

**FURNEAUX HEALTH COMMUNITY SPECIAL COMMITTEE  
DRAFT MINUTES**

**DATE:** Wednesday 30 November 2016  
**VENUE:** Strzelecki Room, Multipurpose Centre  
**COMMENCING:** 3:15 pm

**PRESENT**

Joy Robinson (Community)  
Mayor Carol Cox (Council)  
Lyn Wilson (Community)  
John Loudon (Director of Nursing Flinders Island Multi-Purpose Centre)  
Jane Bushby (Community)  
Alison Johnson (Community)  
Maureen Riddle (Community)  
David Grutzner (Community)  
Councillor Gerald Willis (Chair)  
Dolly Wheatley (Community Development Officer) (Minute Taker)

**APOLOGIES**

Mary Bushby (Flinders Island Aboriginal Association Inc)

**LATE AGENDA ITEMS**

Protocol of patient Transfer via the Tas Air Ambulance service  
Position of the Permanent GP

**CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

The meeting confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 8 June 2016 as a true and correct record of proceedings.

Moved: Jane Bushby

Seconded: Alison Johnson

**CARRIED Unanimously**

Gerald informed the committee that this meeting had been delayed due to the PHT funding application that was being delivered by council and mpc staff. It was agreed that the chairman would review the Terms of Reference with a view to reducing the required number of meetings per year.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

Palliative care: John Loudon gave a brief overview of the palliative care workshops highlighting advanced care planning with Sharon King. Joy raised concerns about funding for palliative care being cut. John indicated that hospice in the home may not be funded but reassured that the palliative care unit is still accessible for the community.

Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) physiotherapy equipment

John Loudon reported to the group that the RFDS physiotherapy equipment will be housed at the Lions Lodge as part of a community gym set up by local Physiotherapist David heap. MPC equipment will stay at MPC and RFDS physiotherapy equipment will be utilised at the lodge. RFDS is supportive of the equipment being moved. Alison Johnson updated members that the gym will open on the 4<sup>th</sup> January 2016. Committee were pleased with the result.

Information booklet for the community

Thank you to John and Mary and the committee for their input. Information from the committee has been reported back to DHHS. John gave an overview of the response, booklet will be produced but no accommodation and chemists are to be included. John suggested to perhaps developing our own local resource.

It was moved that that the health committee write to Gretchen Long expressing our disappointment to remove accommodation sites and other helpful health detail and information such as accommodation, chemist, travel providers etc. from the handbook for patients.

Moved: Mayor Carol Cox Seconded: David Grutzner

**CARRIED Unanimously**

Action required: Councillor Gerald Willis to write a letter

Integrated Living

John Loudon noted that the integrated living has not worked well. Changes to care packages are no longer managing a care package but to outsource individuals to provide an integrated living service.

It was moved that John Loudon request information on how an individual can apply for a home care package.

Moved: David Grutzner Seconded: Maureen Riddle

**CARRIED Unanimously**

Women's toilets at Flinders Airport

Carol to report to the aviation committee and inspect the condition of the toilets.

**CORRESPONDENCE IN**

Rural Primary Health – Regional consultation; APPENDIX I

Susan Webb, Business Manager, Rural Alive and Well. APPENDIX II

Handbook for patients, their family or carers travelling to LGH. APPENDIX III

**AGENDA ITEMS**

**Item 1 Rural Primary Health – Regional Consultation**

That the committee recognise the work done by John Loudon and staff, Mayor Carol Cox, Dolly Wheatley and Sophie Pitchford for the Primary Health Tasmania tender for the provision of funds for the Community Health Nurse and Youth Health Programs. Dolly and John gave an overview of the process and that the funding that has been successful however the amount of funding is still to be confirmed. David Grutzner thanked everyone involved. Carol recognises that the help of the RFDS and John Kirwan supports with the process was integral to a successful outcome.

**Item 2 Permanent Doctor**

The chair raised some issues surrounding the appointment of a permanent GP. John gave an overview and insight into the MPC roles and responsibilities as part of this service. Ochre is the employer and the responsible agency for recruitment for this process.

Lyn Wilson asked if the issue with the response time of 10min for the doctor to get to MPC is problematic in securing a permanent GP. John Loudon informed the group that Ochre determines the 10 minute response and that it will be addressed and some change may occur. Ochre is moving towards a two doctor model to alleviate the issue with the short response time.

Mayor Carol Cox wrote to Ochre about the community being unsettled about not yet having a permanent GP and the continuing round of locums being utilised. John Loudon has also passed on to Ochre that the community is disgruntled with this issue. A Community BBQ is being held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December to provide the community and opportunity to express concerns.

Carol left at 4.13pm

### **Item 3 Protocols for Passenger transfer**

Lyn Wilson requested information on what the protocols are for transfers from public or private hospitals for patients returning to the MPC or to their own home via Tas Air Ambulance. Lyn raised concern that if the service is available that the information should be available to the community if it is in the realms of the RFDS funding.

It was resolved that Gerald Willis investigate the protocols for Air Ambulance transfers from private or public hospitals to the MPC or to the patients home.

Moved: Lyn Wilson Seconded: Joy Robinson

**CARRIED Unanimously**

Meeting closed 4.23pm

### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

To be advised