

Meeting Minutes 16 June 2021

Access Inclusion Advisory Committee

Time: 4.10pm – 6:05pm

Venue: Lord Mayor's Reception Room, 12 Stewart Avenue, Newcastle.

Attendance:

- Eliot Shaw (Co-Chair)
- Steve Warham (CN Community Development Facilitator)
- Cr Andrea Rufo
- Joseph Popov
- Kirsty Russell
- Margaret Wood
- Nathan Burford
- Tracey Walker
- Simon Massey (Acting Community Planning and Development Manager – Minutes)
- Chris Leishman

Guest Presenters: Kelly Arnott-Corporate Planning and Performance Manager

Bec Allen-Corporate Planner

Stephanie Abrahams-People and Culture, Diversity and Inclusion Specialist

Susan Denholm-Community Development Facilitator

Apologies:

- Petria Jukes (Community Planning and Development Manager-On leave)
- Cr Carol Duncan
- Cr Matthew Byrne

1. Welcome / Introductions / Acknowledgement of Country

ES did the acknowledgement of Country.

2. Previous Minutes

Adopted without correction.

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Moved: Eliot Shaw, seconded: Nathan Burford, carried.

3. Business Arising

No business arising.

4. Newcastle 2040 Presentation

Kelly Arnott, Corporate Planning and Performance Manager, and Rebecca Allan, Corporate Planner, delivered a PowerPoint presentation (circulated separately). A number of issues were raised as part of this discussion:

- Novocastrians are immensely proud of our history and heritage.
- Housing affordability is limiting the opportunity of young people returning to Newcastle.
- Generosity of spirit of Novocastrians.
- Clarity of definition – are we a big regional town or a metropolitan centre? Gateway City concept.
- ES suggested committee would be willing to hold a working group meeting to further discuss Newcastle 2040.
- More information visit <https://newcastle.nsw.gov.au/have-your-say/projects/newcastle-2040>
- Email comments or make contact via

Rebecca Allan <rallan@ncc.nsw.gov.au>

Kelly Arnott <karnott@ncc.nsw.gov.au>

In response to some discussion SM outlined some work undertaken to address the issue of Newcastle being viewed as either Metro or Regional. See below

City of Newcastle Grant Disadvantage:

- [Media release](#)
- [State Government Inquiry Report](#). See p86.

5. People and Culture, Diversity Inclusion Specialist, Stephanie Abrahams

- Presentation delivered via PowerPoint (to be circulated with the minutes).
- Stephanie's work will be captured within the forthcoming DIAP.
- Stephanie to coordinate and run a focus group with the Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee and/or adjust current consultation being undertaken with internal stakeholders. Steve to liaise between Stephanie and the Committee.

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6. 2021 Count Us In Program Video / Pictures

- Steve shared video of Count Us In program with the Committee.
- 16 events / programs – some were successful, some were unsuccessful. Learnings are important., better promotion needed for some events to boost participation. Good internal training provided for staff and also shared with community.
- Cr Rufo requested a presentation to Councillors on the outcomes of Count Us In and broader work of the Community Planning and Development team. SM and SW to follow up.

7. Local Social Strategy

- Susan Denholm presented overview of Local Social Strategy. PowerPoint to be shared with the Committee.
- How do we maximise Local Social engagement?
 - Contact via Community Disability Alliance Hunter can be great, but broader consultation also needed with other groups.
 - Work with NDIS providers, other target groups to include PWD, carers etc.
 - Ways to be consulted using virtual/online formats is important.

SM shared information about some events coming up the Committee may want to participate in. See below and link to register. Inclusive Conversations Series.

Topic: Unpacking Vulnerability.

Committee welcome to attend and/or contribute online. More information [available here](#).

8. General Business

- Deaf Games 2022 – Auslan Training is underway with staff and some external training to be offered as well, when we get closer to the event.
- City of Newcastle Grants include a Social Inclusion category, just FYI for committee.

9. Committee Progress Report

- Steve ran through Performance report. Document to be circulated afterwards.
- Committee members requested to provide any feedback on report. SW clarified it is not a performance report on the achievements of the committee it is a governance focussed document to

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check in on the compliance with how our Advisory Committees are meant to function. See attached.
Approved by committee subject to any further considerations.

10. Next meeting

- Due to Council election on 4 September 2021, this is planned as the last official meeting of the Committee, however a number of additional working group opportunities have been discussed and expect to have a meeting scheduled for August. This may be an official committee meeting, but it may also just be an opportunity to meet and discuss the developing DIAP and also celebrate the contribution made by the committee in this term. TBC.

11. DIAP Update

- The now former NSW Minister for Department of Communities and Justice, Mr Gareth Ward notified Council via letter that an additional 12 months has been allowed for DIAPs to be developed.
- Importance of alignment with Federal Government Strategy and NSW Disability Inclusion Plan which both have not been delivered yet. NSW Government was to deliver the NSW DIP by mid 2021. Federal Plan has been out of currency for over 12 months.
- Steve shared with the committee a rough draft of an Action Table that could inform the final plan. This is to assist people consider what actions might be included and used for internal stakeholders to better frame what they see as achievable over the next 4 years. This is shared in confidence and not for sharing beyond this committee membership.
- Once internal consultation is completed, the Committee will have the opportunity to review the progress of the DIAP development. Please continue to submit any comments or feedback on Action Table to swarham@ncc.nsw.gov.au

12. Meeting closed

Steve and Eliot offered thanks to everyone for their input and contribution to the Committee meeting.

6:06pm