Minutes

Cohesive Communities Reference Group

Meeting

Camden Council Administration Centre 70 Central Avenue, Oran Park – Online

20 September, 2022





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MEETING COMMENCED AT 6.10PM

PRESENT

Cristian Soto Hernandez, Monica Rose, Nafiza Buksh, Rosemary Kariuki, Sana Al-Ahmar, Syed Samnan, Melody Chime, Val Moskvitch

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Camden Council's Lisa Grimson

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Val Moskvitch delivered the Acknowledgement of Country.

APOLOGIES AND LEAVES OF ABSENCES

Janice Low, Denise Tsoukalas - Kolevri, Ehsan Vossough

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Previous minutes circulated.

BUSINESS ARISING

Nil / That the business arising be noted.

1. Introductions and welcome

2. REPORT TITLE

Terms of Reference

Final approved Terms of Reference was presented to the Group and objectives incorporated into the TOR's.

Action Items:

Duplication of objectives were noted in one section. Council to advise appropriate term for correction.

3. FORWARD MEETING PLAN

A forward meeting plan was presented at the meeting noting a Cohesive Communities Reference Group meeting on the third Thursday on each month. It was noted meetings will be in person at the Lakeside Room at Oran Park Library or virtual on the Teams platform, this will be advised one week prior to each meeting.

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Action Items:

Lisa will update this accordingly and provided the updated version to the minutes.

4. FUTURE PROJECT AND ACTIVITY PLANNING

There was general discussion around potential projects and activities. This included discussing:

- Awareness raising campaigns including forums and information sessions about social inclusion and marginalised groups
- Initiatives for connecting with isolated residents
- Ongoing activities for community connections to celebrate diversity and socially connect including play groups, bbq's, community events and programs

There was a lengthy discussion around these points and a decision was made to focus on Social Inclusion week at this stage. It was agreed that a Community BBQ would be a potential project and plan be developed for further group input.

Action Items:

Further discussion at next meeting to determine locations, dates and roles and responsibilities and food handling requirements.

MEETING CLOSED AT 8PM.















