



MINUTES OF MEETING

COMMUNITY SAFETY & PLACE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

HELD THURSDAY 31 MARCH 2016

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 Alan Le Surf	Manly Council
Cllr Hugh Burns	Manly Council
Cllr Steve Pickering	Manly Council
Cllr Candy Bingham	Manly Council

Other Representatives

Supt David Darcy	Northern Beaches Police
Sidar Demirbag	Late Night Food Traders
Stuart Sprott	Community Rep
Ray Mathieson	Community Rep
Sarah Turner	Chamber of Commerce
Christina Franze	Chamber of Commerce
Jacqui Smith	Manly Community Centre
Amanda Farrar (Mike Baird)	NSW Member for Manly
Susan Watson	MDECC

Council Staff

Leanne Martin	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 31 March 2016 to consider the matters referred to it and now provides the following advice to Council.

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ITEM 1	Apologies and Leave of Absence Cllr Aird, Melissa Palermo, Malcolm Pearce, Steve O'Sullivan, Sean King	
ITEM 2	Declaration Of Interest Nil	

ITEM 3 Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting and Matters Arising

The December meeting minutes were adopted at the Planning and Strategy Meeting on Monday 1 February 2016.

3.1 Late Night CBD Safety Audit – new date 30 April

Council staff and police crime prevention officer have arranged to conduct the late night CBD safety audit on 30 April. For anyone interested in joining the audit please meet at the Town Hall on Saturday night 30 April at 11.30pm meeting at Town Hall. Invitations will be sent out to all the committee so please RSVP. As there have been so many deferments to this audit, this one will go ahead regardless of how many committee can attend. All are invited and encouraged to please come along if possible.

3.2 Late Night carparking proposal

Council have agreed to consider the Committee's late night carparking proposal (ie. affordable and safe parking for hospitality workers at Whistler St carpark) in current budget discussions for the next financial year. It is believed a flat charge is proposed in the draft budget but staff could not advise what the rate is at this stage. This will be followed up again next month.

3.3 Pedestrian Crossing at The Corso and Whistler St

Following the committee's recommendation about the width of this crossing and safety concerns, the crossing has now been remediated and reduced in width and no longer fans out. Much safer for both drivers and pedestrians.

Recommendation:

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

ITEM 4 Police Report

Licensing police have reported through the Liquor Accord that there have been problems at venues in Manly with OMCG – Outlaw Motor Cycle Gangs. Whilst Manly has always had a ban on OMCG, the new larger liquor accord also is adopting this rule.

Rate of drug detections has increased without any proactivity by police. This would indicate more accessibility to illicit drugs primarily ICE, cocaine and ecstasy. ICE users continue to cause problems for police due to extreme aggression.

Brookvale bus depot have instigated discussions about putting more buses on late at night. This will help address the high drink driving rates on Northern Beaches but the fact they now have willing volunteers to work the night shift (unlike in the past) is also a positive indicator of improved safety.

Recommendation:

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

ITEM 5 Rangers Report

Ranger Statistics were distributed.

New 'No Smoking' signage in Market Place vicinity has resulted in a higher number of warnings.

Some trouble being experienced by new licensed operators in Pittwater Road vicinity. Arranging a late night compliance audit.

Additional items for committee information:

- In Situ (outdoor seating approval has been withdrawn due to ongoing breaches and a request from Licensing Police) Anita may be comment on this further.
- A bike breakfast is being planned by staff and the Bicycle Network to be held at Manly Wharf on 3 May. The aim is to promote cycling, cycling safety and the new cycling laws. It will also involve a 'bike bus' which is a guided ride from Manly to the CBD.
- - Complaint re East Esplanade was received by a local person and will be responded to accordingly. Discussion re drinking in AFZ and APA. Committee generally agreed that this does not have to be a pro-active approach and should be retained as a public space management tool. Degrees of tolerance are expected unless people are causing trouble or committing anti-social offences. Superintendent Darcy recommended that people call 000 if they are witnessing a breach and need police attendance. This will result in more efficient police response. The biggest ongoing problem is the waste created by people gathering in these public spaces.

