

TOWN OF BASSENDEAN

MINUTES

ACCESS & INCLUSION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 48 OLD PERTH ROAD, BASSENDEAN

ON WEDNESDAY 11 MARCH 2015 AT 10.00AM

1.0 DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

Acknowledgement of Country

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

2.0 ATTENDANCES, APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Present

Ms Jennie MacLachlan, Presiding Member
Mr David Potter, Deputy Presiding Member
Cr Gerry Pule, Town of Bassendean (until 11.45am)
Mr Sandra Tucker, Local Area Coordinator, DSC
Ms Lilian Cottingham, Community Representative
Ms Renee McLennan, Community Representative
Mr John Otago, CAE Manager, TADWA
Ms Annie Klaassen, Community Representative

Officers

Mr Graeme Haggart, Director Community Development
Ms Mona Soliman, Manager Seniors & Disability Services
Mrs Amy Holmes, Minute Secretary

Visitor

Ms Elizabeth Thom, Advisory Coordinator, Carers WA

3.0 DEPUTATIONS

3.1 Carers WA

Ms Elizabeth Thom, Advisory Coordinator for Carers WA, provided a presentation on the services of the Carers' Advisory Service.

Carers WA is a non-profit, community based organisation and registered charity dedicated to improving the lives of the estimated 310,000 family carers living in Western Australia. Part of the National Network of Carers Associations, they are the peak body recognised by both State and Federal Governments as the voice of family carers. Carers WA represent carers' interests in the Western Australian community. Their role is to work in active partnership with carers, persons with care and support needs, health professionals, service providers, government and the wider community to achieve an improved quality of life for carers.

4.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.1 Minutes of meetings held on 3 December 2014

COMMITTEE/OFFICER RECOMMENDATION – ITEM 4.1

MOVED Cr Pule, Seconded Lilian Cottingham, that the minutes of the Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee meeting held on 3 December 2014, be confirmed as a true record.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8/0

5.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDING PERSON WITHOUT DISCUSSION

Nil

6.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

7.0 BUSINESS DEFERRED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Nil

8.0 **REPORTS**

8.1 **DAIP Action Plan Implementation**

The DAIP Action Plan was distributed with the Agenda. These updates are ongoing and will be provided at each meeting.

COMMITTEE/OFFICER RECOMMENDATION – ITEM 8.1

AIAC – 1/03/15 MOVED Lilian Cottingham, Seconded John Otago, that the DAIP Action Plan Implementation update report, be received.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8/0

8.2 **Local Government Reform**

The State Government has abandoned their Local Government Reform initiative. Accordingly, the Committee will continue to function as normal.

Proposed meeting dates for the remainder of the 2015 calendar year are 10 June; 9 September and 11 November.

The Committee had sought to host a joint meeting with the Bayswater DAIC. The Committee agreed that this should still continue. The Director Community Development will progress this.

COMMITTEE/OFFICER RECOMMENDATION – ITEM 8.2

AIAC – 2/03/15 MOVED Cr Pule, Seconded Renee McLennan, that:

1. The Local Government Reform update be received; and
2. The Bassendean Access Inclusion Advisory Committee host an informal joint meeting with the Bayswater Access Inclusion Advisory Committee, in May 2015.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8/0

8.3 **Bassendean Inclusive Communities (BIC) Project**

An enquiry was recently received into whether the Town of Bassendean provides an “Access All Areas” programme similar to that run by the City of Swan. Access All Areas is a community funding scheme available to residents of the City and subsidises access to life-skills, recreation and cultural activities.

The item was put for consideration by the Committee.

COMMITTEE/OFFICER RECOMMENDATION – ITEM 8.3

AIAC – 3/03/15 MOVED John Otago, Seconded David Potter, that:

1. The Town develops an “Access All Areas” funding scheme; and
2. A request be made to the Swan Valley Rotary Club to provide funding of \$2,500 to the scheme and for Council to consider a matching allocation of \$2,500 toward the project in the draft 2015/16 Budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8/0

Cr Gerry Pule left the meeting, the time being 11.45am and did not return.

8.4 Seniors & Disability Services Business Unit Update

The Manager Seniors and Disability Services provided the following update report:

“Staffing

With two pregnancies and two other staff leaving, we are recruiting again for Aged Care Staff. We are also in the process of finalising the Scheduler-Home & Garden Maintenance position. This newly created role will take some of the pressure of the existing Scheduler whose work load has increased exponentially since its creation two years ago due to three rounds of Growth funding and increased client demand.

CACP/CDC Transition

With the July 2015 deadline closing in we are moving more quickly towards transitioning our 28 packages over to CDC. We are working with Corporate Services to set up the internal structures/systems and purchased CDC Manager (a client/financial management program to manage client budgets).

HACC

We were advised in January that the 2014/15 Growth Funding Application was successful and recurrent funding of \$8,435 was received for Social Support and Domestic Assistance (60% of total annual amount of \$16,869) and non-recurrent funding of \$34,942 was received for the purchase of the replacement of day centre and office equipment. The success of this application will result in the 2015-2016 Deed of Variation including 100% growth funding in the new Annual Funding Level of \$1,543,081.

Assets

We are part way through the purchase of the assets that were funded having already bought the dishwasher, outdoor setting, massage chair and printer/copier. We are still in the process of finalising the CareAssist server and desktops.

A bequest to the Town was recently finalised and we have now received the \$50,000 for a day centre bus to replace the Iveco. We are in the process of sourcing quotes for two 12 seater vehicles, the second of which to replace the old Hiace.

HRV

The HRV Compliance visit was held on 12 February and there were no major issues.

Following approval by Council in the February budget review, the common garden beds are being retained with limestone walls - replacing the current rotting timber sleepers. The limestone retaining walls will also serve to prevent flooding of lower lying units during rain periods which is quite hazardous."

COMMITTEE/OFFICER RECOMMENDATION – ITEM 8.4

AIAC – 4/03/15

MOVED John Otago, Seconded Lilian Cottingham, that the report on the Seniors and Disability Services Business Unit activity, be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7/0

8.5 Other Committee Business

- John Otago advised that he met with staff at Cyril Jackson regarding the development of an Arts House for people with disabilities for both students and the community to access.
- Lilian Cottingham raised the need for a disabled toilet at Swan Districts Football Club. It was agreed by the Committee that the matter needs to be raised with the General Manager of Swan Districts Football Club. The Director Community Development will follow this up.

COMMITTEE/OFFICER RECOMMENDATION – ITEM 8.5

AIAC – 5/03/15

MOVED John Otago, Seconded David Potter, that the Other Committee Business items raised by members be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7/0

9.0 **MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN**

Nil

10.0 **ANNOUNCEMENTS OF NOTICES OF MOTION FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

Nil

11.0 **CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS**

Nil

12.0 **CLOSURE**

The next meeting is scheduled to be held on Wednesday 10 June 2015, commencing at 10.00am.

There being no further business, the Presiding Member declared the meeting closed, the time being 12noon.