AGENDA FORUM

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1 Declaration of Opening

The Presiding Member welcomed Councillors and Staff then declared the Agenda Forum open at 5.00pm.

2 Attendance

2.1 Members

Councillor I Scott	Shire President
Councillor A J Gillam	Deputy Shire President
Councillor P Summers	
Councillor J Melsom	
Councillor S Hansen	
Councillor L Musulin	

2.2 Staff

Mr M Battilana	Acting Chief Executive Officer
Mr M Connell	Manager Development
Mr M Jones	Manager Operations
Mr M Antony	Community Emergency Services Manager
Miss S Clarkson	Senior Finance Officer
Ms J Wadhawan	Finance consultant (Teams – 5.00pm-5.09pm)
Mr G Nadarajah	ICT Supervisor
Ms W Brookhouse	Acting Executive Assistant to the CEO

2.3 Guests

NIL

2.4 Apologies

Mr S D Ivers	Chief Executive Officer

2.5 Approved Leave of Absence

Nil

2.6 Gallery

Di Moriarty	9 Brennand Road, Dongara
Annamaria Oosthuizen	1 Brennand Road, Dongara
Nico Oosthuizen	1 Brennand Road, Dongara
Bruce Baskerville	“Indiaview”, Port Denison

3 Response to Previous Public Questions Taken on Notice

3.1 Responses to Questions on Notice OCM 22 September 2026

The following questions were taken on notice at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 22 September 2026. The questions and subsequent responses are recorded below

Question 1: Annamarie Oostuizen, 1 Brennand Road, Dongara

How can Council indemnify the Minister without first understanding, assessing and addressing the concerns raised about the validity of the proposed road dedication?

> ***Response****: Council made no determination on the road dedication at the meeting held on 22 September 2026, requesting officers to seek further advice on the matter which is now presented to Council for consideration.*

Question 2: Are Councillors satisfied that the community impacts and safety concerns raised by objecting members of the public have been adequately addressed? Do they continue to support the proposed connection to Brennand Road?

> ***Response***: *Whether the community impacts and safety concerns have been adequately addressed is a matter for each councillor to assess when considering the information presented and determining their vote.*

4 Public Question Time

Question 1: Nico Oosthuizen, 1 Brennand Road, Dongara

How can the council request the Minister to dedicate the right of way as a road for use by vehicles when the right of way was explicitly created for the purpose of pedestrian access.

> ***Response****: This question was taken on notice, however the Manager Development referred Council to the confidential legal advice that's been provided which deals with the statutory validity of the proposed dedication.*

5 Declarations of Interest

Nil

10 Reports of Officers and Committees

10.1 Finance Reports

10.1.1 FIN01-10/26 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT - SEPTEMBER 2026

REPORT PURPOSE

For Council to receive the list of accounts paid under delegated authority during September 2026.

QUESTIONS

Cr Hansen queried the following payments

1. GHD $56,892.94
    - **Response**: Detailed design for the Foreshore and Milo Crossing
2. Mex Maintenance Software $18,711
    - **Response**: Maintenance Management Software
3. WA Contract Ranger Services $5,198.88
    - **Response**: Contract services to cover during absence of Ranger Staff
4. Interstaff International $21,373.94
    - **Response:** Recruitment of Tourism and Events Officer

10.1.2 Monthly Financial Statements - August 2026

REPORT PURPOSE

For Council to consider and receive the Monthly Financial Statements for the period 1 July 2026 to 31 August 2026.

QUESTIONS

Nil

10.2 Development Reports

10.2.1 September 2026 - Development Delegated Authority Report

REPORT PURPOSE

For Council to receive the September 2026 Development Delegated Authority Report.

QUESTIONS

Nil

10.2.2 Road Dedication Right-of-Way Reserve 54384 – Brennand Road, Dongara

REPORT PURPOSE

For Council to request the Minister for Lands to approve the dedication of the Right-of-Way (ROW) Reserve 54384 as road.

QUESTIONS

Nil

10.3 Community Development Reports

Nil

10.4 Operations Reports

Nil

10.5 Office of the CEO Reports

Nil

10.6 Committees Reports

Nil

Items 11 - 14 will be dealt with at the Ordinary Council Meeting being held on Tuesday 27 October 2026.

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 the Person Presiding or by Decision

Nil

14 Matters for which Meeting was Closed to the Public

15.1 CEO Performance Review

REPORT PURPOSE

To appoint a suitable consultant to assist Council in conducting the Chief Executive Officer's (CEO's) annual performance review for 2025/26 period.

QUESTIONS

No discussed at the Forum Session

15 Decisions made while Meeting was Closed to the Public

16 Closure

There being no further business, the Presiding Member closed the Agenda Forum at 5.17pm.