

**Furneaux Community Health Special Committee of Council**

**UNCONFIRMED MINUTES Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2014**

**Date:** Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2014

**Venue:** MPC Community Room

**Commencing:** 3.00pm

**Present:** Gerald Willis (Chairperson - Council), Mayor Carol Cox (Council), John Loudon (FIMPC (DoN) DHHS), Lyn Wilson, Joy Robinson (community), Jana Harper (Council – Minute Taker ex-officio)

**Apologies:** David Grutzner, Jane Bushby (community)

**Confirmation of Minutes of October 2014 meeting:**

That the minutes of the previous meeting be confirmed as correct

**Moved** Lyn Wilson **Seconded** Carol Cox

**Correspondence:** Nil

**Information Circulated to Members:**

25.11.2014

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**General Business:**

Review of Committee Membership (as per Terms of Reference)

- Deputy chairperson
- Confirmation of members
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Councillor Gerald Willis thanked the hard work of the former Chairperson, Mary-Anne Roberts, and the voluntary work of the previous Committee members of the Health Committee over the last term and reiterated the important role that volunteers have, and the contributions that they make, to our community.

Discussion ensued on the importance and value of continuity of membership for the Committee in the next term and additional organisations that could be approached for membership to the Committee.

The Committee resolved:

*“All of the Committee Members of the Furneaux Community Health Special Committee of Council prior to the Local Government Elections 2014 be appointed for the forthcoming term of Council subject to them confirming their wish to stay on the Committee and that, as per Council procedures for new*

*Committee members, membership vacancies to the Committee be advertised.”*

**Moved** Carol Cox    **Seconded** Gerald Willis

**Business arising from previous minutes:**

**Tasmanian Health Organisation – North - Consumer Register**

John Loudon spoke on the role of the Tasmanian Health Organisation – North - Consumer Register. Promotion of the Consumer Register has been promoted via Council’s online community noticeboard and the noticeboard in Whitemark and flyers left at both the Doctor’s Surgery and the MPC. John spoke about additional promotion work that can be done via the MPC as a direct approach to past patients and visitors.

Carol Cox congratulated Angela Smith on the work that she has put towards the new Health Promotion board now located in Whitemark promoting the Consumer Register and other community health opportunities.

**Physiotherapy Equipment**

John Loudon is currently compiling an asset register of all of the RFDS donated equipment to the MPC and exploring whether the equipment will need to be used or dispersed in the future. John also reminded the Committee that this equipment had been funded by the Australian Government (through the RFDS and Tasmanian Ambulance Service) to be available for rehabilitation services conducted by DHHS physiotherapy services.

Further discussion by members followed on the fragmented health funding streams that deliver physiotherapy and other health services to Flinders Island.

The Committee resolved:

*“The Committee recommends that the Mayor, on behalf of the community, write to the Federal Health Minister, c.c. (carbon copy) to the State Minister of Health, advising of the numerous physiotherapy health funding streams delivering these health services to the municipality resulting in fragmented physiotherapy services and a lack of continuity of these services. The result is potentially an excessive wastage of funds on flights as opposed to these funds being provided to services that are delivered to the community. This may also be the case with other health services.”*

**Moved** Gerald Willis    **Seconded** Lyn Wilson

**RFDS – Interstate Visitors**

Discussion by members on opportunities to alert interstate visitors, and residents enrolled to vote in another State other than Tasmania, on their ability to access the air ambulance (RFDS) service if needed. Unless residents are enrolled to vote in Tasmania, or hold health insurance that

covers this service, charges for accessing the air ambulance will apply. This is also the case for visitors if they do not hold travel insurance.

This alert will be added to the Council New Resident’s Kit which is currently being updated and the Mayor in her Island news column.

**Defibrillator – update on progress**

The Committee resolved to recall the Motion from the October Meeting and that the current Chairperson contact the Lions Club to ask about the status of this project. Discussions continue on acquiring additional defibrillators for Flinders Island.

**Moved** Gerald Willis    **Seconded** Lyn Wilson

**General Business:**

**“Networking End of Life Care Across Tasmania”**

Tasmanian Association of Hospice & Palliative Care (TAHPC)

Gerald Willis briefed members on a meeting he attended with Christabel Alliston from the TAHPC. Christabel highlighted activities that could be useful to the Flinders community around grief and loss, life journeys and end of life education including information on advance care directives. There is also scope for particular projects that community members see as addressing some of the gaps in end of life journeys through seed funding grants.

Currently, Christabel is working with Wendy Nash to explore a possible art project on Flinders Island in cooperation with FIAAI to remember Gina Green.

**Meeting closed:** 4.35pm

**Next meeting:** Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2015, 3:00pm Community Room Flinders Island Multi-Purpose Centre

ACTIONS ARISING FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS		
<b>December 2014</b>	Chairperson to contact the Lions Club regarding the status of the Lions Club applying for funding to purchase additional defibrillators on flinders Island.	Chairperson
	<i>“The Committee recommends that the Mayor, on behalf of the community, write to the Federal Health Minister, c.c. (carbon copy) to the State Minister of Health, advising of the numerous physiotherapy health funding streams delivering these health services to the municipality resulting in fragmented physiotherapy services and a lack of continuity of these services that results in excessive wastage of funds on flights as opposed to these funds being provided to services that are</i>	The Mayor

	<i>delivered to the community. Potentially this is the case with other health services also."</i>	
<b>August 2014</b>	Promote the Consumer Register to the community and this will be done via word of mouth, the Council website's community noticeboard, the Island News and a direct approach to patients and visitors to the MPC.	All Committee members, Council Community Development Coordinator, FIMPC Nurse Unit Manager
<b>October 2014</b>	Information regarding RFDS for visitors and residents with regards to potential costs for accessing medical air service.	FIMPC Nurse Unit Manager: Mayor Island News Council Community Development Coordinator: Council new residents and visitor information
<b>NOTICE OF MOTIONS ARISING TO ACTION</b>		
December 2014 Committee meeting	<i>"All of the Committee Members of the Furneaux Community Health Special Committee of Council prior to the Local Government Elections 2014 be appointed for the forth coming term of Council subject to them confirming their wish to stay on the Committee and that, as per Council procedures for new Committee members, will be advertised."</i>	Chairperson
August 2014 Committee meeting Motion yet to be actioned.	<i>"The Furneaux Community Health Special Committee of Council request that Council also note that sloping footpaths (particularly the areas in front of the Flinders Arts &amp; Entertainment Centre and the corner of Mainwaring and Martin Streets in Whitemark) need attention as a priority in concert with the implementation of the Whitemark Footpath and access ramp audit."</i>	Chairperson
October 2014	<i>"The Health Committee would like to congratulate the local Lions Club on their initiative to acquire additional defibrillators for Flinders Island. The Committee is willing to assist with funding applications if necessary."</i>	Chairperson to write to the local Lions Club - Motion recalled
<b>NOTICE OF MOTIONS IN PROGRESS</b>		
May 2014	<i>"The Furneaux Community Health Special Committee wishes to alert Council to the shortage of rental accommodation for the aged on Flinders Island and requests that Council investigate this further."</i> <b>Moved:</b> Deputy Mayor D Williams <b>Seconded:</b> Cr R Wise	Staff to investigate.
Feb 2014	That Council provides support and participates in the Furneaux Islands Service Providers (FISP) Network, and provides an allocation of \$400 for catering purposes out of the Community Development budget 2013/2014. <b>Moved:</b> Cr M Roberts <b>Seconded:</b> Deputy Mayor D Williams	Until further clarity around health service provision and new health models post the new Government's budget, the FISP group meetings are postponed.