Wattle Range Council Social Issues Planning Committee

Minutes of the Social Issues Planning Committee meeting held at the Millicent Council Chambers, George Street, Millicent on Tuesday 9 February 2016 at 1 pm.

1. PRESENT

Elke Unger (Centrelink), Alison Varcoe (Childcare), David Hill (Dept of State Development), John Shelton (DECD), Karen Lock (SERHS), Peter Zietz (Housing SA), Denis Clifford (St Vincent de Paul/Salvation Army/ ADRA Care), Moira Neagle, Sandra Tweddell, Majors Kevin & Lesley Grant (Salvation Army), Cr Glenn Brown (WRC), Cr John Drew (WRC), Janice Nitschke (WRC Library), Steve Chapple (WRC), Sarah Marzec (WRC).

2. APOLOGIES

Kathy Davis (Job Prospects), Melissa Snook (AC Care), Cheryl Brennan (AC Care), Evonne Lambert (AC Care), Jade Williams (DECD), Allen Marsh (Families SA), Dee Yates.

3. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

3.1 Wattle Range Social Issues and Planning Committee Meeting 8 December 2015

The minutes be presented and confirmed. (Correction that the mover was Kathy Davis not Karen Lock)

Moved: Denis Clifford
Seconded: Sandra Twaddell
CARRIED

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

4.1 Confirmation of attendees

MOTION:

That a representative from Salvation Army be appointed to the Committee.

Moved: Denis Clifford
Seconded: Cr John Drew
CARRIED

The following positions were confirmed with the Committee present:

**Council - 2 positions:**
- Cr Glenn Brown
- Cr John Drew

**South East Regional Health Service:**
- Karen Lock

**AC Care:**
- The delegate and both proxy are apologies and will be confirmed.

**Combined Agencies - 2 positions:**
- Denis Clifford
  Salvation Army Kevin Grant until mid-2016 when Lesley Grant will take over the position.
Families SA: Allen March – an apology (to be confirmed)
Department of Education and Child Development (DECD) - 2 positions: John Shelton, Principle Millicent High School
Jade Williams to be clarified, currently Principle Beachport Primary School for next 6 months, suggested Carolyn Sutton. Will need Jade to send a letter of resignation. Moira Neagle, Community representative would like to be DECD representative. Will get a formal letter of nomination from Adam Box.

Housing SA: Peter Zeitz
Community - 2 positions: Sandra Twaddell
Moira Neagle - but may apply to be a representative from DECD so then the community position would be vacant and applications sought filled

Centrelink: Elke—unlikely to be able to continue to attend meetings. This is a once off. Thus remove Centrelink from the Charter

Drug and Alcohol Counselling: Invite Jean Kerslake to attend a meeting with a view to involvement in a position on the Committee.

Department of State Development: David Hill
Community Development Officer: Sarah Marzec

4.2 Contact Life Without Barriers
A brief explanation about Life Without Barriers was given from the information provided by Louis. Contact details were reported.

Janice mentioned that Matt from HYPA regularly meets students at the library.

ACTION:
Sarah to distribute Life without Barriers contact details again to the Committee.

4.3 Primary Health – Council to seek examples of disadvantage relating to access and payment of health services
Sarah reported information attained by face to face meetings, emails and telephone correspondence from 12 community and health service providers.

MOTION:
Recommend to Council that within the 2016/2017 budget, that Council consider allocating a sum of money, $10 000, under the auspices of the Director of Development Services, to be used at discretion in emergency relief and enforcement related matters.

Moved: Cr John Drew
Seconded: Denis Clifford
CARRIED
4.4 **White Ribbon Day**

A general discussion took place regarding how the Committee and members may be able to promote and help from the White Ribbon day event.

**ACTION:**

Sarah to speak with Cheryl at 5 The FM to discuss options available.

4.5 **Red Cross Transport**

Steve discussed that the Red Cross provides a transport service to Mount Gambier to assist patients seeking medical assistance. Council has committed to funding the program for the next two years providing the vehicle, maintenance and fuel and registration.

