

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
SENIORS COORDINATING COMMITTEE
 ON WEDNESDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2021 4:00PM
 ANDY MCNEILL ROOM

1. ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT:

Councillor Jamie de Brenni, ASTC (*Chair*)
 Councillor Glen Auricht
 Sue Jones, National Seniors of Central Australia
 Ian Towns, University of the 3rd Age
 Shauna Hartig, Country Women's Association (*arrived 4.12pm*)
 Marica Quitay, ARRCs
 Louise Banner, ARRCs

GUEST:

Peter Moeck, Moeck Architects, Reimagining the Alice Springs Public Library

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Jeanette Shepherd, Manager Community and Cultural Development
 Kiri Milne, Community Development Officer
 Felicity Waldock, Acting Manager Library, Alice Springs Public Library

13th Alice Springs Town Council Seniors Coordinating Committee	15 July - 20	19 Aug - 20	16 Sept - 20	21 Oct - 20	18 Nov - 20	17 Feb - 21	17 Mar - 21
Mayor Damien Ryan	A		A	✓	✓	A	A
Councillor Jamie de Brenni	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓
Councillor Glen Auricht				A	✓	✓	✓
Edna Saunders	--	--	--	✓	--	✓	--
Ian Towns	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	A	✓
Lowell Wood	✓						
Fran Kilgariff	✓	A	✓	✓	A	✓	A
Shauna Hartig	--	--	--	--	--	--	✓
Sue Jones	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Kate Lewis	✓	✓	A	A	A	✓	A
Val Hoey	--	--	--	✓	✓	--	--
Geoff Sloan	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	A
Rhiannon Fletcher / Belinda Staniforth	✓	✓	✓	--	--	✓	--
Marica Quitay						✓	✓
Louise Banner						✓	✓

✓	Attended	A	Apology received
✓ Proxy	Proxy attended in place of committee member	--	No attendance and no apology recorded
	Non-member		

The meeting commenced at 4:00pm.

APOLOGIES:

Mayor Damien Ryan
Kate Lewis, Anglicare NT
Geoff Sloan, General Member
Fran Kilgariff, Council of the Ageing (COTA)
Val Hoey, Alice Springs Senior Citizens
Edna Saunders, Probus Club of Alice Springs
Robert Jennings, Chief Executive Officer
Telly Ociones, Executive Assistant (*Minutes*)

2. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:

Nil

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Seniors Coordinating Committee meeting held 17 February 2021 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Moved: Councillor Glen Auricht
Seconded: Sue Jones

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

4.1 Seniors Lifestyle Accommodation Update

A report to Council will be presented with the feedback from the previous meeting, as well as inclusion from COTA (Fran Kilgariff) and Geoff Sloan. A time line of the project will be included in the report, with a recommendation of a formal letter as was suggested at the last meeting.

4.2 Information on the Roll Out of COVID-19 Vaccination

Councillor Auricht asked if there had been any updates from Council's Pandemic Response team regarding the COVID-19 vaccination. Manager Community and Cultural Development responded that no updates were available.

Discussion ensued with regard to how seniors in the community book the vaccination. Ian Towns replied that Mall Medical, Central Clinic and Bath Street Medical were taking bookings.

5. DEPUTATION:

5.1 Peter Moeck, Moeck Architects, Reimagining the Alice Springs Public Library

Peter Moeck was engaged by Council to provide expert advice into the development of an 'Alice Springs Public Library Extension Brief'. Peter is currently facilitating a series of community group forums to capture diverse cultural and age perspectives to engage with interest groups and key stakeholders to articulate the aspirations, needs and expectations that will inform the Project Brief.

The Committee was asked to trace their left hand and attribute the top 5 issues that a reimaged Library needed to address.

