



SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

SECTION 5.9(2)(c) LGA 1995

Committee Brief

The duties of the committee are:

- a) Examine services provided to seniors in the Shire of Plantagenet.*
- b) Monitor the change in service providers and actual services to aged care.*
- c) Report back to the Council by 26 March 2019.*

A meeting of the Seniors Advisory Committee was held at the Shire of Plantagenet Committee Room, Mount Barker at 3:00pm on Wednesday 12 December 2018

John Fathers
ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Committee Members:

Cr K Clements, Cr S Etherington, Mrs L Sounness, Mrs J Leahy, Mrs B Mulvihill and Ms F Pengel - (Resolution NO. 201/18)

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Membership

Cr K Clements
Cr S Etherington
Mrs L Sounness
Mrs J Leahy
Mrs B Mulvihill
Mrs F Pengel

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

3.15pm The Presiding Member declared the meeting open

2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES

Members Present

Cr K Clements (Presiding Member)

Cr S Etherington

Mrs L Sounness (Deputy Presiding Member)

Mrs B Mulvihill

Mrs J Leahy

Mrs F Pengel (Manager Community Services)

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved Mrs B Mulvihill, seconded Mrs L Sounness

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Seniors Advisory Committee held 21 November 2018 as circulated, be taken as read and adopted as a correct record.

CARRIED

4 PROGRESS REPORT AGAINST ACTION PLAN

- 4.1 Manager Community Services had invited Advocare to attend the Seniors Advisory Committee meeting, however, was notified the morning of the meeting that they would be unable to attend.

Advocare would be invited to another meeting of the committee.

- 4.2 Mrs Sounness reported to the committee about the Plantagenet Village Homes (PVH) 'Services for Seniors' survey and tabled the results for discussion.

The final number of surveys received and sent on to the consultant for input into the PVH business plan was 118. Of those only three responses were made electronically, all other responses were provided on the paper version.

The results were discussed and several points were noted;

- There is obvious confusion amongst seniors about the assessment and approval process, and a low level of understanding of what services the seniors may be eligible for.
- A large portion of seniors are living independently without services – and do not want services.
- Family members are often providing services and that is a positive.
- A large number of seniors do still have the ability and confidence to drive, though those who are able to get around independently will not be willing or able to help those that are not in that position.

- 50% of the respondents did not know how to access information about services, or how to access those services.

The committee discussed that a media release should go out to the PL News about the results of the survey and that the committee wished to organise a series of sessions at the PVH clubhouse assisting seniors to register with the 'My Aged Care'

Mrs Sounness will inform the Manager Community Services if the PVH committee are willing to host the mornings.

Potential organisations that could help seniors with 'My Aged Care' registrations are;

- Silver Chain
- Hall and Prior
- Mount Barker Community Resource Centre (CRC)
- South Regional TAFE – Community Services students

Hellen Dunwoodie of the Regional Assessment Team to be invited to attend. Rick Wilson MP, the local member to be asked to launch the sessions.

ACTION: The Manager of Community Services to contact the above to gauge if they are keen to be involved.

- 4.3 Cr Etherington reported that the St John Ambulance, Mount Barker sub-station was undertaking further investigation into the provision of a car to transport patients to medical appointments. This was brought about as local St John members had identified a number people that were willing to volunteer to drive the car.
- 4.4 The '*Streamlined Consumer Assessment for Aged Care*' discussion paper was tabled for discussion. Submissions regarding the proposal for a new assessment process close on 11 February 2019.

ACTION: The Manager of Community Services to collate feedback from the committee members into a submission for discussion at the next committee meeting.

5 NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 9 January 2019– 3pm.

6 MEETING CLOSURE

5.40pm The Presiding Member declared the meeting closed.

CONFIRMED:

PRESIDING MEMBER _____ DATE: ____/____/____