Record of Meeting

Shire of Kojonup Briefing Session 19 February 2013

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Nil.

CONCEPT FORUM

Item	Issue	Response / Action
9:00am – 10:00am	<u>Jamie Robertson – Consultant – 361 Degrees</u> Jamie to summarize the Draft Community Strategic Plan	Draft Community Strategic Plan summarized.
10:00am – 11:00am	 Senior Staff Update and Question and Answer Session: Manager of Works - 10.00am - 10.30am Manager of Community & Regulatory - 10.30am - 11.00am 	Senior staff gave an update on their areas and answered operational questions raised by Councillors.
11:00am – 11:30am	<u>Erin Gorter - Southern Dirt</u> Update on Southern Dirt	Informative update was given.
11:30am – 12:00pm	<u>David Moore – Sergeant – Kojonup Police Station</u> Discuss new ideas for Kojonup	New ideas were discussed.
12:30pm – 1:00pm	Standing Orders Local Law Information Workshop led by Acting Chief Executive Officer	Paperwork was circulated. Model Local Law will be discussed at future briefing sessions.
1:00pm – 1:30pm	 Senior Staff Update and Question and Answer Session: Manager of Corporate Services – 1.00pm – 1.30pm 	Manager of Corporate Services gave an update on their areas and answered operational questions raised by Councillors.

10:00am Morning Tea Provided 12:00pm Lunch Provided

Info Bulletin	Will be 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.

<u>GUESTS</u>	(By prior notice and scheduling with the CEO or President)
External	Jamie Robertson – 361 Degrees Erin Gorter - Southern Dirt David Moore – Sergeant – Kojonup Police Station
Internal	Kim Dolzadelli – Manager of Corporate Services Mort Wignall – Manager of Regulatory & Community Services Craig McVee – Manager of Engineering & Works Sophie Knight – Policy, Planning & Governance Officer Paul Retallack – Senior Ranger

Anthony Middleton Acting Chief Executive Officer

Explanatory Notes

- COUNCILLOR Q&A Is where Councillors can ask operational questions of the Chief Executive Officer.
- AGENDA FORUM Is where officers provide a status update or seek guidance in the work up of an item for a future agenda. This allows Councillors to stay informed and ensure items have been adequately researched by the time the item is formally presented to Council. No decisions are made on the item and all aspects considered will form part of the officers report.
- CONCEPT FORUM Is where plans, strategies, and opportunities can be work shopped between staff and Councillors to guide the initial stages of development and test concepts before allocating further resources to the concept work up. This is normally not open to the public unless otherwise advised, where the workshop may involve members of a committee or community group. This is supported by the Department of Local Government Guideline on Council Forums that states:

Behind closed doors and in a relatively informal manner are the two notable characteristics of concept forums. Holding such meetings behind closed doors is justified in that many of the ideas and concepts are preliminary and while looking for that creative gem some may be extreme, expensive or impractical and never adopted.

Discussion on such proposals in a public forum would be counter-productive. Privacy and informality allows elected members to propose ideas, ask questions and discuss issues for the better understanding of those in attendance. Such forums assist individuals to become better informed and to clarify their views.