



INNER WEST COUNCIL

Social Strategy Advisory Committee Thursday 11 February 2021, meeting 1

Ashfield Civic Centre, 260 Liverpool Road, Ashfield 2131

Meeting summary

The meeting commenced at 6.01pm.

Present

Councillors	Community members	Staff
No attendance from Councillors	Edward Greenaway (EG)	Johanne Gallagher (JG) -Convenor
	Hannah Duker (HD)	
	Noni Hollonds (NH)	
	Steve Cohen (SC)	
	Stevan Untaru (SU)	
	Sophie Moran (SM)	
	William Lee (WL)	
	Sandra Triulzi (ST) -Chair	

Apologies

There were no apologies. Yashaswini Viswanathan did not acknowledge the meeting invitation.

Anne Southwell sent her apologies and regretfully resigned due to personal reasons.

Disclosure of interest

There were no disclosures or conflicts of interest.

Discussion items

Item	Summary	Recommendation/action	Council response
Items 1, 2 and 3 Welcome, Introduction and apologies	Members present made a brief introduction to the group. The group participated in a facilitated Aspirations exercise as an icebreaker. The summary is below	Noted that the 4 questions asked were effective in sharing our aspirations and everyone agreed it was an interesting way get to know each other	Noted

Item 4 Healthy Ageing Documentation	The group discussed the documents and new members were brought up to speed on the status and invited to contribute to developing the strategy where they felt most drawn	Each member to consider the draft healthy ageing action plan and determine where they can contribute most effectively in 2021.	Noted
Item 5 Healthy Ageing Strategy Update	The groups discussed the draft Strategy T of C and offered to help write additional sections related to context of policy	Noted	Noted
Item 6 Other Business Gambling Harm Minimisation	The group discussed interest in attending a follow up forum in March 2021.	Noted	Noted
Item 7 Other Business Gender Equity	The group noted the Notice of Motion on Gender Equity and Domestic and Family Violence. ST, WL and HD are interested in participating in the consultation which is TBD	Noted ST to notify interest of WL and HD via email to Mary Ciantar. ST already notified interest.	Noted

Aspiration Exercise as part of getting to know each other and develop relationship.

What kind of Community do you want to live in?

The consensus is that as Inner West Residents, they want to live in a community that is strongly connected with accessible connections and networks. They want a community that is both structured and informal in the way it organises itself with organic inclusive, community supports and good traffic management. They want to see the removal of barriers to cultural inclusion and want to experience a village like feeling that is place based.

Why is that important?

It is important to the members because real social local connections are meaningful. They feel that mutual friendly relationships and knowing your neighbours leads to better self-sufficiency and easier local access that allows people to age safely.

How is that different from what you see now?

It is different now because most individuals are inward facing, and the community is too dispersed. There is a lot of gentrification, less social or affordable housing, too much traffic making street congested and unsafe to navigate with ease.

What are some of the things that need to happen to create that kind of change?

People need to share resources. It is very important to have accessible open gathering spaces to develop because open space that will allow people to meet and encourage personal investment from the community.

Next meeting

The next meeting is on 8 April 2021. The meeting closed at 7:55pm