

# Minutes

## Affordable Housing Community Committee

Held on 07 December 2015

In the Flannel Flower Room, Civic Centre

Meeting opened at 5:00pm

### Attendance

Mayor Regan

Clr Harrison

Clr Moskal

Andrew McAnulty (Chair)

Andrew Ellery

Warren Welsh

Linda Coskerie

Mark Shanahan

Tom Hazell

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### Visitors

Neil Cocks, Warringah Council

Kate Hanson, Warringah Council

### 1 Apologies

Jacqui North

Luke Richmond

Adrian Nixon

### 2 Conflict of Interest

Nil

### 3 Confirmation of Minutes

3.1 Minutes of the Committee held 09 November 2015

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

Mover: Clr Moskal

Seconder: Tom Hazell

Adopted unanimously.

### 4 Affordable Housing Discussion Paper and Action Plan

Neil Cocks advised the Committee that:

- Council resolved on 24/11/15 to put the *Affordable Housing Discussion Paper + Action Plan* on public exhibition and consult State agencies and industry.
- Exhibition will be open until 16 February 2016.
- After exhibition, workshops will be held to canvass new ideas, preferences and actions.

- Resources will be allocated to do research on items such as development standards, bonus opportunities/systems (in liaison with Department of Planning & Environment); advocacy; consciousness-raising/awareness-raising; auditing Council & State-owned land.

A free ranging discussion ensued. Points noted included:

- Where do proposed actions impact on the housing-life cycle continuum? Housing continuum includes social housing, affordable housing, market price housing. Should not just be presented as “a stepping stone to home ownership” which is not relevant to all groups – eg, over 65s in social housing.
- Need to humanise the issue – get ‘people stories’ in the media.
- WW: “The Conversation” article in The Australian has good stats.
- VM: opportunity to include affordable housing policy in community engagement activities for Dee Why.
- VM: Community consultation should be two-way: use survey (structured by demographics – seniors, youth, single parents, ethnic groups, young families, key workers etc) with focus on “give us your story on housing affordability”.
- Consultation essential to legitimise Council actions.
- MR concerned that too much consultation, not enough action also has risks. Council also needs to demonstrate leadership by taking action – eg, pilot projects in Brookvale with nil/reduced parking; many sites still available in Dee Why.
- AMcA: what is timescale after 16/02/16?
- KH: could do Stage 2 consultation early 2016, draft policy in April/May 2016.
- AMcA: Ryde Council draft policy very good. Scope for northern region SEPP70 policy?
- MR: Likely impact of Greater Sydney Commission?
- AMcA: Commission is chaired by Lucy Turnbull, a strong supporter of affordable housing. Bold measures proposed in Committee for Sydney’s Affordable housing strategy “5 Game Changers”
- LC: Need to ensure initiatives are financially viable

## **5 General Business**

Queenscliff Health Centre site - MR has met with Department of Health but Treasury seeking to maximise sale value. Will be meeting with Department of Premier & Cabinet – also re Terry Hills educational land.

Rob Stokes has invited letter from MR re better using vacant land around parks, community centres etc.

AMcA: will be attending briefing on Social and Affordable Housing Fund on Friday 11/12/15; UNSW Multi-generational Housing Study via JN

## **7. Next Meeting:**

To be confirmed – Following closing of pubic exhibition.

Meeting Closed at 6.30 pm

## Summary of Actions of Meeting

### Committee Actions

Item No	Committee Action	Actioning Member

### 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

### 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

### 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

### 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