

MINUTES OF THE HOMELESSNESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Date: Thursday, 1 February 2024
Location: Jervis Bay Rooms, City Administrative Centre, Bridge Road, Nowra
Time: 2.22pm

The following members were present:

Clr John Kotlash (Remotely)
Clr Tonia Gray (Remotely)
Ms Jenifa Fowler (Remotely)
Mr Keith Davis (Remotely)
Mr Peter Dover - Salt Ministries
Mr Shane Meijer – Southern Cross Housing (Remotely)
Ms Natascha Cowan – Waminda (Remotely)
Mr Michael Paine – Acting Director City Lifestyles

Others Present:

Ms Ruby Hansen-Tarrant – Age Matters (Remotely)
Ms Roslyn Poole - Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District (Remotely)
Ms Coralee Rough – ROCC
Mr Blake Richards – My Best Life
Mr Mark Townsend – The Salvation Army (Remotely)
Mr Steven Brandon – South Coast AMS Nowra (Remotely)
Ms Helen Lewis - Homelessness DCJ (Remotely)
Ms Nicky Sloan – CI Group (Joined Remotely at 2.38pm)
Ms Natalie Allan (Remotely)
Mr Carlo Di Giulio (Remotely)
Ms Marsha Makary - Community Capacity Builder – Homelessness
Ms Carly McWalters - Lead - Community Capacity Building

Michael Paine – Acting Director City Lifestyles assumed the Chair, noting that Mayor Findley is an apology, and asked the members present if there were any nominations for the role of interim Chairperson.

Peter Dover was nominated for the position of Chairperson. There being no further nominations, Mr Dover was declared as interim Chairperson.

Apologies / Leave of Absence

Apologies were received from Clr Findley, Tamaryn Townsend, Dan Harmelin, Olivia Todhunter, Amy Haines, Julie Bugden and Maria Lopez.

Confirmation of the Minutes

RESOLVED (By consent)

That the Minutes of the Homelessness Advisory Committee held on Thursday 30 November 2023

be confirmed with the following amendment:

Ms Roslyn Poole be noted as attending at the meeting 30 November 2023.

CARRIED

Declaration of Interests

Nil

PRESENTATIONS

HT24.1 Homelessness NSW - Ongoing Item - State-Wide Update

**HPERM Ref:
D24/27010**

Note: Homelessness NSW is an apology, therefore this presentation will be deferred to the next meeting.

REPORTS

HT24.2 Homelessness Advisory Committee - Reduce Quorum

**HPERM Ref:
D23/520027**

Recommendation

That the Homelessness Advisory Committee accept and amend the Terms of Reference to reduce quorum to six (6), and the community member requirement to *'one community member'*.

RECOMMENDATION (By consent)

That the Homelessness Advisory Committee request Council to accept and amend the Terms of Reference to reduce quorum to six (6), and the community member requirement to *'one community member'*.

CARRIED

HT23.21 Action Table Report 30 November 2023

**HPERM Ref:
D23/448888**

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the Homelessness Advisory Committee:

1. Accept and receive the Action Table Report for information.
2. Consider the following action as complete and remove from the Action Table:
 - a. CL23.146 Membership - Homelessness Taskforce Shoalhaven - Appointment - Thrive Together Fair 2023.
 - b. HT23.16 - Homelessness Advisory Committee Terms of Reference Implementation - Voting Aboriginal Organisation - Seek Consensus

RESOLVED (By consent)

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CARRIED

HT23.22 Mobile Medic

**HPERM Ref:
D23/477360**

Mr Peter Dover noted that, following this meeting, he will reach out to consult with the appointed members of the focus group and Council staff.

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the Homelessness Advisory Committee form a focus group to research the establishment of a Mobile Medic Program in the Shoalhaven.

RESOLVED (By consent)

That the Homelessness Advisory Committee:

1. Form a focus group to research the establishment of a Mobile Medic Program in the Shoalhaven, consisting of,
 - a. Peter Dover - Salt
 - b. Coralee Rough - ROCC
 - c. Cathy Campbell – Southern Cross Housing
 - d. Blake Richards – My Best Life
 - e. Roslyn Poole - Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District
2. Reach out to the University of Wollongong (UOW) Psychological & Social Work departments to seek volunteer interest.

CARRIED

GENERAL BUSINESS

HT24.3 New State Government Agency - Homes NSW - Further Information

The Committee noted that a new State Government agency called Homes NSW had launched today, 1 February 2024. Further information regarding this agency can be accessed via this link: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/departments-and-agencies/homes-nsw>

Ms Helen Lewis advised that she would reach out to colleagues in her department to organise a presentation to the Committee for further information about the functions of this agency.

HT24.4 Service NSW - Presentation to Committee - Savings Finder Program

Mr Blake Richards advised that he had been in correspondence with Service NSW regarding their Savings Finder Program, and that they expressed interest in presenting to the Committee.

The Committee agreed to invite Service NSW to present at a future meeting of the Committee.

The Committee congratulated Ms Nicky Sloane on her nomination and high commendation for the Citizen Award category in the recent 2024 Shoalhaven Australia Day Awards Ceremony.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded, the time being 2:53pm.

Peter Dover
CHAIRPERSON