

**FURNEAUX HEALTH COMMUNITY SPECIAL COMMITTEE
UNCONFIRMED MINUTES
OF A MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 4 FEBRUARY 2015
COMMENCING AT 3:00 PM
AT THE FLINDERS ISLAND MULTI-PURPOSE CENTRE**

IN ATTENDANCE:

Gerry Willis (Chairman), Carol Cox (Mayor), John Loudon (MPC), Jane Bushby (Community), David Grutzner (Community), Joy Robinson (Community) and Mary Bushby (FIAAI).

APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received and accepted from Alison Johnson, Maureen Riddle and Lyn Wilson.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD 3 DECEMBER 2015:

The meeting resolved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on 3 December 2014.

MATTERS ARISING:

Membership of Furneaux Health Community Special Committee.

Following the earlier appointment by Flinders Council of Carol Cox and Gerry Willis to the special committee, Flinders Council subsequently appointed Jane Bushby, Maureen Riddle, Joy Robinson, Lyn Wilson, Jan Schbrowski, Jane Ferbrache, Mary Bushby, John Loudon and David Grutzner to the special committee.

The chairman advised that an advertisement had been placed in Island News inviting members of the community to register their interest in being appointed to the special committee. There has been no response.

The chairman will canvas individuals who might be interested in joining the special committee.

Moved Carol Cox, seconded David Grutzner.

That the Furneaux Health Community Special Committee resolves to allow organisations who have representatives on the special committee to nominate other representatives to attend meetings for the duration of this special committee, but that they shall have no voting rights.

Review of Terms of Reference:

The chairman will prepare a revised Terms of Reference, with changes identified, and including reference to appointing a deputy chairman and clarifying the objectives and volunteer status of members and recognising that there will be times when representatives of organisations might need to seek guidance from those organisations prior to making decisions.

Fragmented health funding:

The meeting confirmed the recommendation of John Loudon that the special committee not send a letter to the federal Health Minister regarding fragmented funding streams. Although the previous

meeting resolved to send such a letter, it was considered that circumstances have changed sufficiently for the matter to have been resolved and that no letter be sent.

John Loudon advised the meeting that recently Medicare Local has been made available for external advisors across all external services. An application has been lodged and it is now a case of "wait and see".

Asset register:

John Loudon advised that he is collaborating with David Heap to prepare a register of assets used in fitness healthcare.

Acquisition of defibrillator(s):

The meeting resolved that an investigation into acquiring defibrillators be adjourned until and unless the Lions Club provides further information.

Royal Flying Doctor Service charges for services:

The meeting noted that advice to interstate visitors and residents enrolled outside Tasmania that charges will apply for air ambulance services has been included in the Mayor's column in Island News and has also been included in the new residents' kit. No further action is required.

Tasmanian Association of Hospice & Palliative Care (TAHPC):

The meeting received a report from Jana Harper dated February 2015 which provided an update on representations made by Tasmanian Association for Hospice and Palliative Care Inc. (TAHPC). No further action is required.

Promotion of Community Register:

The preparation and promotion of a community register has been completed. No further action is necessary.

Repairs to footpaths in Whitemark:

Carol Cox is to obtain a report from the council on the status of inspection and subsequent repairs of footpaths in Whitemark and report to the next meeting.

Shortage of rental accommodation:

The meeting discussed the need for rental accommodation on Flinders Island. It appears that there is a shortage of information on the availability of rental accommodation and some information is conflicting. To try to obtain better information members are asked to provide the committee with instances of shortages of accommodation.

Clarity re health models for Furneaux Islands Service providers:

John Loudon advised this matter has been completed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The chairman advised that he had sent letters to all members of the previous special committee, including Wendy Reid, Maree Crawford and Mary-Anne Roberts who are no longer on the special committee, to thank them for their contribution and to members appointed for this term thanking them for their willingness to stand.

MEETING DATES:

The meeting discussed preparing meeting schedule for the coming year, but resolved to set meetings one at a time.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Car parking at Launceston airport.

The meeting heard of many instances of serious inconvenience when residents are trying to arrive at or depart from the Sharp Airlines terminal at Launceston airport. Members were requested to give details of instances to Carol Cox who has been making representations on behalf of Flinders Council to airport management.

General practitioner co-payment.

After discussion regarding issues likely to arise if a \$20 co-payment for consultations by General Practitioners is introduced by the federal government, Carol Cox, as mayor, volunteered to write to councillors seeking their support for representations to be made on behalf of the community.

Costs for homecare visits.

Joy Robinson led discussion on changes to Home Care fees which will have a serious effect on many aged residents.

John Loudon has arranged for an expert to visit Flinders Island to explain aged care options.

Delayed payments for Patient Travel Assistance Scheme.

Following a discussion on slow re-imburement under the Patient Travel Assistance Scheme, administered by the Launceston General Hospital, Gerry Willis is to contact the administration office to seek explanations.

Australian Hearing Bus visit and proposed Health Expo on Flinders Island.

The meeting received a report from Jana Harper dated February 2015 which discussed the possibility of a visit to Flinders Island by the Australian Hearing Bus and also the possibility of a Health Expo to be held in June 2015.

The meeting concluded that the community would gain good benefits from a visit by the hearing bus.

However, there was little support for a Health Expo. The meeting has a greater preference for one off health events which address single issues, such as for example diabetes, fitness etc., rather than an all embracing event.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting is to be held at 3:00 pm Thursday 9 April in the Rose Garden Room.

CLOSURE:

The meeting closed at 5:15 pm.

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