The following feedback were provided by each Committee member present:

- A place of peace for the community that is fit for purpose, socially and economically viable
- A community facility that is usable and able to provide for technology usage in 2021
- Community safe place with digital, science and research quiet area and a reading and play space for young children
- Engaging books, interactive displays and a language centre for local writers including book launches, meeting rooms
- Meeting rooms, separate movie room, expanded printing facilities, quiet room
- Expanded access to technology and diverse signage
- Clear and precise information, someone to assist if needed, plenty of space to move around
- Plenty of parking space and ease of access
- Celebrate local stories, children only section and access to free print media
- Read aloud stories and cool quiet spaces
- A comfortable place to be
- More resources and an interaction area
- Digital and printed resources, a safe and healthy place, resources for all age groups
- Encourage community use, remote and general use of modern technology
- Programs that support all, technology access and availability and meeting rooms
- Accessibility for seniors, people with disability and culturally and linguistically diverse communities
- A design that reflects the unique landscape and cultural composition of the town
- Cultural inclusion, mixed use free community meeting spaces and place-based design
- Quiet study spots and an information space including newspapers

ACTION:

Community Development Officer to consult with the rest of the Committee members who were absent at today's meeting and get their feedback.

The Chair thanked Peter Moeck for his presentation.

6. OTHER BUSINESS:

6.1 Australian Bureau of Statistics Census 2021 Inclusive Strategies NT

Australia's next national census will be held August 2021. There are positions available for varied levels of responsibilities and tasks ranging from administrative support to operational management. Roles are spread across the Northern Territory and all employees are recruited from their local area. The ABS are hoping to target seniors to fill in these positions due to maturity, patience, life experience and generally good at having a chat. The ABS would like to offer some employment to areas of the community that otherwise don't have employment opportunities and saw a lot of benefit from hiring seniors for these particular roles.

The ABS will hold a 'fill in the form' sessions for the census to target and educate particular areas of the community. They are looking for any advice or feedback from this Committee as to what may assist in holding some of these sessions. The ABS is looking at facilitating some initial sessions on the third week of April and some sessions in August.

The Community Development Officer suggested to hold a couple of sessions at the 50 Plus Centre and in the Civic Centre. The ABS will also be invited to provide a deputation to the Seniors Coordinating Committee.

6.2 Upcoming Community Projects and Events

Manager Community and Cultural Development provided an update on upcoming Council events and programs:

- The Disability Royal Commission is holding two information sessions on Friday, 26 March 2021 in the Andy McNeill room. The sessions are hosted by Relationships Australia, Disability Advocacy Service and Your Story Disability Support. The first session is for service providers and the second session is for the greater community, from 3:00pm to 4:30pm.
- Event Management Workshop on 25 March 2021 in the Andy McNeill room. It is a three-hour workshop to help event organisers plan and stage a successful event. Recommendations from the Health Department on how to hold events in a COVID-19 environment will also be discussed.
- ASALC changerooms refurbishment has been completed.
- Registrations for the 12-hour Swim Competition is now open. The event will be held on Sunday, 18 April 2021.

6.3 Update from Acting Manager Library Services, Alice Springs Public Library

Acting Manager Library Services provided an update on upcoming Council events and programs:

- 'Read, Write and Chat' program for adults to improve literacy skills run by staff and volunteers
- Spoken English is an informal verbal English help group for people who have English as a second language
- Connect to Tech one on one learning session
- Reopening the multi-purpose meeting room available for community to use
- This coming week's Mini Gigs performance features Bambadino & Ed at the Alice Springs Public Library from 3pm-5pm, Tuesday 23 March 2021

6.4 Resignation of Manager Community and Cultural Development

The Chair on behalf of Council and the Seniors Coordinating Committee thanked the Manager Community and Cultural Development for all her work for SCC and wished her well for the future.

6.5 ARRCS

ARRCS Community Care will be holding a 'Consumer-Participant Information and Feedback Session' on 31 March 2021 from 10am to 12pm, and would love to hear feedback/suggestions/concerns from everyone.

Relationships Australia is coming to talk about elder abuse.

6.6 Community Safety Grants

Council approved \$200,000 community safety grants program to improve home security and safety for our community. Council officers are currently working through the process of application, etc.

7. NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, **21 April 2021** at 4:00pm in the Alice Springs Public Library Multi-purpose meeting room

8. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING: The meeting closed at 4:39pm.