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 March 2016 at 1 pm.

1. PRESENT

Alison Varcoe (Childcare), John Shelton (DECD), Sandra Twaddell, Majors Kevin & Lesley Grant (Salvation Army), Cr Glenn Brown (WRC), Cr John Drew (WRC), Cheryl Brennan (AC Care), Melissa Snook (AC Care), Sarah Marzec (WRC).

2. APOLOGIES

Elke Unger (Centrelink), Kathy Davis (Job Prospects), Evonne Lambert (AC Care), Jade Williams (DECD), Allen Marsh (Families SA), David Hill (Dept of State Development), Peter Zietz (Housing SA), Karen Lock (SERHS), Denis Clifford (St Vincent de Paul/Salvation Army/ ADRA Care), Moira Neagle, Jean Kerslake (ADIS), Janice Nitschke (Library).

3. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

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

That the minutes be presented and confirmed.

Moved: Cheryl Brennan
Seconded: Alison Varcoe

CARRIED

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

4.1 Update on confirmation of attendees

Cr Brown highlighted that the needs will vary as the employment needs of members dictates.

4.2 Contact Life Without Barriers

Sarah to distribute Life without Barriers contact details again to the Committee and outlined the services provided at present in Millicent is nil, only provided as a referral basis.

Brochures were handed out on the ‘Smart Recovery’ and ‘We’re in this together’ programs.

4.3 White Ribbon day

Sarah reported that she had spoken to Cheryl at 5TheFM radio station. This year will be the 8th year held. A march with White Ribbon Ambassadors leading is planned down the main street with street closure with Cheryl organising with Engineering with a banner; a lunch provided with a talk outside the station.

ACTION:
Sarah to regularly communicate with Cheryl to ensure that the march occurs.
4.4 Red Cross Transport

Llewellyn Jones and Roger Whitty assisted Sarah Marzec to supply details about the number of trips, distance and frequency. This information was presented in table format and the costing outlined.

MOTION:

That this committee approach Director Development Services to investigate ways of supporting driver training for Red Cross volunteers and seek Council support.

Moved: John Drew
Seconded: Sandra Twaddle
CARRIED

4.5 Salvation Army

Kevin reported about the Red Cross Disaster Card for $500 per adult and $125 per child can be recharged; food parcels; assistance to access to food, clothing and furniture in a disaster.

Melissa reported the services that AC Care provides.

4.6 Rainbow Shelter Program

Sandra reported that it is no longer provided.

5.0 CORRESPONDENCE

The following circulars have been forwarded to members:

Circular 1 covers ‘TAFE SA Training for Term 1’
Circular 2 covers ‘ORS Funding Information Session’
Circular 3 covers ‘Multilanguage resources to help people with diabetes’
Circular 4 covers ‘School Dental Service Information’
Circular 5 covers Stand ‘Royal Society for the Blind- eye health problems’
Circular 6 covers ‘Life without barriers information’
Circular 7 covers ‘Teenagers and self-harm – essential reading for parents, teachers and all youth service workers’
Circular 8 covers ‘National Walk Safely to School Day’
Circular 9 covers ‘Whole Kids Small Seeds Community Grants program’
Circular 10 covers ‘Volunteer Awards – grants and sponsorships’
Circular 11 covers ‘Ready to Play’ program

Since the agenda was set further circulars were forwarded about the Natural Play and Sustainability for Early Childhood and free food safety short course sponsored by Wattle Range Council.

6. REPORTS

6.1 Youth

i) Youth Week update
Sarah Marzec reported that the National Youth Week grant will be used towards providing Circus Elements Workshops at Kangaroo Inn, Millicent and Penola; Youth Recognition Awards; Library youth promotion and Family Fun Day held with Scouts to be held during National Youth Week.

6.2 Support for Families

i) Food parcels

Denis Clifford was absent

Cheryl mentioned that 4 organisations provide food parcels not 3 as listed in minutes. This being the Salvation Army, ADRA Care, St Vincent’s de Paul and AC Care.

6.3. Community Issues and Inclusion

i) Volunteer Matching Initiative

The initiative is to match organisations that need volunteers and volunteers that need organisations. Organisations will have the opportunity to place their details on a poster outline located on the Council website and these details will be printed on A2 format and hung in the Gallery. A launch to be held 4th May 2016 in the gallery with an opening hosted by the Mayor.

6.4 Primary Health

i) Public Health Forum

Public Health Forum is to be held on 9th February 2016 in the Civic and Arts Centre.

7 GENERAL BUSINESS

No guest speakers arrived

7.1 ADASE

Sandra contacted Helen Williams from ADASE and outlined their program.

Sandra read out a letter from Helen that it will be closing early 2017.

ACTION:

Sandra to investigate how much funding, training and office location required for it to continue.

8 CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Meeting closed at 1:55pm and the next meeting is be held on at 1pm on Tuesday 10 May 2016.