

# Minutes

## Affordable Housing Community Committee

Held on 09 November 2015

In the Flannel Flower Room, Civic Centre

Meeting opened at 5:00pm.

### Attendance

|                 |                                                                                    |
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| Cr Harrison     | Warringah Council                                                                  |
| Cr Moskal       | Warringah Council                                                                  |
| Andrew McAnulty | Small & large business sectors, social housing service providers and organisations |
| Andrew Ellery   | Small & large business sectors, social housing service providers and organisations |
| Jacqui North    | Individual with interest in affordable housing                                     |
| Mark Shanahan   | Individual with interest in affordable housing                                     |
| Adrian Nixon    | Individual with interest in affordable housing                                     |
| Tom Hazell      | Individual with interest in affordable housing                                     |

### Visitors

Nil

#### 1 Apologies

Mayor Regan, Warren Welsh, Linda Coskerie and Luke Richmond

#### 2 Conflict of Interest

Nil

#### 3 Confirmation of Minutes

3.1 Minutes of the Committee held 22 October 2015

Motion: That the Minutes of the meeting held 22 October 2015 be adopted.

Mover: Andrew McAnulty

Seconder: Mark Shanahan

Adopted unanimously.

#### 4 Draft Affordable Housing Discussion Paper + Action Plan

The Committee noted the draft *Affordable Housing Discussion Paper + Action Plan* prepared by Council's Sustainable Urban Planning team and circulated to Committee members on 04/11/15.

A free ranging discussion of the Paper ensued. Points noted included:

- The Paper is due to be presented to Council on 24/11/15. It was agreed to maintain momentum, it is important that the Paper is presented to that meeting and not deferred. Committee members agreed to provide detailed comments on the Paper direct to Council via Katie Kirwan to assist finalisation of the Paper.

- Support for Cr Moskal's suggestion that release of the policy include community drop-in sessions;
- Support for suggestion that following release of the policy Council should include additional public forums as follow-up of the two successful forums held in May 2014;
- Support for Andrew McNulty's suggestion to include in the Paper a two-page executive summary including an outline of the housing affordability issue, how it affects everybody not just particular groups ( eg It affects your son and daughter, your elderly parents and their carers, your local shopkeeper/restaurant owner/barista/bus driver/kindergarten teacher/health care worker etc) - and a few of the key measures proposed to address it;
  - Key tools / How's for the Exec Summary - included:
    - i) Implementing a SEPP 70 type arrangement
    - ii) Encouraging VPA's for AH provision – potentially forming a draft
    - iii) Seeking to align Local; Regional; State and Federal Policy on AH
    - iv) Council reviewing zoning – to facilitate diversity of housing supply / typology of housing in appropriate locations
- Support for inclusion in the draft (or subsequent final policy) of real life case stories to improve engagement and understanding of the general community;
- Support for inclusion in the Paper of additional graphics of housing need/supply/costs etc such as those included in the background paper "Housing Affordability in Warringah – Towards and Affordable Housing Policy" presented by Council officers to the Committee's meeting of 22/10/15;
- Support for Jacqui North's suggestion that an additional option be included – making better use of existing housing stock and provision of flexible housing;
- Support for Adrian Nixon's suggestion that additional documented evidence of housing need be provided to Council for inclusion in the Paper;
- Support for suggestion that the Committee approach speakers to address Council's meeting in support of the Paper. Suggestions included the local Police commander; Jeff Evans (Homes for Heroes) and Committee members Jacqui North and Andrew Ellery.

## **5 General Business**

Andrew McNulty confirmed that Link Housing are holding an event entitled "Meeting the Housing Needs of the Northern Beaches" on 4<sup>th</sup> December at South Narrabeen Surf Club. The event will be publically advertised. All members of the Committee are invited.

## **7. Next Meeting:**

7 December 2015 at the Civic Centre at 5:00pm Walamai Room.

Meeting Closed at 6.30 pm.

## Summary of Actions of Meeting

### Committee Actions

| Item No | Committee Action                                                                                                                       | Actioning Member |
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| 4       | Members to send their detailed comments on draft Paper to Katie Kirwan for referral to Neil Cocks.                                     | All              |
| 4       | Members to send to Katie Kirwan additional material for inclusion in the Paper - case stories and documented evidence of housing need. | All              |
| 4       | Approach Jeff Evans, Homes for Heroes to address Council's meeting of 24/11/15 in support of the Paper.                                | Adrian Nixon     |

### Council Action –Customer Request

*Actions to report damage or minor facility repairs, to Council facilities these should be assigned to either the Chairperson/Secretary to report to Council via [council@warringah.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@warringah.nsw.gov.au) or by calling 9942 2111. A customer request number will be given and can be followed up for a progress report.*

| Item No | Council Action – Customer Request | Actioning Member |
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### Council Action – Councillor Request

*Actions that are requests for Council staff to provide information or an update on a subject where the information is currently available within Council. This action should be assigned to a Councillor present at the meeting to submit a Councillor Request and a response will be provided to the Councillor within 10 days. If the information is not available in Council currently, the Councillor will be advised directly and this may require a Notice of Motion to be submitted (see below action)*

| Item No | Council Action – Councillor Request                                                                   | Actioning Councillor        |
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| 4       | Approach the local Police commander to address Council's meeting of 24/11/15 in support of the Paper. | Cr Moskal/ Harrison/ Regan? |

### Council Action – Notice of Motion

*Actions that are requests for Council staff to undertake research or compile a report. This would be information not currently within Council and would require staff resources to be committed. A Notice of Motion must be raised by a Councillor and dealt with at the next Council Meeting.*

| Item No | Council Action – Notice of Motion | Actioning Councillor |
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### Recommendation to SRG

*Minutes of Community Committees are circulated to SRG members and entered onto the agenda for the next meeting for noting. However if you want the SRG to consider a particular issue please detail it below and it will be discussed by the SRG members at their next meeting. If the recommendation is supported by the SRG it will be submitted as a recommendation to Council.*

| Item No | Recommendation to SRG | Appropriate SRG |
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