



MINUTES OF MEETING

COMMUNITY SAFETY & PLACE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

HELD THURSDAY 10 September 2015

NOTE: All minutes are subject to confirmation at a subsequent Ordinary Meeting of Council or Planning and Strategy Committee Meeting.

PRESENT:

Councillors

Cllr Jean Hay AM	Manly Council
Cllr Barbara Aird	Manly Council
Cllr Hugh Burns	Manly Council
Cllr Alan Le Surf	Manly Council
Cllr Candy Bingham	Manly Council

Other Representatives

Supt David Darcy	Northern Beaches Police Commander
Sidar Demirbag	Late Night Food Traders
Melissa Palermo	Northern Sydney Health
Amanda Farrar	NSW Member for Manly (staff rep)
Ray Mathieson	Community Rep
Jacqui Smith	Manly Community Centre
Malcolm Pearse	Corrections NSW
Drew Johnson	Chamber of Commerce

Council Staff

Donna Donoghue	Community Safety Co-ordinator
Anita Ugarkovic	Compliance Manager

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The **Community Safety & Place Management Advisory Committee** met on Thursday 10 September 2015 to consider the matters referred to it and now provides the following advice to Council.

OPEN		ACTION
ITEM 1	Apologies and Leave of Absence Cllr Steve Pickering, Stuart Sprott, Jon Brown and Leanne Martin.	
ITEM 2	Declaration Of Interest Nil	
ITEM 3	Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting and Matters Arising The August meeting minutes were adopted at the Planning and Strategy Meeting on Monday 7 th September.	

3.1 Late Night Planning

As a result of last month's recommendation a sub-committee meeting to review the late night planning issues was initially proposed for today. This initial meeting was postponed til after the next Community Safety and Place Management meeting on October 8th.

A provisional date of Saturday 7th November was also set for the bi-annual late night safety audit as the first step towards this review.

Recommendation:

The Committee recommends to the General Manager that the information be received and noted.

3.2 Homelessness

Last month Leanne Martin presented to the Human Services and Social Planning Committee about the updated Homeless Protocol as well as discussing issues such as funding, crisis accommodation, transition and affordable housing and concerns pending the closure of both Elsie Hill (Royal Far West – 20 residents) and Fairlight House (14 residents). This committee is now also considering making representations for a possible use of part of the Manly Hospital site for transitional housing. These longer term planning and advocacy aspects of homelessness will now be an ongoing item on their agenda and the management of rough sleepers in public spaces will continue to be within this committees terms of reference.

Over the last month several complaints have been received about the rough sleepers on the beachfront, Kangaroo Street, Manly oval and Tower Hill. These are being managed as well as possible and in ongoing consultation with the Homeless Outreach worker. It is anticipated that at least 2 homeless are being managed into housing within the next month. It is important to be aware that the problem will probably get worse with the warmer weather approaching.

The committee were advised that Neil McWilliam the MCC Homeless Outreach worker is on leave until the end of October. This position is being covered by Rossy Champion and Jacqui Smith in the interim.

Recommendation:

The Committee recommends to the General Manager that the information be received and noted.

3.3

Late night parking for workers

Over the last two meetings discussions were had over the depletion of late night parking spaces in Manly, due to the early closure of the Manly National car park, on Central Avenue and the potential options for safe and reasonably priced parking in Whistler Street car park for weekend/nighttime hospitality workers. As a result a report was completed and distributed at the meeting detailing updates on the proposal.

The committee considered and discussed the contents of this report, which was strongly supported by the Manly Liquor Accord. The issues of under capacity usage and providing a safe,

reasonably priced location for late night workers to park their vehicles was discussed. It was suggested that this parking could also be expanded to encompass all late night service workers, in particular the Police. It was suggested that this project should be managed by Council rather than the Liquor Accord, with each venue or individual's application considered on evidence of their late night working arrangements i.e. RSA card, letter from the business. Costs and comparable city weekend rates were discussed with a flat rate fee of \$10 agreed. Staff to develop appropriate system for operation.

Recommendation:

The Committee recommends to the General Manager that the proposal for a flat night parking rate of \$10 from 5pm to 5am for late night hospitality workers (potentially expanded to other late night service workers) at Whistler Street carpark be favorably considered.

Deputy General Managers note to Minutes:

The Licensees of venues are key employers of the late night economy and have shown their duty of care by escorting some employees to their vehicles.

