



# AGENDA FORUM NOTES

**Tuesday 3 December 2024**

**5.00pm**

in the

**Council Chambers**

11-13 Waldeck Street, Dongara

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## 1. DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Shire President welcomed Councillors, Staff and a Community Member to the 3 December 2024 Agenda Forum which he declared open at 5.00pm.

## 2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / LEAVE OF ABSENCE

### Members

Councillor M Leonard	President
Councillor B Wyse	Deputy President
Councillor I Scott	
Councillor E Tunbridge	
Councillor P Summers	
Councillor J Melsom	
Councillor A J Gillam (arrived at 5.03pm)	

### Staff

Mr S D Ivers	Chief Executive Officer
Miss P Machaka	Manager Finance
Mr M Connell	Manager Development
Ms F Boksmati	Acting Manager Community Services
Mr M Jones	Manager Operations
Ms S Mearns	Executive Assistant

### Guests

Nil

### Apologies

Mr S Stubbs	Community Emergency Services Manager
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### Approved Leave of Absence

Nil

### Gallery

Mr Bruce Baskerville	"Indiaview" Port Denison
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## 3. RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

Nil

## 4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

## 5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

## 6. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

## 7. PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

Nil

**8. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES AND TABLING OF AGENDA FORUM NOTES**

*8.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held 26 November 2024*

This matter will be dealt with at the Ordinary Council Meeting being held 9 December 2024.

*8.2 Agenda Forum Notes 3 December 2024*

This matter will be dealt with at the Ordinary Council Meeting being held 9 December 2024.

**9. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PERSON PRESIDING WITHOUT DISCUSSION**

This matter will be dealt with at the Ordinary Council Meeting being held 9 December 2024.

**CC01-12/24 Monthly Financial Statements for the Period Ended 31 October 2024**

<b>Report Purpose</b>	For Council to consider and receive the Monthly Financial Statements for the period 1 July 2024 to 31 October 2024.
<b>Discussion</b>	The CEO advised that due to the limited time between the November and December meetings, the Council Payments together with the Monthly Financial Statements for November will be included in the agenda for the Ordinary Council Meeting being held on 9 October 2024.

**CC02-12/24 Fees and Charges**

<b>Report Purpose</b>	For Council to consider the addition of the Television (TV) Tower Third Party Usage Fees and Shire Owned Server Rack Third Party Usage Fees, to the adopted 2024/25 Fees and Charges.
<b>Discussion</b>	<p>The CEO clarified that Council are asked to consider approving the proposed fee structure in relation to internet providers who install equipment on the Shire's infrastructure without charge. The rationale behind this is that these providers profit from using the Shire's infrastructure, while the Shire itself does not receive compensation for the access. Additionally, it has become evident that internet providers hold the power to place their equipment on the Shire's infrastructure, which limits the Shire's ability to fully utilise its own assets.</p> <p>In short, the CEO is suggesting that it is now appropriate for the Shire to charge companies for the use of its infrastructure to ensure fair compensation and mitigate the constraints these providers place on the Shire's operations.</p> <p>The internet providers will also be required to only place their equipment within the lower two thirds of the tower ensuring that the Shire can place equipment for community members, in the most beneficial location of infrastructure, being the top of towers.</p> <p>Councillors expressed concerns with regards to internet providers being able to access Shire infrastructure and property without Shire approval.</p> <p>Internet providers are required to complete a 'request to access' to be able to access Shire property however have not been adhering to this requirement.</p> <p>The charges proposed are in line with other regional LGOs.</p>

<b>ID01-12/24</b>	<b>November 2024 Development Delegated Authority Report</b>
<b>Report Purpose</b>	For Council to receive the November 2024 Development Delegated Authority Report.
<b>Discussion</b>	Nil
<b>ID02-12/24</b>	<b>Proposed Holiday Accommodation and Additions to the Priory Hotel – Lot 6 (No. 11) St Dominics Road, Port Denison</b>
<b>Report Purpose</b>	For Council to determine an application for development approval (which has already been carried out) for 'Holiday Accommodation' and 'Incidental Uses to the Licensed Historic Inn' on Lot 6 (No. 11) St Dominics Road, Port Denison.
<b>Discussion</b>	<p>The Manager Development advised that Shire Officers are currently working with the owners of the Priory Hotel to retrospectively approve works undertaken to support holiday accommodation and future events.</p> <p>Councillors discussed the issue of noise abatement requirements for the approximately 12 events held annually. The focus was on identifying events that could potentially exceed noise regulations. It was emphasised that events which generate noise levels above the prescribed legal limits would need to be subject to restrictions to ensure compliance with noise control regulations. This discussion aims to balance the community's enjoyment of events with the need to prevent noise disturbances that could affect residents or the surrounding environment.</p>

#### **11. MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN**

Nil

#### **12. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN**

Nil

#### **13. URGENT BUSINESS APPROVED BY PERSON PRESIDING OR BY DECISION**

Nil

#### **14. MATTERS FOR WHICH THE MEETING IS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC**

Nil

#### **15. CLOSURE**

There being no further business, the Agenda Forum concluded at 5.30pm.