

Dear Dolphins,

*Apologies for not making it to the AGM.*

I begin by acknowledging the Traditional Owners of the land on which we meet today - the Paradareme - and pay our respects to Elders past and present, and emerging elders of the future.

With the postponement of the AGM till now (month of May), many months have elapsed since my advising the committee of my intention to stand down from the role of President.

I strongly feel the presidency would be best served by a full time resident or a person with more time to allocate to the cause, particularly given the positive change in Glamorgan Spring Bay Council structure and the requirement to meet with council and make decisions locally.

The Secretary and I met with the then newly appointed General Manager of GSBC in November 2020, firstly to introduce ourselves and establish open dialogue on ways for DSRA to gain greater traction on the progress of local issues presented to GBSC by DSRA, allowing DSRA to communicate progress and outcomes (where possible) to the community through our regular communication channels.

There is no doubt, GBSC has many challenges ahead & prioritising these will be no easy task, our meeting was open, candid, and contained many positive outcomes to allow future open & constructive communication with GBSC. As I have reported before, patience will be the key to future success in achieving positive outcomes from our local council.

I would like to personally thank you all for your input and support, particularly Robyn for her continual hard work behind the scenes, coordinating many successful events & initiatives for the benefit of the community.

I have made some wonderful friendships due to my involvement with DSRA and look forward to continuing these friendships into the future.

I wish the DSRA committee and new President David Galloway all the very best in their future endeavours in representing the community & look forward to seeing you all throughout the rest of the year.

Kind regards,

Dave Cooper