

TOWN OF BASSENDEAN

MINUTES

ACCESS & INCLUSION COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 48 OLD PERTH ROAD, BASSENDEAN
ON WEDNESDAY 5 JULY 2017 AT 10.15AM

1.0 DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Presiding Member declared the meeting open, welcomed all those in attendance and conducted an Acknowledgement of Country.

2.0 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME AND ADDRESS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Nil.

3.0 ATTENDANCES, APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Present

Ms Annie Klaassen, Presiding Member
Cr Gerry Pule, Town of Bassendean
Ms Jennie MacLachlan, Community Representative
Ms Catherine Parker, Community Representative
Mr Scott Robinson, Community Representative

Officers

Mr Graeme Haggart, Director Community Development
Ms Mona Soliman, Manager Seniors and Disability Services

Apologies

Mr Darren Taylor, Community Representative
Ms Lilian Cottingham, Community Representative
Ms Diana Ritchie, DSC Local Area Coordinator Bassendean
Mr David Potter, Community Representative

4.0 DEPUTATIONS

Nil

5.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5.1 Minutes of meeting held on 10 May 2017

COMMITTEE/OFFICER RECOMMENDATION – ITEM 5.1

MOVED Jennie MacLachlan, Seconded Gerry Pule, that the minutes of the Access and Inclusion Committee meeting held on 10 May 2017, be confirmed as a true record.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 5/0

6.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDING PERSON WITHOUT DISCUSSION

The Presiding Member noted that the Westpac ATM has been removed from within the Bassendean Shopping Centre and that this is disappointing, as it represents a reduction in service to people living with a disability. The Presiding Member expressed appropriateness of the Town to writing to Westpac on the matter.

7.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

8.0 BUSINESS DEFERRED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Nil

9.0 REPORTS

9.1 DAIP Action Plan Implementation

An update was not provided as there are no new implementation initiatives commenced since the last meeting.

It was noted the DAIP is a 5-year plan that is due for replacement and has been largely implemented.

COMMITTEE/OFFICER RECOMMENDATION – ITEM 9.1

- AIAC – 1/07/17** MOVED Jennie MacLachlan, Seconded Annie Klaassen, that the Committee notes that a DAIP Action Plan Implementation Update report was not provided, as there is no known new implementation initiatives commenced since the last meeting.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 5/0

9.2 Seniors & Disability Services Business Unit Update

The Manager Seniors and Disability Services provided the following update report on the Business Unit activity:

Workforce Update

- Workforce has been relatively stable in recent times: One carer having resigned in June, however, we have one returning from parental leave.

Home Care Packages (HCP)

- We are at 29 packages all up. The referrals are not coming through as it appears the Department is not releasing places. We may no longer be capped but if there are no packages allocated to clients we can't take them.

Home And Community Care (HACC)

- We received a letter re outcome of the 2016/2017 HACC Growth Funding Application. We were successful in receiving \$26,456 recurrent for HGM and \$9,333 non-recurrent for capital equipment.
- The reduction of \$148,579 due to NDIS, however, means our overall Annual Funding Level for 2017/2018 is \$1,538,947 compared to this year's \$1,636,513. Almost two thirds of the funds given over to NDIS are lost from day centre.

NDIS

- We have made an internal decision to provide services to NDIS funded participants only through Brokerage or directly if they are managing their own funds. The decision was not just financial, it was made in the wake with the NDIS's announcement regarding quality audit requirements which are extremely onerous and will be costly to comply with.

Hyde Retirement Village

- One unit remains vacant

Brokerage

- This arm of the business unit is growing exponentially and will continue to do so as we work with NDIS funded participants under this arrangement in partnerships with other organisations.

New Client Management Software

- We will go completely live and stand alone with TRACCS commencing 1 July and CareAssist decommissioned. It will be retained for historical reference only.
- The Mobile Time and Attendance (MTA) has been rolled out to most of the staff and this week they will be allocated the phones to start using. We will use paper rosters for the first few weeks as back up until everyone is confident with the electronic format.

COMMITTEE/OFFICER RECOMMENDATION – ITEM 9.2

AIAC – 2/07/17 MOVED Gerry Pule, Seconded Annie Klaassen, that the report on the Seniors and Disability Services Business Unit activity, be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 5/0

9.3 Annual Report

As reported at the last meeting, the Annual Report to the Disability Services Commission is now available electronically.

The report for activity in the 2016/17 year fell due on Friday 30 June.

A copy of the annual report was included as an attachment to the meeting Agenda.

COMMITTEE/OFFICER RECOMMENDATION – ITEM 9.3

AIAC – 3/07/17 MOVED Annie Klaassen, Seconded Jennie MacLachlan, that the discussion on the DAIP Annual Report to the Disability Services Commission, be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 5/0

9.4 The National Disability Insurance Scheme in WA Conversation

At the last meeting, the Committee considered attending a two-day National Disability Insurance Scheme in WA Conversation event to be hosted by the Disability Services Commission in partnership with the Disability Coalition. The conversation was held on Friday, 9 June and Saturday, 10 June 2017.

Additional ideas and comments were encouraged from those unable to attend to broaden the conversation.

This time is listed to allow feedback from attendees.

While one member of Committee completed an online survey in relation to the event, no member attended the two-day "conversation". No feedback has been received following the event.

COMMITTEE/OFFICER RECOMMENDATION – ITEM 9.4

AIAC – 4/07/17 MOVED Scott Robinson, Seconded Jennie MacLachlan, that the information on the National Disability Insurance Scheme in WA Conversation, be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 5/0

9.5 Other Committee Business

This item is retained as a standing item and allows Committee members to raise items of importance that have not otherwise been dealt with at the meeting.

- *Several Committee members attended the WAFL "Count Me In" round luncheon at the Swan Districts Football Club which was attended by 200 people, many of whom are living with a disability. It was noted that the Club had hired accessible toilets and placed them near the entrance to the Clubrooms, however, the staff were not made aware of the facilities, advising patrons there were no accessible toilets;*
- *Jennie sought consideration to the Town undertaking another program of "Access Makes Cents" with the new DAIP;*
- *Graeme advised of the development of a state-wide "fishability map" being prepared by the Fishers With Disability organisation advising of accessible fishing sites.*

COMMITTEE/OFFICER RECOMMENDATION – ITEM 9.5

AIAC – 5/07/17 MOVED Jennie MacLachlan, Seconded Catherine Parker, that the Other Committee Business items raised by members be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 5/0

10.0 MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Nil.

11.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS OF NOTICES OF MOTION FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Nil.

12.0 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

Nil.

13.0 CLOSURE

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 13 September 2017, commencing at 10.00am.

There being no further business, the Presiding Member declared the meeting closed, the time being 11.43am.