



CITY OF ALBANY
SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
 CR.MEE.2 (AM1145577)

MINUTES

for the meeting to be held at 10.00am on Thursday, 21st April 2011
 in the Civic Rooms

DECLARATION OF OPENING AT 10.00am

1. ATTENDANCES:

Cr Chris Holden	COA Councillor
Celia Barnesby	Senior Citizen Centre (Meals on Wheels)
David Mattinson	Association of Independent Retirees
Esme' Justins	Albany Breaksea Ladies Probus Club
Kim Buttfield	WA Country Health Service (Injury Prevention)
Michael Calton	National Seniors Australia
Middy Dumper	Seniors Community Representative
Linda Hill	Community Services Leader City of Albany
Rachel Oswald	COA Community Development Officer - Seniors

2. APOLOGIES:

Cr Don Dufty	COA Councillor
Colleen Tombleson	Lions Community Care Centre
Ruth Watson	Seniors Community Representative
Patsy Ranger	Over 50's Recreation Association

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Recommendation:

THAT the minutes of the previous meeting held on the 17th March 2011 are CONFIRMED to be a true and accurate record of proceedings with the following correction, the recommendation listed under 5.1.4 Lifestyle Housing Guidelines requests COUNCIL support not the Committees support.

Moved: Michael Calton

Seconded: Esme' Justins

Carried: _____ 7/0 _____

4. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:

NIL

5. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

5.1 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

5.1.1 North Road Pedestrian Safety

Kevin Ketterer, Executive Director Works and Services and Andrew Duffield, Regional Manager Main Roads outlined their recommendations to improve pedestrian safety on North Road (attachment 2). The committee provided feedback on a suitable location for the pedestrian crossing point between Lions Road and Barnesby Drive.

5.1.2 Seniors Circuit (playground for seniors)

The committee agreed that the Centennial Precinct (near cricket grounds) would be the most suitable location due to the high senior's population in the area. It was also agreed that the exercise equipment be strategically places along footpath network to encourage existing walking groups and general public to use the equipment as part of their exercise routine. The Committee would like further consultation about the type of equipment before it is chosen.

Action: Rachel Oswald to investigate further the feasibility of the Seniors Circuit being located in the Centennial Precinct.

5.1.3 City of Albany's Policy on Alfresco Dining

Visits to the Venice took place at 10:30-11:00am, 12:40pm, 1:30-2:00pm and 3pm and to Sails 11:00am 1:00pm and 1:50pm. These visit took place on different days, each time both restaurants complied.

5.1.4 Know Your Neighbour Day

16 nominations were received, prizes were given to first, second and third place. Minister for Seniors and Volunteering, Hon. Robyn McSweeney and Mayor Evans presented a certificate and prize to the winner on Neighbour Day. Everyone who was nominated received a certificate. Good news stories will be published on the seniors page in the Weekender.

5.1.5 Lifestyle Housing Guidelines

Kim Buttfeld drafted the Housing for Life terms of reference which has been approved by Rachel Oswald, Community Development and Tom Wenbourne, Senior Planner (please see attachment 8). The terms of reference state that there will only be three representatives from SAC plus one Councillor. Currently there are five volunteers from the Committee to sit on the working Party.

Action: Rachel Oswald to send out an email to the five members who have currently volunteered outlining the time commitment needed.

5.2 SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ACTION SHEET (ATTACHMENT 1)**5.2.1 Smoke Alarm Project**

There has been feedback that HACC eligible clients have disputed the fact that they are required to pay to have their smoke alarms checked while non HACC eligible clients (those that can afford it) are receiving free services through the project. In light of this feedback the Committee were asked if the criteria needs to be reviewed. The Committee decided the criteria should stay the same based on the fact that HACC eligible clients pay a nominal fee that is included in a package of additional services.

5.2.2 ACROD Bays

Rachel Oswald to confirm if the 10 new ACROD Bays have been installed

- Four at Middleton Beach
- One at Peels Place Car Park at round about
- One at Stirling Terrace just before the car park at the roundabout
- One on York Street near the roundabout at Peels Place
- One on Serpentine Road near York Steert intersection (east side)
- One at the front of the Senior Citizen Building in bus bay

Four additional bays have been approved:

- Two at the Library
- One near York Street Post Office (angled parking Grey Street West)
- One on Peels Place near lane way entry to car park.

Action: Rachel Oswald to investigate the status on the ACROD Bay on Duke Street near the church. Also to investigate if the new ACROD bays will have signs that outline penalties.

5.2.3 Seniors Expo

Will be advertising for additional committee members and have asked that Committee members distribute through their networks. Please see draft Terms of Reference attachment 9.

Action: Rachel Oswald to advertise and distribute terms of reference when draft has been approved.

5.3 CORRESPONDENCE IN:

- Email from Kevin Ketterer, Executive Director of Works and Services, City of Albany – 06/04/2011 (attachment 2)
- Email Planning Needs Analysis Home and Community Care (HACC) Great Southern – 04/04/2011 (attachment 3)
- Letter from Minister Seniors and Volunteering Robyn McSweeney MLC - 04/04/2011 (attachment 4)
- Letter from Peter Watson MLA – 04/04/2011 (attachment 5)

5.4 CORRESPONDENCE OUT:

NIL

6. NEW AGENDA ITEMS

6.1 Home and Community Care (HACC) Services Feedback

Due to time constraints it was requested that Committee members send their feedback via email or phone call to Rachel by COB Friday the 22 May. Please see attachment 3 for more information.

6.2 Peace Park

There have been complaints about the footpath along the sea wall edge being dangerous as it is uneven and there are lots of loose stones. Complaints have been made to the City in the past and the response has been that this area is not a designated footpath.

Action: Rachel Oswald to investigate further and feedback to the Committee.

6.3 Gopher Workshops

Kim Butfield wanted to gauge if there was interest in the community for future gopher workshops. The Committee agreed that they had not seen a need in the Albany community.

6.4 Seniors Week Event

The Seniors Expo is scheduled for March 2012 which means there is currently no event planned for Seniors Week 2011. If the Committee have any ideas to help celebrate Seniors Week we can discuss at the May meeting.

7.5 Advocacy and Media Workshop

Please see attachment 6 and 7.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 19th May 2011 at 10.00am – Civics Room

8. CLOSURE OF MEETING

11:20am