MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF GAWLER,
CORPORATE & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD 14 NOVEMBER 2017, CONFERENCE ROOM, TOWN OF GAWLER
ADMINISTRATION CENTRE, 43 HIGH STREET, GAWLER EAST,
COMMENCING AT 7:01PM

1. Statement of Acknowledgement

The Chairperson read the statement of acknowledgement: We would like to acknowledge this land that we meet on today is the traditional lands for the Kaurna people and that we respect their spiritual relationship with their country. We also acknowledge the Kaurna people as the custodians of the greater Adelaide region and that their cultural and heritage beliefs are still as important to the living Kaurna people today.

2. Attendance Record

2.1 Present
Chairperson Cr Robin Symes
Deputy Chairperson Cr David Hughes
Members Mayor Karen Redman
Deputy Mayor Ian Tooley
Cr Paul Koch

Staff in Attendance
Henry Inat Chief Executive Officer
Erin Findlay Manager Library & Community Services
Sanna Brannan Home Assist Program Coordinator
Ebony Steadman Youth Development Officer
Linda Weiss Community Development Officer
Connie Hall Minute Taker

2.2 Apologies
Cr Adrian Shackley
Cr Merilyn Nicolson

2.3 Motions to Grant Leave of Absence
Nil

2.4 Leave of Absence
Nil

2.5 Non-attendance
Nil
3. Deputations / Public Open Forum  
   Nil
4. Petitions  
   Nil
5. Confirmation of Minutes
   
   Moved by Deputy Mayor I Tooley  
   Seconded Cr David Hughes  
   Motion No: CCS:2017:11:55

   That the Minutes of the Corporate & Community Services Committee Meeting held on 12 September 2017 as presented to this Committee, be taken as read and are hereby confirmed as a true and correct record.

   CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Business Arising from Minutes  
   Nil
7. Officer Reports
   
   Moved by Mayor K Redman  
   Seconded Cr D Hughes  
   Motion No: CCS:2017:11:56

   That Item 7.3 Youth Development Program Update be dealt with before Item 7.1 Reconciliation Action Plan Update.

   CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 7.3 – Youth Development Program Update (CC17/56)

Jade Kirby (Gawler Youth Advisory Committee Chairperson) gave a brief presentation to the Committee on this matter.

Moved by Mayor K Redman  
Seconded Cr D Hughes  
Motion No: CCS:2017:11:57

That the Corporate and Community Services Committee notes the Youth Development Program Update.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cr Symes and Mayor Redman thanked Jade for her presentation.

Item 7.1 – Reconciliation Action Plan Update (CC14/341)

Moved by Cr D Hughes  
Seconded Mayor K Redman  
Motion No: CCS:2017:11:58

That the Reconciliation Action Plan Update report be noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
Item 7.2 – 2017/18 Community Grants (CC17/604)

Moved by Mayor K Redman  
Seconded Cr P Koch  
Motion No: CCS:2017:11:59

That the Corporate and Community Services Committee recommends to Council that:
1. The following successful 2017/18 Community Grant applicants, totalling $9,197 be adopted.
2. The remaining funding of $5,803 be made available for community initiatives that may occur during the 2017/18 financial year.

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<td>Rotary Club of Gawler Light</td>
<td>Riverbank Christmas display</td>
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<td>Salt Care</td>
<td>Trailer upgrade</td>
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<td>Rotary Club of Gawler</td>
<td>Stands for Village Fair Youth Art Exhibition</td>
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<td>Central Districts Basketball Club</td>
<td>Coaching kits</td>
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<td>1st Gawler Scouts</td>
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<td>Gawler Districts Poultry Fanciers Association</td>
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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 7.4 – Youth Development Plan Update (CC17/947)

Moved by Cr D Hughes  
Seconded Deputy Mayor I Tooley  
Motion No: CCS:2017:11:60

That the Corporate and Community Services Committee requests that the draft Youth Development Plan be presented to a future meeting of this Committee prior to being released for public consultation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
Item 7.5 – Child Friendly Update (CC17/924)

Moved by Mayor K Redman
Seconded Deputy Mayor I Tooley
Motion No: CCS:2017:11:61

That the Corporate and Community Services Committee:
1. Supports the Town of Gawler’s Child Friendly commitment as outlined within the report to commence in 2018.
2. Thanks the Child and Youth Friendly Greater Gawler Action Group for their significant contributions.
3. Notes that an update report detailing the progress of Child Friendly within the organisation will be presented to a future meeting of this Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8:00pm Ebony Steadman left the Conference Room

Item 7.6 – Disability Inclusion Bill Submission (CC15/410)

Moved by Mayor K Redman
Seconded Cr D Hughes
Motion No: CCS:2017:11:62

That the Corporate and Community Services Committee notes the ‘Town of Gawler Submission – draft Disability Inclusion Bill.’

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 7.7 – Disability Access and Inclusion Plan (CC15/410)

Moved by Mayor K Redman
Seconded Cr D Hughes
Motion No: CCS:2017:11:63

That the Corporate and Community Services Committee:
1. Approves that the draft Disability Access and Inclusion Plan be released for public consultation.
2. Notes the final draft of the Disability Access and Inclusion Plan be presented to a future Corporate and Community Services Committee meeting for consideration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
Item 7.8 – Disability Update (CC16/254)

Moved by Deputy Mayor I Tooley
Seconded Mayor K Redman
Motion No: CCS:2017:11:64

That the Corporate and Community Services Committee notes that:
1. A further Disability Update report will be presented to a future Corporate and Community Services Committee meeting.
2. Staff will investigate Information, Linkages and Capacity Building (ILC) funding opportunities, and submit an appropriate grant application to this scheme.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 7.9 – Community Engagement Update (CC17/329)

