

Minutes



Social Inclusion Advisory Committee

Date: 9 June 2022

Time: 10.03am – 11.27am

Location: Microsoft Teams

Chairperson: Glenn Cannard, Unit Manager Community and Culture and Belinda McRobie, Section Manager Community Development (from 10.30am)

Coordinator: Glenn Cannard, Unit Manager Community and Culture

Attendance

Members:

Mellita Bate

Cathie Buckley

Jackie Klarkowski

Michael Schell

Glitta Supernova

Deb Tipper

Status:

Apology

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Present

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Present (left 10.51am)

Guests:

Penny Newson, Regional Director Officer (Acting) from Central Coast Community Council

Present

Staff:

Mel Smith, Director, Community and Recreation Services

Glenn Cannard, Unit Manager Community and Culture

Belinda McRobie, Section Manager Community Development

Rachel Callachor, Meeting Support Officer

Apology

Present (left 10.30am)

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1 Introduction

10.03am

The chairperson welcomed the group and completed an Acknowledgement of Country.

Apologies received were noted. The chairperson called for any disclosures of interest. No disclosures were received.

2 Previous business

10.05am

The group confirmed the minutes from the previous meeting as noted below, which were distributed to members via email and uploaded to Council's website:

- [Social Inclusion Advisory Committee meeting held 16 December 2021](#)

The action log was reviewed with updates recorded (see page 5).

3 Quick recap on projects (action 39)

10.12am

Update on items, including:

- No further work on the Social Inclusion Charter at this stage. Noted there is no Social or Recreational planners within the organisation at this stage, recruitment is underway. This will be progressed once there are staff resources.
- First Nations Accord on Public Exhibition and will be reported back to Council in the next few months, with outcomes from this consultation period, including changes, if any.
- Organisation is finalising budget and planning for the next financial year, following IPART determination.
- Street Flags / Banner Policy will be reported to Council in the coming months, along with an internal Arts Policy, however this won't be exhibited as it is an internal policy. Will be implemented to assist other units of Council, and will also involve a
- Affordable Housing Strategy – parcel of land in Ashton St ,The Entrance. Expression of Interest process to shortlist suitable Community Housing Providers has now closed and are being assessed.
- Three council cottages are being used as transitional tenancy properties. This is to directly create affordable housing and assist in addressing the gap in affordable housing properties. This was noted by the Committee as being encouraging to see.
- Reconciliation Week and NAIDOC Week – street banners on display and a Community event being held by Council.

4 Strategic discussion about COVID and domains of wellness (action 41)

10.44am

Discussion regarding status of this item and have predominately moved passed COVID, however is still an issue where in some areas, with regards to access to some Community Services and Welfare Services has been restricted, and whether COVID is being used a pseudo-opportunity to restrict access to services, social welfare, face to face etc. is seeing lack of access for vulnerable people.

Further discussion regarding effects of the COVID pandemic on Community Services as a whole, some organisations had to close their doors entirely, or work in vastly different ways. Closures were prevalent.

Query regarding casual hire of Council's Halls and Community Centres and whether this has resumed.

Action: Belinda McRobie, Section Manager Community Development, to follow up with Andrew Rowland and provide an update.

5 Support for families in need – identify resources and areas for improvement

10.52am

Committee member (Jackie Klarkowski), provided further information regarding areas of support/ need in the community. As at May 2022, 150 families requesting support and assistance, majority of requests for warm clothing and bedding.

Discussion was had regarding need for the development of a network (online) to assist with resourcing school uniform supplies and connection within the community.

Penny Newson offered to assist with preparing a draft proposal to pitch to organisations and options to be explored with Diploma students assist with planning and next steps.

Action: P Newson and J Klarkowski to further explore options and discuss offline.

6 Round table discussion and group planning (standing item)

11.06am

Suggestion to defer this item to the next meeting, with a bigger group present, to facilitate ideas and discussion.

The status of Council's Advisory Groups and Committees was discussed and options in relation to

what would be explored, in response to the Administrators Minute regarding the next steps, with updates to be provided in due course.

Community Council offer to become further involved in this space, dependant on the direction the Council takes.

7 General business

10.32am & 11.22am

This item was brought forward in the agenda and discussed following item 3, as part of in part of introduction of and discussions with Penny Newland, Regional Director Officer (Acting) Central Coast Community Council

Penny Newson provided an update. Central Coast Community Council is funded by DCJ and co-ordinates networking and sharing of information, referral pathways for the community services sector on the Central Coast.

- Forum regarding accommodation crisis to be held first week of August, to work in with Homelessness Week. Larissa Llowarch from Council also in attendance.
 - Purpose is to get experts in the field, media, politicians, Senior Project Officer Hunter and Central Coast is attending the forum.
 - Penny will report back to Belinda with more information.
- Community Council is funded for targeted early intervention program. Board member Mark Howland is assisting with a focus on multiple aspects, a number of interagency work, including youth, multicultural, aboriginal focuses.
- Youth Homeless matter forum called 'Connect and Learn' held in April, during Youth Week, targeted for those who work in Youth Services.
 - Held at Parkhouse and was very well attended, beyond expectations.
 - Presented information to help the workers in that space.
 - Different forums for youth, families and children. Guest speakers to provide value to the community services workers who attend.

Action: Penny Newson will provide further details and information in relation to the Social Inclusion Charter at the next meeting and discuss further with the Committee.

No further general business was discussed.

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9 Close

Next meeting: 15 September 2022
10am – 12pm
Location TBC

Meeting closed at 11.27 am

Minutes approved by the Coordinator and Chairperson on 27/06/2022

Action log

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Action Number	Meeting Date	Action	Responsible Party	Action Update	Status
39	16/09/2021	Unit Manager Community and Culture to provide update on following at next meeting: Experience Hub, Social Inclusion Charter, Quality of Life Survey (also invite Strategic Planning rep).	Unit Manager Community and Culture	Update provided at 16 December 2021. Further update to be provided at first meeting in 2022.	Pending
41	16/09/2021	Group to have strategic discussion about Covid and provide advice on Council's approach with consideration of domains of wellness at next meeting.	Members	Management practices, access to services, within the community services space and council owned property as	Ongoing
42	16/09/2021	Round table and group planning to remain standing item on agendas.	Members		Ongoing
45	16/12/2021	Invite Regional Director Officer (Acting) from Central Coast Community Council to next meeting to workshop how to facilitate connections between community groups and improve services, with consideration of principles from the Social Inclusion Charter.	Unit Manager Community and Culture	Invitation to Penny Newson for Social Inclusion Advisory Committee meeting – Attendance by Penny at June 2022 meeting, and further attendance to be arranged for next meeting (Sept 2022) to discuss the Social Inclusion Charter.	Ongoing