

Confirmed Meeting Minutes

Date: 4 April 2023	Time: 5.30 – 7.00pm	Venue: City Hall Chambers
Meeting Objective: To provide advice and guidance on the development of strategies, and identification of challenges and opportunities, in relation to cultural planning, arts and cultural opportunities, community pride and local identity, and community involvement which encourages a sense of belonging within the LGA.		

1 Welcome

Councillor Duncan acknowledged the Awabakal and Worimi peoples and welcomed attendees to the meeting.

1.1 Attendees

Members

Cr Carol Duncan	– Councillor Member (Chair)
Cr Jenny Barrie	– Councillor Member
Dr Ann Hardy	– University of Newcastle, Stakeholder Member
Dr Shane Bransdon	– Community Member

Guests

Lynn Duffy	– Acting Executive Director Creative & Community Services, City of Newcastle (CN), (Committee Facilitator)
Helen Payne	– Executive Assistant (Committee Secretary)
Delia O'Hara	– Executive Manager Civic Services, CN
Julie Baird	– Director Museum Archive Libraries & Learning (CN)
Katerina Skoumbas	– Big Picture Fest
Zephie Cerny	- Octopod
Dr Jamie Mackee	- Newcastle Pride
Fiona Tearne	- Newcastle Pride
Rebecca Fitzgibbons	- Newcastle Fringe Festival
Judi Nikoleski	- Hunter Creative Fibre Hub
Kate Highland	- Hunter Creative Fibre Hub

Apologies

Cr Nuatali Nelmes	– Lord Mayor
Cr Margaret Wood	– Councillor Member
Anna Hombsch-	– Community Member
Janice Musumeci	– Community Member
Jasmine Fletcher	– Community Member
Lauretta Morton OAM	– Director Newcastle Art Gallery, CN
Nick Kaiser	- Acting Executive Manager Media Engagement Economy & Corporate Affairs (CN)

1.2 Declaration and Conflicts of Interest

1.2.1 Nil.

2 Confirmation of Previous Minutes

2.1 Minutes of the meeting held 7 February 2023 were endorsed.

3 Report by Committee Facilitator – Council Code of Meeting Practice - Prayer Component

- 3.1 Report (attached) arose from a Council resolution on 28 June 2022 on the Adoption of Code of Meeting Practice. The report was received and noted.

4 Newcastle Fringe update

Rebecca Fitzgibbons presented to the Committee on the success of [Newcastle Fringe Festival 2023](#) and update including:

- Newcastle Fringe being an Open Access Festival where all genres are invited and anyone who submits an application can perform providing a genuine opportunity for new artists.
- Combined funding provides ability to maximise funding and activate Hamilton by establishing a dedicated performance precinct and festival atmosphere with increased cultural presence.
- Will continue ongoing discussions with CN's Economic Development Facilitator.

5 Hunter Creative Fibre Hub

Judi Nikoleski and Kate Highland briefed the Committee on Hunter Creative Fibre Hub (a new association) including:

- More than 400 Hunter Valley residents linked by the love of creating textiles and fibres.
- Looking for an appropriate space for meetings, workspace and exhibitions with a kitchen, toilet, access and parking facilities.
- Want to develop promote skills in these arts. A hub will be good for wellbeing.
- Benefits – interaction and cross fertilisation of skills, then developing fibre of textile arts, promoting and development skills via workshops and exhibitions.
- With a hub would be able to establish primary and secondary school children holiday workshops.
- Need 20 regular meetings per month.
- Need to provide permanent access and storage for libraries and equipment.
- Would enable smaller textile groups to collectively apply for grants.
- Member associations would retain their own identities and be part of the executive committee of Hunter Fibre Hub.
- Will be great to find a creative space for all to help, share the enriching experience with others and bring disparate groups together.

Action: Cr Duncan to email Janice Musumeci

Lynn Duffy to consider if any of our city intelligence platforms indicate vacant spaces for creatives

7 General Business

7.1 This is Not Art (TiNA)

Zephie Cerny advised TiNA 2022 winners were announced last Friday night with all works still online. The WHIP collective arranged finance and hosted. Workshop is coming up on 1 June on how to create an authentic acknowledgement of country free to members with information on website. Partnering with Creative plus business scheduled for 2 June at Newcastle Art Space to be promoted soon.

7.2 Dinner en Blanc

Dr Bransdon raised concern for CN's sponsorship with Dinner en Blanc which was cancelled on 1 April due to rain. The email from Dinner en Blanc dated 4 April advised refunds will not be offered and included details appearing that CN had sponsored the event.

Following the meeting the following update was confirmed:

City of Newcastle supports Newcastle Food month through SBR funding which does not include Dinner en Blanc. Tourism staff purchased advertising space at Dinner en Blanc for Destination awareness and as part of the advertising costs the City of Newcastle logo was included as an additional benefit.

7.3 Potential guest presenters for CCAC:

Cr Duncan asked members and visitors to consider other individuals and organisations that may appreciate an opportunity to present to the committee. Suggestions included Hunter Multicultural Communities which Katerina Skoumbas will follow up on.

7.4 Newcastle Pride update – Pride festival went extremely well. The Gregson Park fair was brilliant with 11,000 attendees and a youth formal. Newcastle Pride also had a float of 80 at the Sydney Mardi Gras.

8 Closing

Meeting closed at 7.00pm

Next meeting: 5.30pm Tuesday 1 August 2023, City Hall Chamber

SUBJECT: PRAYER COMPONENT OF THE CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE

REPORT BY: COMMITTEE FACILITATOR -
ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CREATIVE & COMMUNITY SERVICES

1. Recommendation

That the Community and Culture Advisory Committee:

- a) Notes the actions taken by Cr McCabe in response to the Council resolution dated 28 June 2022.
- b) Notes that consensus could not be reached on changes to the wording of the prayer component of the Code of Meeting Practice.
- c) Takes no further action noting the decision of the workshop participants was to keep the prayer as is.

2. Summary

At the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 28 June 2022, Council adopted CN's current Code of Meeting Practice and resolved that Council:

- *Asks Councillor McCabe to lead the engagement and consultation regarding proposed changes to the preamble and prayer component of the COMP, inclusive of all interested parties; and*
- *Receives a report back to the Community and Culture Advisory Committee from Councillor McCabe regarding the results of the engagement.*

In response to the resolution, Cr McCabe reports:

- That two public workshops were held (19 August and 19 October 2022) with invitees as follows:
 - o community and faith leaders;
 - o representative from the Disability Access Inclusion Committee;
 - o representative from the Youth Council Committee; and
 - o representative from the Hunter Multicultural Centre.
- There was a consensus agreement that a moment for elected councillors to pause before they began meetings was important as an opportunity for them to reflect on their duties and that the existing prayer could be improved.
- Participants considered alternative wordings but the group were unable to reach a consensus for alternate wording.
- The decision was to keep the prayer as is and that the preferable process for future amendments was for them to be considered as part of the normal process for policy adoption before the elected Council.