

MIN NO **MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE OF ASHFIELD COUNCIL, HELD IN HABERFIELD LIBRARY, 78 DALHOUSIE STREET, HABERFIELD ON TUESDAY 22 MARCH 2011, COMMENCING AT 9:43 PM.**

PRESENT Councillor Lofts in the Chair and Councillors Adams, Cassidy, Kelso, Kennedy, Mansour, McKenna, Rerceretnam, Stott, Wang and Wangmann

Ms V Chan General Manager
Ms N Kettle Director Corporate and Community Services
Mr P Sarin Director Planning and Environment
Mr S Joannidis Director Works and Infrastructure
Ms G Rennard Manager Governance
Mr G Howard Manager Community Services
Mrs R Musson Community Representative
Mr T Smith Community Representative
Ms J Foreman Community Representative
Gauri Nadkarni Youth Committee Representative

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LOCAL INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY

"Let us acknowledge that we are meeting on country for which the members and elders of the local Indigenous community have been custodians for many centuries, and on which Aboriginal people have performed age old ceremonies. We acknowledge their living culture and unique role in the life of this region."

APOLOGIES

RESOLVED **Mansour / McKenna**

An apology for non attendance was received and accepted from Councillor Adams and Community Representatives Dr George and Forma

Councillor Drury was absent due to having previously been granted a leave of absence.

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

No disclosures were made.

STAFF REPORTS

COMMUNITY SERVICES UPDATE. Gerard Howard - Manager
Community Services. Report Submitted with attachment 1.

(10/03/11)

Community Services - Activities

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CSC 8.1 Attached

RESOLVED

Mansour / Stott

That the information contained in the report and Attachment 1 be received and noted.

Councillor Wangmann attended the meeting at 9.56pm

POLICY DIRECTIONS IN THE COMMUNITY SERVICES SECTOR.

Gerard Howard - Manager Community Services. Report Submitted.

(08/03/11)

Community Services - Activities

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CSC 8.2 Attached

RESOLVED

Cassidy / Stott

1/3 That the information in this report be received and noted.

2/3 That Council staff develop Motions for presentation to the National General Assembly of Local Government to include issues as appropriately identified in this officers report and further ratified by Council including:-

- a) That Universal Housing Design principles be applied to all new residential housing and public buildings**
- b) Funding of equal pay in aged care**
- c) Harmonisation rights**

3/3 That a brief be provided to the Productivity Commission with respect to Workforce issues in Aged Care facilities, namely noting the skills mix and staffing ratios

ANNUAL COMMUNITY GRANTS 2010-2011. Gerard Howard - Manager
Community Services. Report Submitted with attachment 1.

(08/03/11)

Financial-Council Grants

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CSC 8.3 Attached

RESOLVED

Kelso / Wang

1/2 That Council adopt the recommendations for 2010-2011 Annual

Community Grants as outlined in Attachment 1.

- 2/2 That a separate sub-category be established in Council's Annual Community Grants budget for the amount of \$5,000 for environmental initiatives and this sub-category be funded from Council's Environmental Levy.**

GENERAL BUSINESS

TENNANTS UNION

Julie Foreman – That Council note that the Tennants Union has developed a four point plan to look at improving the rights of boarders and lodgers including

- occupancy agreements
- stronger regulation of boarding houses and incentives for good providers
- socially inclusive programs with funding allocated
- more substantial policing of the for-profit housing of people with a disability

Councillor Lofts - That Council lobby top assist with the inception of the four point plan with the government of the time after the election.

That this matter be referred to the next Community Services Committee meeting with a further report from officers

NATIONAL SENIORS

Tony Smith – is on the board of the National Seniors of Australia which supports productive ageing. Is also proud to be a member of the Ashfield Seniors Committee

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

Councillor Wangmann – would like to reiterate that wherever possible activities for school holiday program be undertaken in high density areas such as Croydon

PROCEEDINGS TERMINATED AT 10:20PM

Chairperson of the meeting of Community Services Committee
when the Minutes were confirmed

Chairperson

Date