



MINUTES OF MEETING

COMMUNITY SAFETY & PLACE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

HELD THURSDAY 10 DECEMBER 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

Cllr Barbara Aird

Cllr Hugh Burns

Cllr Candy Bingham

Manly Council

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Other Representatives

Sidar Demirbag

Melissa Palermo

Malcolm Pearse

Stuart Sprott

Ray Mathieson

Christina Franze

Sarah Turner

Jacqui Smith

Late Night Food Traders

Northern Sydney Health

Corrections NSW

Community Rep

Community Rep

Chamber of Commerce

Chamber of Commerce

Manly Community Centre

Council Staff

Leanne Martin

Anita Ugarkovic

Community Safety Co-ordinator

Compliance Manager

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

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

OPEN The meeting commenced at 8.00am.

ACTION

ITEM 1 Apologies and Leave of Absence

Apologies: Cllr Alan Le Surf, Supt David Darcy

Following the resignation of Jon Brown, chair of the Manly Liquor Accord advice has been received by OLGR that the Manly Liquor Accord has been merged with the Northern Beaches. The other Accord representative on the committee, Doug Brooker has also recently resigned from the Ivanhoe Hotel so a new representative will be sought for this committee.

Donna Donoghue, Community Safety Co-ordinator (job share) has also resigned from Council.

Welcome: Christina Franze (Manly Ocean Foods) and Sarah Turner (Four Pines) representing Chamber of Commerce

ITEM 2 Declaration Of Interest
Nil

ITEM 3 Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting and Matters Arising
The November meeting minutes were adopted at the Ordinary Meeting on Monday 7 December 2015.

3.1 Late Night CBD Safety Audit – NEW DATE

The postponed audit will now be held on Saturday night 30 January. Meet at the Town Hall at 11.30pm. As we have no further meetings before this date the committee will be advised by email and/or text closer to the date. All encouraged to come along.

3.2 Late Night Carparking proposal

Advice received from Senior Management that the proposal was not supported. The committee discussed this issue. Whilst they agreed the safety of hospitality staff is not the responsibility of Council the proposal was considered to be beneficial to all concerned. The committee requested that this decision be reconsidered in consideration of the carpark having large amounts of available space at night on the weekends; income for Council that would otherwise not happen and improving safety for late night workers in the area. The Chair addressed the committee about this and advised that she would pursue this matter and report back.

3.3 Late Night Planning

A memo was prepared updating the committee on the current status of this review. This was approved to distribute to the committee for their information. In addition the committee should be aware that letters have also been sent out to the four late night food traders warning them that compliance action will take place next year. They have been strongly advised to submit S.96 applications to vary their trading hours and ask for consideration of trial conditions that would be reviewed on a 12 month basis.

The Committee discussed this issue and expressed concern that this matter was once again being pursued at Christmas time and putting undue pressure on small family businesses at this time. Sidar (LNFT representative) addressed the committee that they have all been allowed to trade for the past 8 years since agreeing to an undertaking in 2007. The police who motivated this action despite the lowest incident of non-domestic assault for many years had no history of the situation and negotiation around it. No complaints have been received by the community about them. There is also a chance that by closing the food traders before the licensed venues that more problems will occur around the transport locations as crowds are not dispersed. This needed to be debated and discussed in the agreed Late Night planning sub-committee that has not yet met.

It was recommended to Sidar that the four traders make representations to Council as soon as possible and request that consideration be given to them for time to source appropriate consultants to submit a S.96.

Recommendation

That Council consider the request of the Late Night Food Traders to be given an extension before compliance action takes place to give an opportunity to secure professional advice and planning assistance to ensure that this is dealt with fairly and in consideration of the history.

That the compliance action is set aside under the circumstances until the Late night planning sub-committee, that did not occur despite being agreed to in previous adopted minutes, does meet to discuss the way forward on this matter.

3.4**Lagoon Park lighting trial**

The three trial light poles have been installed and turned on this week. Despite strong support from the Ocean Beach precinct there have been several resident complaints already received (before the lights have actually activated) mostly related to an anticipated increase in ASB and disruption to the natural environment. The trial lights will operate for 6 months after which a review will be conducted to determine if the whole path will be lit.

