



MINUTES OF MEETING

HUMAN SERVICES AND SOCIAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

HELD 23 FEBRUARY 2016

NOTE: All minutes are subject to confirmation at a subsequent Council or Planning and Strategy Committee meeting.

PRESENT:

Councillors

Cllr Adele Heasman	Manly Council
Cllr Cathy Griffin	Manly Council

Other Representatives

Jacquiline Smith	Manly Community Centre
Jason Kioko	Pioneer Clubhouse
Susan Watson	Manly Drug Education & Counselling Centre
Michelle Erofeyeff	NSW Family & Community Services
Melissa Palermo	Northern Beaches Health Promotion Unit
Judy Rice	Manly Club for Seniors
Jeanette Bywater	Community Representative
Sam Wilkins	Manly Youth Council representative
Lynelle Hales	Sydney North Health Network

Council Staff

Sandra Faase	Senior Community Development Officer – Minutes
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Guest Speaker

Maria Chidzey	Settlement Grants Program Worker, Manly Community Centre
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TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The **Human Services and Social Planning Advisory Committee** met on 23 February 2016 to consider the matters referred to it and now provides the following advice to Council.

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| OPEN | The meeting commenced 8.30am. Cllr Heasman chaired the meeting to 10am, and thereafter, Cllr Griffin. | |
| ITEM 1 | WELCOME, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE
Apologies: Mayor Jean Hay (ex-officio), Cllr Candy Bingham, Richard Hewitt, and Kevin Kingsbeer.
The new NSW FACS, Michelle Erofeyeff, was introduced & welcomed. | ACTION |
| ITEM 2 | There were no declarations of interest.
Cllr Heasman advised that she is President of the Manly Community Centre Board. | |
| ITEM 3 | CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES
The Committee Minutes 27 October 2015 were confirmed. | Secretariat |

These minutes were adopted by Council on 7 September 2015.

MATTERS ARISING

Priority Social Issues for Manly LGA

- As requested at the October 2015 meeting, a workshop was convened on 17 November 2015, with Committee members invited. The aim was to identify and document priority social issues for Manly LGA, as well as recording the Committee's achievements, in the light of impending Council amalgamations to ensure these issues remain on the Local Government. Seven attended the workshop.
- The report from the workshop was tabled (attached to the minutes) and discussed and it was suggested that domestic violence should be added into the priority areas 1 and 2 of the report.

Recommendation

The Committee recommends to the General Manager & Council that:

1. The issue of domestic violence be added to the report – within the issues the report identifies.
2. That Council discuss and ratify the report, with a view of including the actions identified in the Community Strategic Plan.

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Guest speaker for April meeting

The Affordable Housing Taskforce from the Department of Planning & Environment have confirmed they can present at the 26 April meeting.

ITEM 4 GUEST SPEAKER: Maria Chidzey, Settlement Grants Program (SGP) Worker, Manly Community Centre (MCC)

- The Settlement Grants Program (SGP) assists refugees, humanitarian entrants and disadvantaged migrants in Australia for less than 5 years to settle and participate in society by providing information, assessment and referral, as well as case management, community development, and activities/ events.
- Provides information on and referral to community services eg: Centrelink, Department of Housing, Health services etc, and information on Australia Laws: eg road rules, DV laws.
- Community development programs include the Tibetan learn-to-swim program & driver training program, employment expos, and Tibetan and Spanish seniors groups.
- It was suggested that the upgraded Manly Swim Centre could provide a learn-to-swim program to Tibetan and other new settler groups, as well as disadvantaged groups.
- The program supports a generalist SGP worker (Ms Chidzey) and a Tibetan SGP worker with funding from the Federal Department of Social Services to 30 June 2016.
- The Northern Beaches SGP is unique as it is run by a smaller NGO. However, despite it being an effective service model catering well to local needs, funding is under threat.
- The Committee wished to thank Ms Chidzey on her presentation and acknowledge her work with the SGP and the many years of providing multicultural services to the Northern Beaches community prior to the SGP role.

Recommendation

The Committee recommends to the General Manager & Council that: Council provide support for the Northern Beaches SGP program funding to remain with the Manly Community Centre for the next two years (July 2016 to June 2018) by:

1. Writing a letter of support to the Department of Social Services.
2. Distributing a template letter of support to Committee service providers for their consideration.

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ITEM 5 SERVICE PROVIDER UPDATES

Northern Beaches Health Promotion Unit

- Stop the Supply campaign is ongoing and will feature at the Australian Open of Surfing in late February.
- The unit will be moving to Brookvale Community Health Centre.

Sydney North Health Network

- Have finalised their strategic plan which covers 11 LGAs, copies distributed to the meeting.
- Strategic areas: Building Capacity in Primary Healthcare; Service transformation by integrating systems for the user, provider & system; Commissioning; & Organisational excellence.

NSW Family & Community Services

- Are reviewing their targeted early intervention programs, However, funding will continue for these programs until mid-2017.
- With the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) rolling out and divestment of its direct services, FACS now has fewer staff.

Manly Community Centre

- The Centre's strategic has been finalised.
- The Centre hosts a Legal Aid Outreach Service for Family Law and Civil Law, and has a Domestic Violence service.

Pioneer Clubhouse

- Estimated 12% to 20% of their clients will be eligible for the NDIS.
- Those not eligible will have to tap into Information, Linkages & Capacity Building (ILC) resources funded under the NDIS reforms.
- The clubhouse has 155 members and membership is for life. About 50% of members transition through the Clubhouse.

Manly Club for Seniors

- Old Time Dancing is very popular and a new beginners Line Dancing class will begin soon.
- The Club also runs 2 to 3 bus trips per year so that members from different community groups can socialise together.

MDECC

- Clients now need to meet substance abuse disorder criteria under the Diagnostic & Statistical Manual V (DSM V)
- The service is seeing more complex clients which means more therapeutic time required, but not necessary more clients.
- Funding has been rolled over to 2017.

Council Community Development

- Are preparing for the Seniors Festival (1-10 April), with a printed program and a Healthy Ageing event on 7 April, in progress.
- Have spearheaded the update of the Northern Beaches Seniors Directory, to be available in the next few weeks.

Youth Council representative

- Advised that Council's Youth Development Officer has not been replaced and that Youth programs would be impacted, including the Manly Youth Council, World Food Markets inclusion of youth bands, and the upcoming Youth Week program.

Recommendation

The Committee recommends to the General Manager & Council that:
The Committee supports the recruitment of a temporary Youth Development Officer to ensure Council's youth programs are supported.

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ITEM 6 GENERAL BUSINESS
Nil.

ITEM 7 NEXT MEETING DATE:

Date: 26 April 2016

Time: 8.30-10.30am

Venue: Councillors Room, Manly Council

Meeting closed at 10.30 am