



MINUTES OF MEETING

COMMUNITY SAFETY & PLACE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

HELD THURSDAY 14 FEBRUARY 2013

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 Mayor (Chair)	Manly Council
Cllr Hugh Burns	Manly Council
Cllr Steve Pickering	Manly Council
Cllr Candy Bingham	Manly Council

Other Representatives

Sgt Damon Flakelar	Manly Police
Cst Abby Wark	Manly Police
Ray Mathieson	Community Member
Stuart Sprott	Community Member
Melissa Palermo	Northern Beach Health Promotion
Jacqui Smith	Manly Community Centre
Sidar Demerbag	Late Night Food Traders Rep
Pavica Kupcak	The Corso Precinct
Deb Patenall	Street Pastors
Ged Dore	Manly Liquor Accord
Malcolm Pearse	Corrections NSW
Susan Gomola	MDECC
Drew Johnson	Chamber of Commerce
Alex Dahlenberg (observing)	Manly Liquor Accord
Sam Johns (observing)	Manly Liquor Accord

Council Staff

Leanne Martin	Community Safety Co-ordinator
Kathryn Fayle	Divisional Manager, Human Services & Facilities
Donna Donoghue	Community Safety Officer
Karen Menzies	Road Safety Officer
Kate Munro	Youth Development Officer

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The **Community Safety & Place Management Advisory Committee** met on Thursday 14 February 2013 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 were received from, Cllr Alan Le Surf, Amanda Watkins, Superintendent Dave Darcy, Hania Norman Welcome and Introduction of members.	
ITEM 2	DECLARATION OF INTEREST There were no declarations of interest.	
ITEM 3	CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING It was resolved at Council's Planning & Strategy Meeting held on 4 February 2013 that the minutes of the Community Safety and Place Management Committee be adopted. Police Amalgamations Mayor advised that she had been briefed by Supt Darcy about the announced amalgamation of Manly and Dee Why with the management/administrative arm based in Dee Why. He suggested that it could actually result in stronger operational numbers for Manly. No further details about how it will work have been finalised yet. Police will form a working group to transition with a view to commencement by end of year. Police Association has been assured that no operational staffing levels will be affected. The Mayor read the letter that was sent to the Police Minister following a recommendation about this issue from the last meeting. The committee agreed that a copy of this should also be sent for the information of the local member. Committee expressed concern about what impact this will have on the redevelopment of the police station and more delays. Announcement about the amalgamations have also fuelled concerns that the Court House will not reopen now it is closed for a 6 month period. It was agreed that community pressure must be made on this issue and some representation is needed to clarify the future of the police station and its operations and the courthouse. Both of these connected services are extremely important to the Manly area and must be retained. Late Night Manly Working Group At the December meeting Superintendent Darcy flagged the issue of late night Manly and ways to shift the late night culture away from focusing solely on alcohol to attract more diverse demographic and activate certain areas. It had also been agreed in the committee's priority objectives for the committee that we would "Investigate future of Manly Night-time Economy". This is a complex proposal with long term outcomes and the best course of action to move forward on this would be to establish a Late Night Manly Working Group with some key people who can report back to Safety Committee.	

It was agreed that to establish this appropriately, some terms of Reference need to be drafted with a formal arrangement of a working group to be established next meeting.

Recommendation:

1. That the committee continues to be very concerned with the delay in communication of the future structure of policing (administration, management, numbers of officers, support staff) and particularly the continuance of the heavily utilized courthouse facility, that at the moment is "temporarily closed". The committee wishes to seek an urgent update of the planning proposals and remind the Minister of the importance of local commitment of satisfactory policing and justice.

2. That the Committee formalise a Late Night Manly Working Group with membership and terms of reference to be confirmed at the next meeting.

ITEM 4 POLICE REPORT

Sgt Damon Fletcher reported that Alcohol related crime is generally down however whilst there are less incidents occurring inside the licensed venues they appear to have been displaced into The Corso and surrounding streets.

There has been some drug activity in The Corso and nearby streets. Suitable police operations are in place to deal with this. Also some youth cannabis detections in Stuart St, Cove Ave, Seaforth area. These are being dealt with by the Youth Liaison Officer. Susan Gomola advised that MDECC have also developed an intervention program that assists with this problem.

Bike Thefts continue to be a problem. They appear to be both planned and opportunistic with no obvious pattern. There is a need to educate riders to secure their bikes properly.

Recommendation:

That the information be received and noted.

ITEM 5 RANGERS REPORT

The Ranger Statistics for month of January were provided by the Compliance Manager and distributed at the meeting. It was noted the high number of bikes/blades warnings.

Committee also requested that future monthly statistics be presented in a table with a comparison to the previous year's numbers as has happened previously.

Recommendation:

That the information be received and noted.

ITEM 6 Crime Prevention Plan

Refer to committee report prepared. Community Safety team reported on the progress of funding for the Crime Prevention Plan from Attorney General. Year 2 funding of \$54,942 will continue funding Community Safety Project officer position who will implement Stay Safe Project targeting ESL students, backpackers and Year 12 students; Safer Bars or similar and continue 'Get Home Safe' Late Night Transport.

Recommendation:

That the information be received and noted.

ITEM 7 CORRESPONDENCE
7.1 2012 Local Government Graffiti Survey

Survey was conducted by Crime Prevention Division of Attorney Generals Dept. Results were received by Council on 16 January. 104 Councils participated including Manly.

