutes-3-May-2016-UNCONFIRMED.pdf">http://www.kojonup.wa.gov.au/wp-content/uploads/05-Audit-Committee-Minutes-3-May-2016-UNCONFIRMED.pdf</a>
10:30am - 11:07am	Town Planner to discuss Planning Issues including:  • Kojonup Ag Supplies	Town Planner discussed background of Koji Ag Supplies driveway onto Blackwood Road, proposed pylon sign and their use of Crown Land. Item to be prepared for Council to consider at its May 2016 meeting.
	Municipal Heritage Inventory review submissions	Spoke about Municipal Heritage Inventory review submissions – several submissions received, overall positive response. Item to be prepared for Council to consider at its May 2016 meeting.
	Abattoir amendment submissions	Spoke about Abattoir amendment submissions – many submissions received mainly from govt agencies, overall positive response. Item to be prepared for Council to consider at its May 2016 meeting.

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	Railway Heritage Precinct Plan	Tourist Railway Group, planner and heritage consultant met on Friday 29 April to discuss progress to date. Good discussion held and info provided to heritage consultant to complete draft Plan.
11:30am – 12:00pm	John Mathwin & Delegation to address Council regarding lighting of AW Potts Memorial	Deputy Shire President welcomed the delegation and Mr Wright on behalf of the group expressed frustration at attempts to have lighting installed at the Potts statue and walk bridge.
		Cr Sexton advised that whilst the process undertaken by Council may be frustrating it was essential that an overall development plan for the RSL/Apex Park area was prepared as a future guide and allows an integrated approach so that, for example: any lighting undertaken meets existing and future requirements. Council has no objection to lighting however Council has not received any feedback from the Kojonup RSL Branch regarding a possible "Walk of Respect" or Military Museum incorporating Historical Society displays. Council also does not have express ownership of the RSL Building and extending power from the Public Toilets must not impede future works.
		Council is in the process of engaging the Gibson Group to develop a Master Plan for the Kodja Place Precinct which has links to the RSL/Apex Park Precinct and Main Street. It is envisaged by late October the draft master plan will be workshopped allowing community input but also list opportunities that exist in these areas for future development. Lighting options will not be progressed until this work is completed.
		SR/BMC mentioned the various lighting options presently available using LED and solar options.
12:15pm - 12:30pm	Chief Executive Officer to update Council regarding Kodja Place Community Fund Inc. & Black Cockatoo Café	CEO addressed the following items:  Fund Rules and compliance aspects  Café  Business continuity  Risk Management  Asset Management  Plant & Equipment (Fit for Purpose)  Furniture & Fixtures  Maintenance - outstanding issues  Staffing arrangements and  Management options

1:50pm -	Jon Bailey, Development Manager Land	Cr Mathwin welcomed Mr Bailey who advised that Landcorp had completed a
2:20pm	Corp to update Council on Soldier Road	business case for the Soldier Road subdivision but unless \$600,000 is
	Subdivision	forthcoming, this subdivision would go in the queue for funding which is most
		likely 2-3 years away as Industrial development is the present focus.
		The John Street subdivision has not been progressed until the outcome of Soldier Road is known. Council needs to pursue Southern Investment Initiative business case with GSDC in order to attract startup funding with Council's contribution being the land. Head work charges remain an impediment to development and within 2 decades Independent Power Supplies will be commonplace as to improve energy efficiency and wastewater treatments.
		Cr Mathwin thanked Mr Bailey for his attendance and commented that Council would definitely be in contact with GSDC and others.

# COUNCILLOR Q & A

12:30pm - 1:00pm 2:20pm -	Councillor Updates Opportunity for Councillors to outline meetings attended, discussions had or	concern that our section was not appropriately classified. CEO advised
2:35pm	queries received for Councillor and Officer information.	that this anomaly had been rectified as the classification applied to the old Broomehill Road and was never transferred with the realignment some years ago.
		<ul> <li>Occupational Therapist – Katanning should meet Manager Regulatory Services regarding OHS, Disability Access, etc.</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Updated Council on second Neighbourhood Watch meeting conducted by the Kojonup Community Growth Association which was attended by 16 community members. Shire involvement could include assistance with developing a crime prevention plan which was previously undertaken by the Safer Kojonup Committee. Cr Pritchard to provide CEO records of the committee and he is now the only volunteer on the Restoration Group that works with the school.</li> <li>Access to the Laneway adjacent to Kojonup Brook and Nightingale's Nest &amp; Nursery as well as Western access to Peace Park off Pensioner Road</li> </ul>
		needs to be restricted as vehicles seen using these areas as short cuts.  CEO to discuss with Manager Works & Services.

#### Cr Mathwin:

- Presented verbal report on Great Southern Health Advisory Meeting.
- The recently published SIHI Program Evaluation Preliminary Key Findings report shows country people in the SIHI region are now receiving safer, better and more reliable health care, with significant improvements in emergency care and access to GPs. Key points from the report include:
  - Emergency medical care in regional areas has been transformed by the introduction of the Emergency Telehealth Service in 74 locations state wide and more doctors in SIHI towns being available to fill Emergency Department rosters.
  - Attracting and retaining doctors in small regional towns can be challenging, however evidence shows the incentives offered under SIHI have increased the number of doctors in the region by 37% since the program began.
  - The number of people returning to EDs for repeat visits in SIHI hospitals has halved, patients are getting well quicker and are being discharged from hospital sooner, because they have better access to GPs and support services in their community.
  - More doctors are staying in country towns longer; since the SIHI doctor incentive program was introduced, 67% of GPs are staying more than four years in SIHI towns.

### Cr Radford:

- Grazing or cropping leases expiry dates need to taken into consideration for harvesting/seeding periods so February is the preferred month for Council to receive recommendations.
- The creek behind the Industrial estate which is currently used by the school needs a load of rock to prevent further erosion.

#### Cr Sexton:

- Next year will be the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Kokoda and he will discuss with the Kojonup Branch of RSL possible events to recognise same.
- There is a limb above the Potts walk bridge that needs removing as if it breaks, it will damage the structure.

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	•	General discussion on Heavy Vehicle Route public consultation period as, for example: some concerns raised with Main Roads regarding Southern
		link with Blackwood Road and threat of a complete by-pass.

11:07am Morning Tea 1:00pm Lunch

Info Bulletin	Circulated	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.

Rick Mitchell-Collins

Chief Executive Officer