

Confirmed Meeting Minutes

Date: 1 November 2021	Time: 5.30 – 7.30pm	Venue: Remotely via Teams
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 and Introductions

1.1 Committee Members present:

Cr Carol Duncan	– Chairperson
Cr Andrea Rufo	– Deputy Chairperson
Alissa Jones	– Committee Facilitator
Helen Payne	– Committee Secretary
Nick Rendell	– Office of Sport
Katherine McLean	– Community Representative
Jennifer Moody	– Department of Education

1.2 Apologies

Cr Nuatali Nelmes	– Lord Mayor
Dr Ann Hardy	– University of Newcastle (UoN)
Michelle Frazer	– Community Representative

1.3 Attendees

Zephie Cerny	– Octapod
Geoff Frost	– Acting Director Newcastle Art Gallery (part meeting)
Suzie Gately	- Manager Libraries and Learning
Leonie Wallace	– Manager Civic Theatre
Julie Baird	– Director Museum
Lynn Duffy	– Manager Parks & Recreation
Kelly Arnott	- CN Corporate Planning & Performance Manager
Rebecca Allen	- CN Corporate Planner
Matt Endacott	- Wren Street Consulting

2 Acknowledgement of Country

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

3 Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

- 3.1 There were no conflicts of interest declared.

4 Confirmation of Previous Minutes and Actions arising

4.1 Minutes of the meeting held 3 August 2021 confirmed.

4.2 Action updates

Meeting Date	Item	Action	Update	Status
7 July 20	Cultural Strategy 2016-2019	Seek further advice on programs and objectives and seek more advice to be ascertained for input.	A significant review of objectives and discussions have occurred with Community Strategy and Innovation (CSI) on incorporating the elements on the Cultural Strategy.	Ongoing. The Cultural Strategy will be replaced by the Cultural Precinct Plan once adopted by Council. It is anticipated that this work will be presented to the elected Council when finalised.
1 Nov 21	City of Sydney Events	Investigate Event Flowchart		
1 Nov 21	Gregson Park Masterplan	Investigate Cycleways complimentary to the Park		

5 Briefing – Newcastle 2040

5.1 A further Briefing was provided to the Committee by Kelly Arnott and Rebecca Allen on Newcastle 2040, the Community Strategic Plan (CSP) that sets the vision for on what we value and will drive the delivery of projects over the next 10 years. Feedback was provided to be considered with finalising the plan.

The Committee discussed the importance of the reference to Bold Creative Programs which complimented the document and the theme of Creative.

The Committee also discussed the importance of linking the Creative theme in the CSP to key flagship events such as New Annual. Comment was made that the City of Sydney incorporate a flow chart for events to assist businesses that are nearby so that complimentary offerings can be made within the event space and surrounds. AJ advised this would enhance "Culture near me".

Action: Investigate City of Sydney Event Flowchart

6 Briefing – Draft Cultural Precinct Plan

6.1 A Briefing was provided to the Committee by Wren Street Consulting (Matt Endacott) on the Draft Cultural Precinct Plan for the CBD being aligned with CN's Destination Management Plan. The engagement of this work is running alongside the Community Strategic Plan objectives and will be presented to the new Council in early 2022.

7 Briefing – Gregson Park

- 7.1 A Briefing was provided to the Committee from Lynn Duffy on the draft Gregson Park Masterplan which was also presented to Councillors at a Workshop on 17 August 2021. The aim of the Masterplan is to look at local recreational needs and maintaining critical heritage significance with the need to make open spaces work for the community as the city grows. There have been two phases of community engagement held with the feedback forming the draft Masterplan which has been on public exhibition for 42 days with a report for adoption going to the Ordinary Council Meeting on 23 November.

Key findings from the plan focussed on plants and aboriginal culture, an enhanced James Street entry and pedestrian facilities, new tree planting, re-aligned path with seating opportunities, possible new kiosk, new halfcourt, new accessible pathway making playspace inclusive and lots of shaded areas with upgraded amenities building. Strong feedback was received in the community to retain the tennis club building retained.

The Committee asked whether access for kids on bikes had been considered in the development of the plan.

Action: Confirm proposed cycleways in Cycling Strategy

8 General Business

- 8.1 Councillor Duncan thanked all participants for their contributions being the last meeting prior to Council elections. Council inductions and the new process for the Committee will commence in early 2022.

9 Closing

- 9.1 The meeting closed at 7.30pm.