



# **MINUTES OF THE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

commencing at 5pm on

**TUESDAY 26 MARCH 2024**

Council Chambers  
11 Manning Street, KIAMA NSW 2533

**MINUTES OF THE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE**

**HELD AT KIAMA MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**

**ON TUESDAY 26 MARCH 2024 AT 5PM**

**PRESENT:** Cr Imogen Draisma  
Michael Bowden  
Narreda Grimley  
Liam Pettigrew  
Alan Smith  
Jessica Rippon | Director Planning, Environment and Communities

**1 APOLOGIES**

Cr Neil Reilly - Mayor  
Jane Stroud - CEO

**2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS**

The Acting Mayor declared the meeting open and acknowledged the traditional owners:

*“I would like to acknowledge the traditional owners of the Land on which we meet, the Wadi Wadi people of the Dharawal nation, and pay my respect to Elders past and present.”*

**3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Nil

**4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**4.1 Sustainable Communities Advisory Committee - 27 February 2024**

The minutes were noted and accepted by the Committee.

**5 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Nil

## 6 REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNITIES

### 6.1 Growth and Housing Strategy Community Engagement

**Resolved** that the Committee note the contents of the report provided.

For: Councillor Draisma and Committee members Bowden, Grimley, Pettigrew and Smith

Against: Nil

#### Notes

- Community members believe that promote and protect is the key driver for strategy.
- Community also raised concerns around infrastructure.
- Need further clarification on what housing is and what proportion of houses to units.
- Issue around STRA is subject to a paper from state government.
- Jessica recommended hosting a combined workshop with committee members on this matter.

### 6.2 Kiama Leisure Centre Service Review

**Resolved** that the Committee:

1. Note the contents of the report provided.
2. Expresses its view that the report primarily focuses on finance and financial outcomes. The committee believe that there is a need to more explicitly express the community benefit that the centre offers to our community.

(Committee members Smith and Pettigrew)

For: Councillor Draisma and Committee members Bowden, Grimley, Pettigrew and Smith

Against: Nil

#### Notes

- Discussion was held about the broader master plan including Leisure Centre, sporting facilities and Havilah.
- Overview of community engagement process was provided including conversation with community around the options.

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- Committee members expressed that the centre is more about customer satisfaction than making money.
- Committee members expressed concern that it was primarily financial based and missed key community elements.
- Could be test case of how you communicate back to the community.
- Any further engagement needs to include the community, on the ground experiences and the social benefit provided by the centre
- Committee agreed that there was opportunity for improvement but wanted the essence and purpose of the centre to be retained in any proposed changes.

### 7 REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

The following Reports for Information be received and noted:

#### 7.1 Community Engagement Strategy

##### Notes

- Community Engagement presentation was delivered by Claire Doble, Manager Communications and Engagement, and Berbel Franse, Community Engagement Officer.
- Pop up activities have been held throughout the LGA.
- Cards were handed out and verbal conversations at various sites.
- Alan Smith offered to facilitate discussions at Kiama Café.
- What should the engagement strategy include so we can incorporate that into future engagement?
- Council is talking to community and stakeholders. Held community and staff workshops, met with precincts.
- Some of the things that have come up:
  - Loud and aggressive voices make it hard for staff or community to engage
  - Find new ways to connect with people
  - Hard to hear from large portions of the community, i.e. youth, families, cultural and linguistically diverse, those with a disability and LGBTQI+
- Committee are keen to give feedback
- What barriers to engagement can we overcome

**8 GENERAL BUSINESS**

- Nil

**9 CLOSURE**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.30pm.

These Minutes were confirmed at the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 23 April  
2024

Imogen Drasima  
Chair