

Confirmed Meeting Minutes

Date: 31 October 2022	Time: 5.30 – 7.30pm	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 welcomed attendees to the meeting.

1.1 Attendees:

Members

Cr Carol Duncan	– Chairperson
Cr Margaret Wood	– Deputy Chairperson
Cr Jenny Barrie	– Councillor
Lynn Duffy	– Committee Facilitator
Dr Ann Hardy	– University of Newcastle, Stakeholder Member
Helen Payne	– Committee Secretary

Guests

Julie Baird	– Director Museum Archive Libraries & Learning
Lauretta Morton OAM	– Director Newcastle Art Gallery
Nick Kaiser	- Acting Manager Media Engagement Economy & Corporate Affairs
Tom Smith	- Heritage Planner
Petria Jukes	- Community Planning & Development Manager
Simone Soeters	- Social Planner
Katerina Skoumbas	– Big Picture Fest, Festival Director
Janine Collins	- J9 Consulting, Connect Create Curate (virtually through Teams)
Dr Jamie Mackee	- Newcastle Pride
Cr Elizabeth Adamczyk	- (part meeting)

Apologies

Cr Nuatali Nelmes	– Lord Mayor
Delia O'Hara	– Manager Civic Services
Matt Endacott	– Wren Street Consulting, Stakeholder Member
Dr Shane Brandson	– Community Member
Anna Hombsch-	– Community Member
Janice Musumeci	– Community Member
Jasmine Fletcher-	– Community Member
Zephie Cerny	- Octopod

1.2 Introductions

1.2.1 Members and guests introduced themselves to the Committee.

1.3 Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

1.3.1 There were no conflicts of interest declared.

1.4 **Cr Duncan declared the meeting informal without the quorum.**

2 Acknowledgement of Country

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

3 Confirmation of Previous Minutes and Actions arising

3.1 Minutes of the meeting held 2 August 2022 were confirmed.

3.2 Action updates

Meeting Date	Item	Action	Update	Status
7 July 2020	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.	Action Ongoing. The Draft Cultural Precinct Plan has been presented to the CCAC several times for consultation and stakeholder feedback. The Draft Plan will be presented to the Council in 2022.

4 CN Structure Change

4.1 Lynn Duffy presented on the Organisation Structure Change which can be viewed at [link](#). In 2040, Newcastle will be a liveable, sustainable, inclusive global city.

4.2 Nick Kaiser briefed the Committee on Media Engagement Economy & Corporate Affairs (MEECA) which includes:

- Community engagement
- Corporate communications and media management
- Marketing strategy and creative services
- Economic development and capacity building
- Destination marketing
- Event development and licensing

4.3 Julie Baird briefed the Committee on Museum Archives Libraries & Learning (MALL) which includes:

- Newcastle Museum
- Archive
- Libraries/Child Care Centre
- Fort Scratchley Historic Site

Working on joint conferences and Newcastle will be hosting the National AMAGA Conference in Newcastle 2023.

5 Draft Newcastle Heritage Policy

- 5.1 Tom Smith presented the draft Newcastle Heritage Policy for review which was on public exhibition for 28 days and is consistent with CN's adopted Heritage Strategy. Overall feedback was supportive and no changes were suggested.

Cr Duncan thanked Dr Ann Hardy for her invaluable work with the National Trust.

6 Newcastle Art Gallery update

- 6.1 Laretta Morton OAM provided an update on the Newcastle Art Gallery including the relocation of the collection while the Gallery is closed, the outreach programming and the expansion project progress.

7 Draft Social Infrastructure Strategy and Draft Local Social Strategy

- 7.1 The Committee were provided with an overview of the two strategies which have been developed by the CN Community Planning & Development team after extensive community engagement. Both documents are considered as informing strategies to the CN [Newcastle 2040](#) Community Strategic Plan (CSP).

Local Social Strategy vision:

- remove barriers to **inclusion and equal opportunity**
- encourage community **connection and participation**
- celebrate our rich **social and cultural diversity**
- strengthen **community health and wellbeing**

Four strategic priorities:

- Priority 1 Equitable communities
- Priority 2 Inclusive communities
- Priority 3 Connected communities
- Priority 4 Healthy communities

Social Infrastructure Strategy vision:

- **strategic approach** to delivery of infrastructure independently or in partnership
- evidence base for **coordinated infrastructure improvement**
- position for **collaborative funding and partnership** opportunities
- governance for **access and use** by community

Four strategic priorities:

- Equitable distribution for growth and resilience
- Quality and adaptive places to play and stay
- Community capacity building and inclusion
- Governance, partnerships and collaboration

Creating an equitably distributed, sustainability managed and inclusive network of public places and spaces, services and programs, contributing to a liveable, sustainable and inclusive global Newcastle.

Both strategies are on public exhibition until 25 November with details at [link](#)

Cr Adamczyk thanked staff for the extensive community engagement and for the most engagement in history of CN in the social justice and inclusion space.

8 Music in the Regions

- 8.1 Janine Collins presented on Music in the Regions being an initiative of the NSW Government seed funded by Create NSW with the objectives being:
- Tour classic music to regions of NSW not currently served by touring companies
 - Build new audiences and build capacity of regional communities to present concerts
 - To develop and grow regional classical music artists
 - To build partnerships with community conservatoriums and RADO's.

9 Newcastle Cultural Precinct Concept Masterplan

- 9.2 Cr Duncan briefed the Committee on the draft Newcastle Cultural Precinct Concept Masterplan being reported to Council for adoption on 22 November.

10 Newcastle Pride

- 10.1 Dr Jamie Mackee briefed the Committee on Newcastle Pride being a local LGBTQI plus charity driven by volunteers, very much about advocacy and providing safe events for the community. led by Lee-Anne McDougall (President) and Hellen Richards (Vice President). The Youth Pride formal was a free event at the Museum the current Pride Festival and future events were discussed.

11 Big Picture Fest

- 11.1 Katerina Skoumbas presented on the Big Picture Fest 2022. The recap video can be viewed with sound at [the BPF 2022 recap video link](#).
QR codes on murals can be scanned to watch a one minute video of the mural and artist.

12 General Business

- 12.1 Cr Duncan advised the Jersey Boys sold out – a broken record
12.2 Come from Away next year tickets on sale

13 2023 Meeting Schedule

- 13.1 7 February, 4 April, 1 August and 6 November 2023

8 Closing

Meeting closed at 8.00pm