Compliance Manager reported that she will be taking three months leave after May and will advise next month if there will be a replacement for her on the committee.

Recommendation

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

ITEM 6 Correspondence

Submission to Independent Liquor Law Review

An independent review of Lockouts, Last Drinks and 10pm Liquor Laws has invited submissions from all interested parties. It is primarily focused on impacts in the City and Kings Cross although the issue of bottle shop closing time is a statewide law.

Staff have prepared a draft submission in response to the review of these Liquor Laws. This draft report was distributed to the meeting. As one of the few late night entertainment precincts in Sydney it is important that Manly continues to have input on laws that affect the night environment.

The submission includes that there appears to have been very little displacement of crime into Manly as a result of earlier closing in the City and Kings Cross. It also supports the continuation of the 10pm closure of bottle shops.

Committee discussed the draft content recommended that it be finalised and submitted for the consideration of the review by the due date of 4 April.

Recommendation

The Committee recommends to the General Manager that the submission be forwarded to the Liquor Law Review due by 4 April 2016.

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

7.1 Safer Streets Grant Application

A grant application has been submitted to the Federal Attorney Generals Department for funding under the Safer Streets Programme – Crime Prevention through Environmental Design Initiatives – Proceeds of Crime funding. Funding has been applied for to activate and improve safety in three laneways around Manly CBD.

1. Henrietta Lane
2. Rialto Lane
3. Laneway connecting Whistler St and Manly Plaza

It will include CCTV, better lighting and creation of a mural at each site involving local artists and youth. A total of \$85440 has been requested.

Result of the application will be advised by the end of financial year. A copy of the application was tabled.

7.2 Homeless Outreach Quarterly Report

A copy of the October to December quarterly Homeless outreach report prepared by Manly Community Centre was distributed for information of the committee. A total of 60 people with homelessness issues were assisted during this period.

In addition due to the ongoing work of MCC outreach worker a man who has been living in the Tower Street cave for more than 18mths has finally been found long term accommodation. Council staff subsequently cleared out the cave which was a big undertaking due to the amount of accumulated rubbish.

7.3

Beach Locker Proposal

Amanda Farrar raised the issue of lockers at the beach front following a representation from a constituent. Staff have investigated options for lockers to be installed in the vicinity of the Manly beachfront. Consideration is being given to the options of inside the toilets at Manly Surf Club or The Pantry building. The Manly Surf Club is locked up each night however the Pantry toilets are open 24 hours on weekends meaning they are more vulnerable to damage. The outside wall of the Pantry is also a possibility however this may be more difficult due to weather considerations. Committee discussed the ideas – they supported the concept and need for lockers. They agreed that inside the toilets under the Pantry is not suitable but lockers at both the surf club toilets and the Pantry outside wall was better. A private contractor arrangement was also most preferable and should be seen as a community service/crime prevention service. There were reservations about lockers being damaged without supervision. Discussion about the option of mobile lockers was also considered.

7.4

Burnt Bridge Creek Deviation graffiti

This is a follow up from a recent Manly Daily report about the sound blocking wall that has been built along Burnt Bridge Creek and the potential for graffiti and tagging on this huge blank wall. Whilst the RMS has installed CCTV cameras to prevent this it is suggested that we further contact them to request that they plant suitable trees and bushes along this wall. Planting along the wall will be one of the biggest deterrents for two reasons – young people will find it harder to access and the tags will be less visible from the road.

7.5

Resignation

Amanda Farrar advised the committee that she has resigned from her position in Mike Baird's office to start a new role at the Australian Museum. She will be recruiting a replacement who will also replace her as Mike's representative on the committee. The Chair wished her the best and thanked her for her co-operative and helpful presence on the committee.

Recommendation

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

ITEM 8

Date for Next Meeting –12 May 2016

Next Month the new CEO of Lifeline Balgowlah, David Thomas has been invited to attend.

Meeting closed 9.25am

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