Moved by Mayor K Redman
Seconded Cr P Koch
Motion No: CCS:2017:11:65

That the Community Engagement Update report be noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 7.10 – 2018 Gawler Fringe and Summer Initiatives Update (CC17/898)

Moved by Mayor K Redman
Seconded by Deputy Mayor I Tooley
Motion No: CCS:2017:11:66

That the 2018 Gawler Fringe and Summer Initiatives Update report be noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. Council Members Reports            Nil

9. Items Listed for Discussion

9.1 Letter received from the Mayor of Frankston City Council was tabled at the meeting.

10. Items for Discussion at Future Meetings  Nil

11 Questions on Notice                Nil

12. Questions without Notice          Nil
13. Motions on Notice

Nil

14. Motions Without Notice

Moved by Mayor K Redman
Seconded Deputy Mayor I Tooley
Motion No: CCS:2017:11:67

The Corporate & Community Services Committee recommend to Council that:
1. Council notes the correspondence from the Mayor of Frankston City Council about the issue of homelessness across Australia.
2. It supports increased Federal Government funding for essential services and shelter for people experiencing homelessness in Australia.
3. Mayor Redman writes a letter of support to Frankston City Council on congratulating their worthy initiative.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

15. Correspondence

Nil

16. Confidential Reports

Nil

17. Close

Meeting closed at 8.38pm

18. Next Ordinary Meeting

Tuesday 6 February 2018 commencing at 7.00pm.
26 October 2017

Dear Mayor Redman

HOMELESSNESS IN AUSTRALIA

Frankston City Council is gravely concerned about the increasing incidence of homelessness. Subsequently at the Ordinary Meeting on Monday 4th September 2017 Council resolved to write to the Federal Government and every Council in Australia indicating the plight of homelessness and calling on the Federal Parliament to become meaningfully engaged in resolving homelessness in Australia.

In 2016 there were 105,237 people recorded as homeless in Australia, alarmingly of these 17,845 were children under 10\(^2\). 12\% of all Australians and 17\% of Australian children live in poverty\(^3\). 22,773 Victorians are homeless\(^4\), with 7,600 Victorians sleeping out in 2016\(^5\). In 2014-15 in this country 255,657 people received support and almost seven million nights of accommodation were provided by specialist homelessness services\(^6\).

In 2012-2013 the Frankston front door housing crisis centre, SalvoCare Eastern reported 2,200 unique homeless clients approached their agency for homeless supports or services during the year. In Frankston only 10\% of 1-2 bedroom properties available for rental are rated as affordable by the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services Rental Report (2016). Newstart recipients are severely most disadvantaged receiving a fortnightly income of $500; this is insufficient to cover costs of rent, food and basic needs.

Clearly urgent intervention is needed to assist the desperate plight of people who are homeless for many reasons including domestic and family violence (estimated 24\%); financial difficulties (estimated 20\%); housing crisis (estimated 16\%); inappropriate or inadequate dwellings (estimated 11\%); other relationship issues (estimated 8\%); other accommodation issues (estimated 5\%); health issues (estimated 4\%); transition from custody agreements (estimated 2\%); itinerant (estimated 1\%); lack of family/community support (estimated 1\%) and other reasons (estimated 8\%)\(^7\).

On any given night in Australia 1 in 200 people are homeless\(^8\). This increasing crisis of homelessness in this country is of grave concern to citizens and communities in Frankston and throughout Australia. We call on the Federal Government through formal communication to provide the necessary monies to resolve this issue.
Homelessness in Victoria costs the State and Federal Governments $25,615 per person per year\(^x\) (in health, crime, and others costs). This represents an annual loss of $194 million\(^x\) in Victoria alone, as a result of the inadequate supply of last resort shelter or suitable housing for the 7,600 Victorians sleeping out or living on the streets.

We understand that the three tiers of Government have a role to play in reversing the homelessness trends in Australia and that traditionally the role of the Commonwealth Government has predominantly been to provide capital funding for public housing in Australia, while the State Government role has predominantly been to plan, provide and manage it. Local Government has a vital role in articulating and advocating the needs of the local community.

Council welcomes the recent Federal Government funding commitment through the National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness (NPAH) 2017-2019, and the National Housing and Homelessness Agreement (NHHA) seeking better outcomes for homelessness through improved accountabilities and working relationships with the States. However, Council is concerned this does not go far enough. The NPAH funding is far too low, and the expectation of matched State funding for homelessness will result in people at risk of, or experiencing homelessness, falling through the gaps. There is also a risk the co-contribution aspect in this funding will exacerbate the current deflection of responsibility between different levels of Government for resolving the homelessness crisis. It is vital that all levels of government work collaboratively on this critical issue.

As such, we invite all Councils in Australia to join with us in demanding that the Australian Government prioritises increased funding for the urgently needed essential services and shelter for Australian people and families who have become homeless in the 2018-2019 budget so they can be safe and well, and make meaningful contributions to community life. Every Australian adult and child deserves a place to call home.

Yours faithfully

Cr Brian Cunial
MAYOR – FRANKSTON CITY

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1 Homeless in Australia: Homelessness Australia January 2016
2 Homeless in Australia: Homelessness Australia January 2016
3 ACOS, 2012, Poverty in Australia 2012
4 Homelessness Australia: Homelessness in Victoria, June 2017
5 The University of Melbourne, The Case for Investing in Last Resort Housing, 2017
6 AIHW, 2015 Specialist Homelessness Services 2014-2015
7 Homeless in Australia; Homelessness Australia January 2016
8 Homeless in Australia; Homelessness Australia January 2016
9 The University of Melbourne, The Case for Investing in Last Resort Housing, 2017
10 Ibid.