The aim is to quantify graffiti across NSW and to compare situation since last survey in 2006. There doesn't appear to be much change in 6 years and reflects the situation in Manly LGA.

Key findings include:

- Most commonly reported targets are amenities blocks;
- Tagging remains most common type of graffiti;
- Spray paint most common used material used;
- ¾ councils have systems in place to record graffiti incidence;
- Rapid Removal and Encouraging reporting are two most common strategies used to combat graffiti

An electronic copy of the report will be sent out with the minutes.

7.2

Ombudsman NSW Issues Paper

The NSW Ombudsman is currently conducting a review of powers recently provided to police relating to intoxicated people found in public places.

Police were given new powers under the *Summary Offences Amendment (Intoxicated and Disorderly Conduct) Act 2011*, which commenced on 30 September 2011. The Act amended the *Law Enforcement (Powers and Responsibilities) Act 2002* to allow police to issue move on directions for intoxicated and disorderly behaviour.

The purpose of this review is to assess whether the Act has been implemented efficiently, effectively and fairly. At the end of the review, the Ombudsman will prepare a report with findings and recommendations, which will be tabled in Parliament.

The Community Safety Co-ordinator has responded to the relevant questions for consideration. This draft was tabled. Anyone who may have any additional views on this that they may like to have included please advise as soon as possible submissions are due by 15 February.

Recommendation

That the information be received and noted.

ITEM 8 **GENERAL BUSINESS**

The Corso Precinct – Safety issues

8.1

Pavica Kupcak(secretary) for Corso Precinct addressed the committee about some issues of concern that have been discussed at the Precinct. Firstly a letter from Pavica was distributed to the committee in relation to an assault on her son whilst outside McDonalds Manly Wharf on a weekday afternoon. Whilst three of the six offenders were arrested the concerns lay with the lack of any response by McDonalds staff and Manly Wharf security. It appears there is no discernible CCTV coverage of the area by Manly Wharf management nor active monitoring of any such system. McDonalds CCTV could not and should not be relied upon. Whilst there is extensive CCTV coverage for the rest of Manly CBD it stops at the border of Manly Wharf where the Visitor Information Centre is located, this does not seem to be the case at Manly Wharf. There are also concerns about apparent suggestions by Manly Wharf security that they would not have been able to intervene as the assault may have been slightly over the border of the Manly Wharf managed area.

Police advised that they encourage police to regularly patrol the wharf area and the Police Transport Command are also deployed particularly on busy days. Discussion about the importance of this area and as the 'gateway' to Manly should be as safe as the rest of Manly.

Committee agreed that there is a need to confirm what security is in place at Manly Wharf and a strong letter to the Manager to request that it be improved in light of this and other anecdotal evidence that security may not be adequate. Also that a letter be sent to RMS requesting that adequate security of the area must be included in the lease conditions with a copy to the RMS Minister Duncan Gay.

Discussion regarding toilet signage around the CBD. The Corso precinct has raised this as an important issue as toilets are currently difficult to locate particularly for visitors. This is even more problematic at night time. The Precinct Co-ordinator and Community Safety Co-ordinator have conducted a preliminary review and would recommend a number of signage improvements. The Committee agreed that this is an important issue and requested that these recommendations be acted upon. It was also discussed that this would be a matter that can be further addressed in the upcoming Safety Audit.

Recommendation

That a letter be sent to Manly Wharf Management regarding their security arrangements. That a further letter be sent to RMS to ensure adequate security is included in the lease conditions with a copy forwarded to the RMS Minister Duncan Gay.

- 8.2 Lagoon Park Lighting - Budget Bid**
Following an unsuccessful budget bid last year another budget bid has been submitted for consideration this year for lighting at Lagoon Park. Lack of lighting has long been a safety concern of the committee particularly in winter and with the high mixed use on the path. The committee agreed that this was an important need and would like to ensure that it is considered again this year.
- Recommendation:**
That the budget bid for lighting in Lagoon Park be a priority in the 2013/14 budget process.
- 8.3 Community Safety & Place Management Committee Late Night Safety Audit**
It was proposed that a late night safety audit be undertaken by the committee as it has been more than 2 years since the last one and would be beneficial for the new committee members. Tentatively agreed that this will be held on Saturday 23 March to meet at Town Hall at midnight. An alternate wet weather date of 6 April was nominated.
- 8.4 Hop Skip And Jump Bus**
Concerns were raised by Stuart Sprott about the misuse of the bus particularly by out of area youths who were on the bus for the specific purpose to get to & from Jump Rock (which is dangerous and not permitted)
It seems they are often wet and intimidating when they get on the bus. Query as to how this might be monitored, made safer and whether out of area passengers could be charged.
- 8.5 Glass company stickers**
Drew Johnstone raised concerns about the increasing amount of stickers being put on shop windows advertising Glass repair businesses. Not permitted but companies concerned are varied and often from western Sydney who are not responsive to requests to stop. Difficult to control. Educate shop owners to scrape sticker off asap. Police were not aware of a corresponding amount of smashed windows. Rangers will be advised to be aware of problem.
- 8.6 Community Centre**
Jacqui Smith advised the committee that local people are being affected by the closure of court house and the loss of a local Chamber Magistrate. The absence of the Court is impacting on people's access to legal assistance. Jacqui wanted to inform community that Legal Aid is currently operating out of the MCC. Mayor advised that she could include this in her column if details are forwarded to her.
- Recommendation:**
That the information be received and noted.
- ITEM 9 NEXT MEETING DATE: 14 March 2013**
Meeting Closed 9.55am

