

# Notes of a Meeting

## Affordable Housing Community Committee

Held on 22 February 2016  
In the Flannel Flower Room, Civic Centre  
Commenting at 5:00PM

### Attendance

Mayor Regan	Warringah Council
Andrew McNulty (Chair)	Small & large business sectors, social housing service providers and organisations
Andrew Ellery	Small & large business sectors, social housing service providers and organisations
Mark Shanahan	Individual with interest in affordable housing
Tom Hazell	Individual with interest in affordable housing

### Visitors

Neil Cocks	Sustainable Urban Planning Manager, Warringah Council
Deb Kempe	Economic Development Coordinator, Warringah Council

NOTE: Quorum was not achieved for this meeting

### 1 Apologies

Cr Harrison, Cr Moskal, Jacqui North, Luke Richmond, Adrian Nixon, Warren Welsh and Linda Coskerie.

### 2. Conflict of Interest

Nil

### 3 Confirmation of Minutes

3.1 Minutes of the Committee held 07 December 2015

Motion: That the Minutes of the meeting held 7 December 2015 be adopted.

Mover: Andrew Ellery

Seconder: Mark Shanahan

Adopted Unanimously.

### 4 Reports: Affordable Housing Discussion Paper + Action Plan

Neil Cocks & Deb Kempe advised the Committee that:

- Public exhibition of the *Affordable Housing Discussion Paper and Action Plan* closed 16/02/16.
- 23 submissions were lodged via website and 2 were lodged separately.
- General support for the initiative.

- Some misunderstanding of terminology “affordable housing, social housing, housing affordability”
- Exhibition may have been overshadowed by council amalgamations.
- Department of Planning & Environment generally receptive of suggestion by Warringah Council to consider SEPP70 affordable housing contributions scheme for major development precincts (Northern Beaches Hospital, Dee Why, Brookvale, Manly Vale etc).
- Have been in discussion with State Govt re methodology for establishing targets for affordable housing. Initial estimates of housing need in Warringah are lower than would be expected. Also reviewing other council practice – Ryde, Pittwater, Sydney City.
- Next step – Stage 2 consultation: workshops & survey.
- DK will email link for survey to Committee members and request members to nominate groups to send survey to – eg, attendees of Forums; ethnic group reps; Neighbour Day organisers; Northern Beaches Mums Group.

A free ranging discussion ensued.

## **5 General Business**

- Implications of council amalgamations

Concern by members that AH Policy not disappear if Warringah Council is split.

Develop strategic links with officers of neighbouring councils to promote adoption of Affordable Housing Policy across the northern beaches region – eg, Lindsay Godfrey, Pittwater Council

AM suggested the survey should ask specific questions for identified redevelopment precincts – eg: should there be affordable housing in the Hospital Precinct? In Dee Why? In Manly Vale? Along the B-Line bus route? This will assist whatever council body to demonstrate a mandate for affordable housing action in those areas.

Establish strategic links with bodies such as Greater Sydney Commission; Committee for Sydney etc. Invite their reps to address Committee.

- Meeting schedule for 2016

Stage 2 consultation in early March, so meet late March to consider consultation outcomes prior to Council meeting on 26/04/16.

DK and NC will liaise with MS re date in March, then meet monthly thereafter.

## **6 Next Meeting:**

To be advised.

Meeting Closed at 6.10 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