**ACTION:**

Sarah to find out the day that the Red Cross travelS to Mount Gambier and the cost per transport.

4.6 **Christmas Hampers**

Denis informed the Committee that 132 Christmas Hampers valued at $100 each were distributed. Hampers include food and toys. Toys are getting low again, so donations would be appreciated.

**ACTION:**

Kevin Grant, Salvation Army to let Sarah know about the small disaster funds they have available.

4.7 **Rainbow Program**

Sandra highlighted Rainbow Program is a women’s shelter and more information will be forthcoming.

**ACTION:**

Sandra to report back with further details.

5. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Sarah reported that further correspondence has been forwarded by email:

- Mates Looking After Mates
- StandBy workshops Friday 18 March 2016
- SA Scout Magazine National Dementia Conference flyer.

Wattle Range Council Community survey hard copies were handed out.
6. REPORTS

6.1 Youth

6.1.1 Youth Week – grant application and outline

Sarah Marzec spoke about the Youth Week grant application for $2000 to support a Circus Element workshop at Millicent, Penola and Kangaroo Inn. In addition Council will conduct Youth Recognition Awards; possibly run a Youth Forum; youth week displays in all libraries; and promotion of the Volunteer Strategy.

6.2 Support for Families

6.2.1 Respite House

Sarah Marzec discussed the Respite House conducted over the summer holidays. A press release celebrating 10 years has been circulated. A Flinders University medical students is now settled into each house.

Steve Chapple raised concerns that the costs are ever increasing for the house to run as a Respite Centre.

6.2.2 Food parcels

Denis Clifford reported that 44 food parcels to assist people were handed out in January 2016 by 3 different organisations.

ACTION:

Denis to report each month how many food parcels handed out and to how many different families.

6.3 Community Issues & Inclusion

6.3.1 Farm Household Allowance

Elke Unger discussed Farm Household Allowance and handed out associated fliers

6.3.2 Volunteer Matching Day

Volunteer matching day is to be held mid-year. Millicent Medical Clinic is keen to be a major sponsor. Invitations to all agencies and volunteers who will need to register prior to the event.

6.3.3 Scouts and Guides

Scouts and Guides will be opening up again in second term. It will be the first time that both the Scouts and Guides will be under the same umbrella. A Family Fun Day will be held on Sunday 17 April, the last day of Youth Week. It will be co-hosted with Scouts & Guides, who will be bringing big chess set, climbing wall and artery tag and other fun activities to relaunch the new Scouts/Guides.
6.3.4 Community Database

Sarah is formulating a community database for use within Council.

6.3.5 Millicent Liquor Licence Accord

The Wattle Range Council is facilitating the Accord meetings by providing secretarial support, arranging the venue and minutes. The Accord is run in conjunction with South Australian Police and Consumer Businesses Services.

6.4 Primary Health

6.4.1 Whole Kids Small Seeds Community Grants

Steve discussed the ‘Whole Kids Small Seeds Community Grants’ program is available for grants up to $5000 and closes on 31 March 2016

6.4.2 Trees for Life Grant

Steve discussed the Trees for Life grant for youth to plant. Will work with the schools to plant in areas where needed and all trees will be native to the region.

6.4.3 Health and Medical Services

John Drew and Glenn Brown discussed the need for a more representative body for the Millicent and surrounds Community to examine the issues surrounding health and medical services in the township.

MOTION:

Council to call on interested parties within the community who have concerns for hospital, health and medical services, to form a Community driven committee which will examine the local needs and issues and where appropriate request government to provide a reasonable level of services.

Moved: Cr Glenn Brown
Seconded: Denis Clifford

CARRIED

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 Limestone Coast Walking Group

Sarah mentioned that a group of 11 people meet outside the Millicent Physio each Tuesday morning. This group is affiliated with the National Heart Foundation.

7.2 ADASESE Programs

Sandra discussed the ADASESE Programs and encouraged people to participate.
8. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Meeting closed at 2:55pm and the next meeting is to be held on at 1pm on Tuesday 8 March 2016.