

Furneaux Community Health Special Committee of Council

CONFIRMED MINUTES OCTOBER 2014

September 2014 meeting cancelled due to lack of a quorum

Date: Wednesday 1 October 2014

Venue: MPC Community Room

Commencing: 3.00pm

Present: Mary-Anne Roberts, Mayor Carol Cox (Council), Maree Crawford (FIAAI), John Loudon (FIMPC (DoN) DHHS) (Present for the first half of the meeting), Angela Smith (FIMPC (NuM) DHHS), David Grutzner, Lyn Wilson, (community), Jana Harper (Council – ex-officio)

Apologies: Wendy Reid, Jane Bushby, Maureen Riddle, Joy Robinson (community)

Confirmation of Minutes of August 2014 meeting:

That the minutes of the previous meeting be confirmed as correct
Moved Carol Cox Seconded David Grutzner

Declaration of pecuniary interest: None declared

Correspondence: Nil

Information Circulated to Members:

08.08.2014

- 26th July 2014: Speech - Minister for Health Michael Ferguson's Rebuilding Tasmania's Health System
- Tasmania's Health Organisation: fact sheet

13.08.2014:

Email notification Consumer Register (Tasmania Health Organisation – North) information posted to the Council website online community noticeboard as requested by the Committee to promote the register.

21.08.2014: The Hobart Clinic Association's latest Newsletter

Business arising from previous minutes:

RFDS – Community contribution

John Loudon briefed the Committee that the RFDS Constitution states that funds raised within Tasmania, stays in Tasmania. The CEO seeks to return funds raised locally back to the local community. The majority of funds raised from Flinders Island over the past years have contributed to the RFDS Transfer Hanger situated at the Flinders Island Airport, Whitemark. The RFDS is happy to receive funding ideas from the community.

Early Access to Defibrillator Program (This agenda item was brought forward from General Business)

Jana Harper provided a short brief on the Department of Health & Human Services *Early Access to Defibrillation Program*.

Discussion on how many and where the defibrillators are located on Flinders Island and how many more may be needed. Currently there are (3) defibrillators located in the Flinders Island Multi-Purpose Centre, the Ambulance and the Flinders Island Aboriginal Association.

The local Lions Club is investigating funding opportunities to purchase (5) more defibrillators to be located at both pubs, both police cars and one to be located up the north of the Island in Killiecrankie.

The Committee resolved to write to the Lions Club:

“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.”

Moved Angela Smith **Seconded** Lyn Wilson

John Loudon left the meeting.

Tasmanian Health Organisation – North - Consumer Register

Discussion on how to promote the Consumer Register to the broader community included:

- Community Notice Board located in Whitemark
- Show Day stall: Hospital Auxiliary – also to promote the new services available at the MPC
- Consumer Registration forms available at FIAAI, the Doctor’s surgery and Council reception

Physiotherapy Equipment

This Agenda has been deferred

Moved Carol Cox **Seconded** Angela Smith

Health Services Coordination

Nothing to report

General Business:

RFDS – Interstate Visitors

It was discussed that interstate visitors to the Furneaux Group that were not covered by private health insurance or held travel insurance that covered air transfers, if they needed to access the air ambulance (Royal Flying Doctor Service) the cost to do so could be in the range of \$3,600 - \$4,600.

It was also noted that residents of the Flinders municipality who were not enrolled to vote in Tasmania and did not hold private health insurance, if they required an air transfer for medical reasons would be charged a cost to access this air service.

The Committee discussed the importance of this information being passed on to:

- Inter-state part-time residents of the Flinders municipality;
- New residents; and
- Visitors to the Furneaux Group.

Meeting closed: 4.33pm

Next meeting: Wednesday 5th November, 3:00pm Community Room Flinders Island Multi-Purpose Centre

ACTIONS ARISING FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS		
August 2014	Promote the Consumer Register to the community and this will be done via word of mouth, the Council website's community noticeboard and the Island News.	All Committee members, Council Community Development Coordinator, FIMPC Nurse Unit Manager
October 2014	Information regarding RFDS for visitors and residents with regards to potential costs for accessing medical air service.	FIMPC Nurse Unit Manager: Island News Council Community Development Coordinator: Council new residents and visitor information
NOTICE OF MOTIONS ARISING TO ACTION		
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 & 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
NOTICE OF MOTIONS IN PROGRESS		
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> Moved: Deputy Mayor D Williams Seconded: 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	Until further clarity around health service provision and new health models

	catering purposes out of the Community Development budget 2013/2014. Moved: Cr M Roberts Seconded: Deputy Mayor D Williams	post the new Government's budget, the FISP group meetings are postponed.
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