Council in consideration of a possible flat parking fee for employees of late night venues, will consider a scheme for prior purchase by the employers for use by their staff.

ITEM 4 Police Report

Superintendent Darcy reported that a couple of late night large venues have come back on the radar for an increase in alcohol related violence, although actual assaults still remain down. Inspector Arthurs met with the Little Manly Precinct regarding their concerns of malicious damage and break ins at Little Manly Kiosk and increased foot patrols.

ICE is an ongoing challenge and detections have increased by 80% and are predicted to keep rising. There have been 5 suppliers arrested in the last month alone. Also due to violent/psychotic behaviour of some of those on ice, a higher rate of assaults and incidents are being recorded at Manly Hospital.

Bikies incident – there has been increased tensions between the Monguls and the Finks concerning ownership of their clubhouse and investigation on a recent fire at these premises is ongoing.

Recommendation:

The Committee recommends to the General Manager that the information be received and noted.

ITEM 5 Rangers Report

Monthly report distributed. Compliance Manager reported that issues regarding the no parking/no stopping bay at the Darley Road crossing will be raised at the next traffic committee meeting this month.

An investigation into the repair of fencing at Manly Wharf has found that this is the property of RMS and a letter is being actioned to make them aware of this issue.

The committee raised the issue of the rise in the number of skateboarders on The Corso and in particular around the John

Speight Stage. Discussions were had regarding a potential blitz by the rangers in warnings before the school holidays. The committee was reminded that the rangers can only fine where there is a sign.

Recommendation

The Committee recommends to the General Manager that skate board signage around the John Speight Stage be evaluated and more visual signage be placed in this area to deter skateboarders.

ITEM 6 CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 NSW Recorded Crime Statistics quarterly update

A handout was distributed to the committee with the June NSW crime statistics which was released on 3 September. Across NSW there are no major offences showing a significant upward trend with most being stable and six offences trending down including most property crime such as robbery, break and enter and stealing.

Examination of the all of the other Manly LGA crime rates shows that nearly all the offences are well under the State average apart from non-domestic assault (which is alcohol related assaults) and steal from person. Despite this both offences of non-domestic assault and steal from person are still lower than they have been in the past.

Of concern was a rise in the charges involving illegal drugs with the incidence of amphetamine offences rising at nearly 30% per year since 2009. Supt Darcy confirmed that this rate is even higher in his command rising by 80% in the past 2 years.

The committee discussed the impact that these drugs and in particular ice is having on the services dealing with the drug takers. For many users of ICE they have a very violent and psychotic reactions. Community centre workers are finding ICE addicts difficult to deal with especially when they are coming down off the drug. A suggestion was made that a service provider from the East Wing at Manly Hospital to present to the committee on this issue and potential resources distributed in late night venues. Supt Darcy raised concerns re the potential breakdown in the memorandum of understanding between services and in particular the ambulance service, with a more noticeable increase in Police having to transfer mentally ill and drug affected victims to hospital due to a lack of ambulance service availability.

Recommendation

The Committee recommends to the General Manager that the information be received and noted.

ITEM 7 General Business brought to the Attention of the Chair prior to the Meeting and Approved for Consideration

7.1 Lighting at Lagoon Park

A report on this matter was circulated at the meeting. The committee discussed the two resolutions outlined on the report in particular the type and location of the poles to be used.

Recommendation

The Committee recommends to the General Manager that 3 ezy pole lights be installed at the Cameron Avenue end of lagoon park in locations that could remain permanent and allow for further installations subsequent to the outcome of the trial.

7.2**Other minor matters raised by Committee for follow up**

Drew Johnson raised concerns from the Chamber of Commerce on DA 174 – KFC on The Corso junction with East Esplanade. The chamber have highlighted the issues of waste management, signage (red awning proposed requested this be changed to black) and security. Discussions were had regarding potential increased pedestrian traffic onto The Corso/East Esplanade as the venue only has 10/12 indoor seats and the potential hazards this could cause.

Concerns were raised by Little Manly Precinct regarding the potential slowing of traffic with the proposed alteration of the refuge at Victoria Avenue and East Esplanade to a full pedestrian crossing. This matter was to be referred back to next traffic committee.

Recommendation:

The Committee recommends to the General Manager that the issue of public safety on the major thoroughfare and busy traffic intersection and waste management be considered in regard to the KFC – DA 174/2015.

ITEM 8**Date for Next Meeting – 8 October 2015**

Meeting closed 9.15am