



MINUTES OF MEETING

HUMAN SERVICES AND SOCIAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

HELD 25 AUGUST 2015

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

PRESENT:

Councillors

Cllr Adele Heasman Manly Council (Co-Chair)

Other Representatives

Lynsey Bell-Norman	Pioneer Clubhouse
Melaney Mitchell	NSW Dept. of Family & Community Services
Judy Rice	Manly Club for Seniors
Jeanette Bywater	Community Representative
Mischa Rado	Manly Youth Council representative
Kevin Kingsbeer	Mission Australia, Fairlight Centre

Council Staff

Sandra Faase Senior Community Development Officer – Minutes

Guest Speaker

Leanne Martin, Community Safety Coordinator, Manly Council

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The **Human Services and Social Planning Advisory Committee** met on 25 August 2015 to consider the matters referred to it and now provides the following advice to Council.

OPEN The meeting commenced 8.35am. Cllr Heasman chaired the meeting.

ITEM 1 WELCOME, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Apologies: Mayor Jean Hay (ex-officio), Cllr Cathy Griffin, Cllr Candy Bingham, Susan Watson, Jonathan Noyes, Richard Hewitt.
Lynsey Bell-Norman represented Pioneer Club House in place of Jason Kioko

ACTION

ITEM 2 There were no declarations of interest.

ITEM 3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Committee Minutes of 23 June 2015 were confirmed. These minutes were adopted at Council's Ordinary Meeting of 13 July 2015.

Secretariat

MATTERS ARISING

3.1 Committee membership

- To replace the Medicare Local representative, a letter was sent to the interim CEO of the Northern Sydney Primary Health Network (NSPHN) to seek a Committee member. A response has been

received from Janelle Hales, NSPHN CEO, that she would like to join the Committee. Ms Hale to be contacted to for the October meeting, and sent Council's Code of Conduct & Committee TOR.

**SCDO/
Secretariat**

3.2 Aged Care Reforms – My Aged Care gateway

Council supported the Committee's June resolution and resolved on 13 July 2015 that:

- A strategy be developed to publicise the My Aged Care gateway/website and 1800 number to the community that includes: An information and Q&A sheet for distribution to Manly Library, Manly Seniors Centre, HSJ buses, doctors' surgeries & Rates notices; also a notice in the Mayor's column, eNews & Precinct Newsletters, and a link from Council's website.
- Front line staff be made aware of the My Aged Care Gateway eg. Customer Service, HSJ drivers.

Actions to date are:

- Item submitted to Council's eNews and Precinct Newsletters.
- Recently released new My Aged Care Brochure distributed to Manly Seniors Centre, Meals on Wheels, and Manly Library.

The new brochure to be further distributed and eNews item to be re-submitted. Frontline staff to be advised of My Aged Care.

The Federal Government has recently acknowledged that more publicity is required will soon launch an information campaign re My Aged Care.

SCDO

3.3 Guest speaker from Affordable Housing Taskforce

As requested in June, a guest speaker from the above taskforce has been arranged to present at the 27 October meeting. A list of general topic areas has been communicated to the Taskforce representative.

3.4 Youth Issues – Skate Park funding

Request for information on whether skate park funding has been applied for is to be followed up.

It was noted that the Rotary Club of Manly has also shown an interest in funding a major youth project – and were provided with a copy of the Youth Strategy some months ago.

SCDO

ITEM 4 GUEST SPEAKER:

Leanne Martin, Council's Community Safety Officer, re Rough Sleepers & Public Space Management in Manly CBD.

- The Homeless Persons Protocol was recently amended as it needed to better address the issue of enabling authorities to take appropriate action if a homeless person had entrenched themselves in a public space.
- The Protocol acknowledges the rights of all members of the community to use public spaces, whilst also recognising Council's responsibility towards other members of the public to live in a safe and peaceful environment.
- It provides a procedural guide for Council frontline staff interaction with homeless people in public places.
- It was noted that rough sleeping is set to increase in Manly with the impending closure of Elsie Hill at Royal Far West and Mission Australia's Fairlight House in June 2017.
- The Government's Going Home Staying Home policy tended to concentrate on the Housing First model, and not on crisis and transitional housing, which has decreased.

- The following priorities were noted, which the Committee would like to advocate for at future meetings:
 - Ensuring funding to support the very effective Homeless Outreach Worker employed by the Manly Community Centre.
 - Mid-term objective - To advocate for a small part of the Manly Hospital site to be reserved for transitional housing for men, given the impending closure homeless facilities in the LGA.
 - Longer-term objective – to advocate for the implementation of local affordable housing options.

Recommendation

The Committee recommends to the General Manager & Council that:

1. The above priorities be the focus of the Committee's advocacy in relation to homelessness and affordable housing.
2. That the October committee meeting focuses on homelessness and affordable housing, including the guest speaker from the Department of Planning's Affordable Housing Taskforce; as well as the Community Safety Coordinator being invited back to speak further about homelessness and the Homeless Persons Protocol.

**SCDO
CSC**

ITEM 5 SERVICE PROVIDER UPDATES

Pioneer Club House

- Advised the Wellness Walk preparations well under way for Sunday 11 October.

Youth Council representative

- Beach front stage for Manly Jazz Festival to be utilised on the Friday before the Festival for youth music event.

Manly Club for Seniors

- Club numbers are steady and Line Dancing and Bridge activities attracting new members recently.

NSW Dept of Family & Community Services

- Advised was on the District Homelessness Implementation Groups (DHIG), along with Mission Australia, which provides strategic input on the homelessness system.

Council Community Development

- Have arranged a Seniors/Pensioners Opal Card information session at Manly Library on Wednesday 2 September, at 9.30am. Flyer distributed to the Committee.

ITEM 6 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

ITEM 7 NEXT MEETING DATE:

Date: 27 October 2015

Time: 8.30-10.30am

Venue: Councillors Room, Manly Council

Meeting closed at 10.15am.