
PRESENT

Members:

Councillor Peter Alley
Director Strategy and Growth (Jeffery Sharp)
Group Manager Community (Lucilla Marshall)
Community Inclusion Team Leader (Hayley Owen)
Beth Flynn (Refugee Network)
Jenny Edmunds (General Community)
Kelly Lamb, Liberty (Homelessness Network)
Leesa-rae Harrison (Hastings Neighbourhood Services - Charity Organisation)
Matthew Doeland (Health Organisation)
Shalise Leesfield (Youth)
Trish Davis (Senior)

Other Attendees:

Group Manager Governance (Michael Ferguson)

The meeting opened at 4:35pm.

01 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Acknowledgement of Country was delivered.

02 APOLOGIES

CONSENSUS:

That the apology received from Moses Costigan (Disability) be noted.

03 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

No minutes were confirmed as this was the first meeting of the Community Inclusion Committee.

04 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest presented.

05 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

No business arising from previous minutes were available as this was the first meeting of the Community Inclusion Committee.

06 WELCOME NEW MEMBERS AND INTRODUCTIONS

Councillor Alley welcomed the new Committee and gave members the opportunity to introduce themselves. Each member provided a short introduction about themselves and who they represent.

The Committee discussed the opportunity to allow more than one representative on the Committee for the vacant positions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, CALD and LGBTIQ+. The suggestion was to call for at least 2 representatives of the vacant areas and add an additional youth position

The Committee also discussed the potential for a member/s of the yet to be formed Aboriginal Advisory Group who could assist the outcomes of the Committee

CONSENSUS:

1. That the Committee note the new membership and to put out an Expression of Interest (EOI) for the vacant positions in March 2021.
2. That the EOIs be provided to schools, TAFE and CSU to encourage youth and multicultural representation.

07 CODE OF CONDUCT

Group Manager Governance provided a short presentation on the Code of Conduct of the Committee. A copy of the new Code of Conduct will be circulated to the Committee members once it has been adopted by Council at the February 2021 Ordinary Council meeting.

CONSENSUS:

That the Committee note the Code of Conduct for Port Macquarie-Hastings Council Committees.

08 COMMUNITY INCLUSION COMMITTEE CHARTER AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Community Inclusion Team Leader spoke to the Community Inclusion Charter and the responsibilities of the Committee.

The review of the Community Inclusion Plan and Disability Inclusion Action Plan were discussed as the first actions of the Committee.

CONSENSUS:

That the Committee note the Community Inclusion Committee Charter and the responsibilities of the Committee.

09 FUTURE MEETING DATES

Councillor Alley asked the Committee members which day and time would be preferable for the bi-monthly meetings. First preference would be Thursday at 4pm or Tuesday at 4pm, waiting on the response from Moses Costigan to confirm which day.

CONSENSUS:

That the Community Inclusion Committee meet bi-monthly on the date nominated at the meeting.

10 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

The meeting closed at 5:40pm.