



Minutes

Disability Services Advisory Committee

Held at the Shire of Denmark Committee Room,
953 South Coast Highway, Denmark on
Monday, 18 February 2019.

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Council Committee Meeting

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1. Declaration of opening / Announcement of visitors

10.00am – *The Presiding Person, Cr Allen, declared the meeting open.*

2. Record of attendance / apologies / approved leave of absence

Members:

Cr Mark Allen (Presiding Person)
 Mr Adrian Hinds, Professional Member (Community)
 Mr Peter Boyes, Community Member
 Ms Yvonne Hortin, Community Member
 Ms Emma Spencer-Percy, Community Member
 Ms Helen Spencer, Community Member
 Ms Lyn Perry, Denmark Over 50s Association Representative
 Mrs Kylie Spencer, Denmark Health Service Representative

Staff:

Mr David Schober, Manager Community Services
 Mrs Claudia Simpson, Community Development Officer

Apologies:

Ms Anwen Handmer, Community Member

On leave of absence:

Applies to Elected Members only.

Absent:

Nil

Visitors:

Nil

Declarations of interest:

Nil

3. Announcements by the person presiding

Cr Allen welcomed the new appointed committee members Ms Yvonne Hortin and Ms Emma Spencer-Percy.

4. Confirmation of minutes

4.1 Committee meeting

The Mover of a motion to confirm the Minutes of a Council or Committee meeting has to have been present at that meeting.

COMMITTEE DECISION & OFFICER RECOMMENDATION	Item 4.1
MOVED: Mr Hinds	SECONDED: Ms Perry
That the minutes of the Disability Services Advisory Committee meeting held on the 17 December 2018, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings.	
CARRIED: 8/0	

5. Reports

5.1 Disability Access & Inclusion Plan 2018-2023

Pursuant to the Disability Services Act 1993 the Shire of Denmark is required to have a current Disability Access and Inclusion Plan (DAIP).

Mrs Simpson informed the Committee that the Shire of Denmark 2018-2023 DAIP was adopted at the December Council meeting.

The DAIP ensures that barriers to access and inclusion are reduced by addressing seven desired outcome areas.

Desired outcomes of the DAIP

- People with disability have the same opportunities as other people to access the services of, and any events organised by, a public authority.
- People with disability have the same opportunities as other people to access the buildings and other facilities of a public authority.
- People with disability receive information from a public authority in a format that will enable them to access the information as readily as other people are able to access it.
- People with disability receive the same level and quality of service from the staff of a public authority as other people receive from the staff of that public authority.
- People with disability have the same opportunities as other people to make complaints to a public authority.
- People with disability have the same opportunities as other people to participate in any public consultation by a public authority.
- People with disability have the same opportunities as other people to obtain and maintain employment with a public authority.

Copies of the document are now available on the website, at the Administration Building, the Denmark Recreation Centre and the Denmark Library.

Mrs Simpson explained that an implementation plan to address the strategies outlined in the DAIP document will be developed in conjunction with the Committee.

Noted.

5.2 New DSAC Committee membership

Mrs Simpson advised that the DSAC Committee membership had been amended to comprise of 9 members as follows:

- 1 x Councillor
- 1 x Denmark Health Service Representative
- 1 x Community Professional (Private Sector)
- 1 x Denmark Over 50s Association Representative
- 5 x Community Members

Noted.

5.3 Visit from Break the Boundary Consultants

- *Mrs Simpson tabled a draft event outline for a proposed Adaptive MTB Workshop to be held in Denmark on Friday 22 and Saturday 23 March.*
- *The aim of the event is to implement strategies 2.5 and 2.6 of the DAIP, to raise community awareness through events and community education and to seek opportunities to improve accessibility to recreational areas.*
- *The event will include:*
 - *A Council, Sports Rec and Disability stakeholder workshop*
 - *A 2 to 3 hour community engagement clinic and 'have a go'.*
 - *A Social ride with the local Denmark MTB club at local trails.*
- *Mr Hinds asked if a gopher training session or expo could be accommodated as part of this event.*

Outcome

The committee supported the Adaptive MTB event.

COMMITTEE DECISION

MOVED: Mrs Kylie Spencer

ITEM 5.3

SECONDED: Ms Hortin

The committee resolved to plan and investigate opportunities for a separate education session / exhibition to transition from driving to a gopher.

CARRIED:8/0

5.4 Walk around

- *Cr Allen expressed his interest in conducting a walk around the town to review issues relating to access and inclusion.*
- *Mrs Simpson suggested the Committee might like to concentrate on the major footpath networks and/or reviewing the ACROD parking bays and focus on meeting strategies outlined in the DAIP.*
- *Mr Hinds asked to review the outcomes of the last walk around held by the committee.*
- *Mrs Kylie Spenser suggested presenting any outstanding items from the previous walk around as an ongoing action list.*

Outcomes

- *The Committee agreed to conduct a walk around directly following the next DSAC meeting on Monday 8 April commencing at 9am.*
- *Community Development Officers will set the designated route in consultation with Cr Allen.*
- *An ongoing action list will be prepared by the Community Development Officer in consultation with the Committee.*

5.5 Employment opportunities for people with disability

The committee had a general discussion relating to the Shire's employment policies.

6. General business**6.1 Health Service Disability Audit**

Mrs Kylie Spencer advised that Denmark Health Service had completed a disability access audit and was currently implementing the recommendations of the audit.

Outcome

The Health Service is addressing issues relating to the ramp access and way finding.

6.2 Clarification on Section 5.14 of the Local Government Act 1995

Mr Hinds requested clarification of the local Government Act section 5.14 relating to delegation of authority for the Committee Chair person.

Outcome

Officers will provide the information requested at the next meeting.

6.3 South Coast Highway Crossing opposite Denmark Senior High School

Mr Boyes raised safety concerns for High School students crossing South Coast Hwy, as there is no designated school crossing.

Officers advised that current traffic numbers do not meet the requirements for a designated school crossing to be installed. However Officers are investigating opportunities for a grant to develop alternative solutions to this issue.

Noted.

6.4 "Off Lead" Dog Exercise Areas

Mrs Lyn Perry raised concerns regarding the lack of access for people with disability to 'off lead' dog exercise areas.

Outcome

Mr Schober will address this issue with Ms Perry direct and subsequently share the outcome with the Committee.

6.5 Recreation Centre Equipment Upgrade

Mrs Simpson said that as part of the exercise equipment upgrade at the Recreation Centre new accessible equipment will be included. (Concept 2 SkiErg with Stand, Ziva XP Rig with monkey bars).

Noted.

6.6 Traineeship Opportunities for Young People with Disability

Mr Schober said that the Shire is working on offering traineeship opportunities to young people, including young people with disability, through Denmark Senior High School.

Noted.

7. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 8 April, commencing at 9 am.

8. Closure of meeting

11.50am – There being no further business to discuss the Presiding Person, Cr Allen, declared the meeting closed.

These minutes were confirmed at the meeting of the _____

Signed: _____

(Presiding Person at the meeting at which the minutes were confirmed.)