Committee was requested to try and inspect the trial lights during the next six months as the committee will be asked for their feedback at the end of the review period.

Recommendation:

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

ITEM 4**Police Report**

No Police present – no report given.

ITEM 5**Rangers Report**

Ranger Report was distributed. Rangers have continued conducting cycling enforcement in the vicinity of the Corso and the Art gallery – with approx. four infringements issued. The continued presence is assisting with compliance. Police will be requested to support further enforcements over Summer.

East Esplanade is busy again on weekend afternoon in particular. No anti-social behavior has yet been reported. The location will continue to be monitored over the summer months and reviewed accordingly. Police will be requested to conduct high visibility patrols during the peak times.

Recommendation

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

ITEM 6**6.1****Correspondence****NSW Recorded Crime Statistics quarterly update**

The Bureau of Crime Statistics released their most up to date crime statistics on 9 December. Across NSW most major offences were trending down. The offence showing an upward trend is Steal from Retail Store (shoplifting) which rose by 5.3%. This area remained quite stable in all areas. Of interest to the committee is a 17.3% reduction in Non domestic Assaults over the last 24 months.

Drug arrests are growing area with Don Weatherburn quoted ...
“that while the continuing reduction in non-domestic assault, robbery and break and enter was very encouraging, the continued growth in arrests for use and possession of amphetamines is a matter of concern. Over the last five years in NSW the number of first time arrests for use/and or possession of amphetamines has risen by 60%. Every part of the State is affected.”

6.2 Homeless Outreach Report

Between July and September the HOS worker was in contact with 100 clients –of these there were 23 classified as suffering primary homelessness. The majority are males with complex needs including mental health, physical health and drug and alcohol problems.

On 26 November the FACs department held a “meet and greet” on Manly Beachfront. They provided free lunch and the opportunity to access housing opportunities. Approximately thirty people attended on the day and was considered very successful.

Manly Community Centre will be closed from 21 December to 11 January.

6.3 Community Safety Grants 2016

The General Manager has approved an application for a series of Saturday night events based on the model of Market Lane Saturdays in 2013. Council has to enter into a partnership with Chamber of Commerce in order to do this as Councils are not eligible for the grants. The Community Safety coordinator will be preparing the application in consultation with Chamber of Commerce. It must be completed and submitted by 22 January.

Recommendation:

The Committee recommends to the General Manager that the grant application to the NSW Community Safety Fund 2015/16 by the Manly Chamber of Commerce for a community safety project based on the successful Market Lane Saturdays 2013 model by is strongly supported.

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

7.1 Pedestrian Crossing at The Corso & Whistler St

Clr Aird raised safety concerns about the danger posed by the wide splaying of the crossing at The Corso and Whistler St. The Committee strongly agreed that this was a dangerous location that caused confusion and frustration for drivers and created traffic flow problems. Many pedestrians enter the space from a larger than normal area making it difficult for drivers to monitor. Cyclists are also often observed riding over this area creating an added danger for drivers. The committee agreed that this situation could be improved by reducing the width of the crossing on the western side to a normal pedestrian width.

Recommendation

The Committee recommends to the General Manager that the width of the western side of the pedestrian crossing at The Corso and Whistler Street be reduce to reduce the danger for both pedestrian and drivers.

7.2

Summary of work achieved over the last 12 months

Staff have been doing some preliminary work in anticipation of an amalgamation occurring next year. Some committees have agreed on priorities that are important to the Manly community that can be considered in future. This committee discussed the opportunity to make a recommendation as to any future direction to highlight the success of the committee and the importance of consistent interagency approach to the late night entertainment precinct and alcohol related problems. And that this needs to be retained in some format going forward. It is anticipated that by the next meeting in February there will be more information about the future of Council and its committees. The Mayor advised that she was also preparing a Mayoral minute to be presented at the next Council meeting that would also reinforce this importance of this issue.

Recommendation

The Committee recommends to the General Manager that any future amalgamated council ensure that they retain an interagency and community represented committee similar to the current model in order to sustain positive outcomes and ensure that Manly and particularly the safety and security of the late night entertainment precinct is retained into the future.

ITEM 8 Date for Next Meeting – 11 February 2016

Meeting closed 9.10am