

TOWN OF BASSENDEAN

MINUTES

BASSENDEAN LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

HELD BY ELECTRONIC MEANS IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATION 12(2) AND
14(D) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ADMINISTRATION) REGULATIONS 1996

ON WEDNESDAY 2 MARCH 2022, AT 3.30PM

1.0 DECLARATION OF OPENING; ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS; ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Presiding Member declared the meeting open and welcomed all those in attendance.

Cr Tallan Ames conducted an Acknowledgement of Country.

2.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDING PERSON WITHOUT DISCUSSION

Nil

3.0 ATTENDANCES, APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Members

Matthew McCaughey, Kiara Police, Acting Presiding Member
Cr Tallan Ames
Cr Jennie Carter
Kieran Hutchinson, St John WA
Chris Kin-Maung, DFES, Metropolitan North East Operations
Luke Gibson, Director Community Planning, ToB

Officers

Matt Folini - DFES, District Officer Swan
Phil Adams, Executive Manager Infrastructure
John Lane, Emergency Management Officer
Sharna Merritt, Senior Ranger
Jeff Somes, Environmental Health Officer
Merveen Cross – DFES, District Advisor
Amy Holmes - Minute Secretary

Apologies

Cr Paul Poliwka, Presiding Member
Ryan Hamblion, Department of Communities

4.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

5.0 PRESENTATIONS OR DEPUTATIONS

Nil

6.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

6.1 Minutes of the Bassendean Local Emergency Management Committee meeting held on 3 November 2021

COMMITTEE/OFFICER RECOMMENDATION – ITEM 6.1

BLEMC – 1/03/22 MOVED Luke Gibson, Seconded Cr Ames, that the minutes of the BLEMC meeting held on 3 November 2021, be confirmed as a true record.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7/0

7.0 BUSINESS DEFERRED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Nil

8.0 REPORTS

8.1 Joint Local Government Recovery Exercise

John Lane, Emergency Management Officer, spoke on the report of the Joint Recovery Exercise (Exercise Seismic) held on 7 December 2021 by the Town of Bassendean and City of Bayswater.

It was a very successful exercise and was supported well by the agencies involved. All six outcomes were achieved and demonstrated that both Bassendean and Bayswater local governments are well prepared.

COMMITTEE/OFFICER RECOMMENDATION – ITEM 8.1

BLEMC – 2/03/22 MOVED Luke Gibson, Seconded Matt McCaughey, that the Executive Officer's report be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7/0

8.2 Emergency Management Agency Reports

District Emergency Management Advisor

Refer attached report – DFES DA Report March 2022.

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Refer attached report.

COMMITTEE/OFFICER RECOMMENDATION – ITEM 8.2

BLEMC – 3/03/22 MOVED Luke Gibson, Seconded Matt McCaughey, that the Emergency Management Agency Reports be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7/0

8.3 Post Incident Report and Post Exercise Reports

Nil

8.4 Contact Details and Key Holders

No updates required.

8.5 Preparedness, Prevention, Response and Recovery Issues

Luke Gibson provided in update on the revocation of former *Local Planning Policy No. 4* on the basis of the DPLH's release of draft *State Planning Policy No. 2.9 – Planning for Water*. He made reference to the Town's website containing relevant flood information:

[https://www.bassendean.wa.gov.au/Profiles/bassendean/Assets/ClientData/Documents/Centre/Information Sheets/Flood Affected Area Information Sheet.pdf](https://www.bassendean.wa.gov.au/Profiles/bassendean/Assets/ClientData/Documents/Centre/Information%20Sheets/Flood%20Affected%20Area%20Information%20Sheet.pdf)

Jeff Somes spoke on the latest COVID measures being taken to address the expected rapid rise in cases. The Town of Bassendean have done a lot of work around creating COVID safety plans. For those areas with critical staff the Town has produced business continuity plans. There is a good stock of masks and PPE and cleaning products and a small supply of RAT kits. The Town is regularly communicating through its website and keeping the community informed on restrictions and changes. Health Officers have been checking on local businesses through routine inspections.

Sharna Merritt, advised that Rangers continue fire risk inspections until the end of season, 31 March. 24 infringements for non compliance have been issued.

Phil Adams advised that the Town will be undertaking regular street sweeping to reduce the impact of early winter rains.

Merveen Cross advised that DFES are currently in the process of reviewing the State Emergency Management Arrangements. Local Emergency Management Arrangements (LEMA) will be reviewed once this review is complete. In the meantime, key contacts, resource list, recovery plan and operational plan should be kept up to date.

Matt Folini advised that the Department of Fire and Emergency Services is working with all other Australian states and territories to implement an Australian Fire Danger Rating System (AFDRS). It will be rolled out in September 2022 and will enhance public safety and reduce the impacts of bushfires by improving the scientific accuracy behind fire danger predictions and improving how fire danger is communicated. See attached for further information – AFDRS Background Document.

COMMITTEE/OFFICER RECOMMENDATION – ITEM 8.5

BLEMC – 4/03/22 MOVED Matt Folini, Seconded Cr Ames, that Preparedness, Prevention, Response and Recovery Issues raised, be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7/0

9.0 MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Nil

10.0 **ANNOUNCEMENTS OF NOTICES OF MOTION FOR THE
NEXT MEETING**

Nil

11.0 **CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS**

Nil

12.0 **CLOSURE**

The next meeting is to be held on Wednesday 1 June 2022, commencing at 3.30pm.

There being no further business, the Presiding Member declared the meeting closed, the time being 4.10pm.