



MINUTES OF MEETING

COMMUNITY SAFETY & PLACE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

HELD THURSDAY 13 MARCH 2014

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 (Chair)	Manly Council
Cllr Barbara Aird	Manly Council
Cllr Candy Bingham	Manly Council
Cllr Alan LeSurf	Manly Council

Other Representatives

Supt David Darcy	Northern Beaches Police Command
Ray Mathieson	Community Member
Amanda Farrar	Office of Mike Baird MP
Jacqui Smith	Manly Community Centre
Hania Norman	The Corso Precinct
Melissa Palermo	Northern Sydney Health
Deb Patenall	Street Pastors
Malcolm Pearse	Corrections NSW

Council Staff

Leanne Martin	Community Safety Co-ordinator
Eric Poulos	Community Services Manager
Donna Donoghue	Community 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 13 March 2014 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	
	Cllr Steve Pickering and Stuart Sprott.	
ITEM 2	DECLARATION OF INTEREST	
	Nil	

ITEM 3
3.1 **UPDATES**
East Esplanade

For the information of the Committee: The CBD Alcohol Free Zones must be reviewed by July this year as per a four year statutory obligation. This requires a degree of community consultation and notification. It is intended that the process commence with a discussion at this Committee next month. A report will be furnished prior to the next meeting and the item will be put on the April Agenda. It will also be a review of the Alcohol Prohibited Areas.

ACTION

3.2 **Liquor License Applications update**

- Manly Ferry Liquor License proposal - No application has yet been lodged with OLGR.
- Change of boundaries Hugo's, Manly Wharf – a community safety submission was lodged for both the DA and to OLGR.
- Application by ALDI to operate a takeaway liquor area from the supermarket at Manly Wharf (extending into the old Bayswiss premises) – a community safety submission was lodged with OLGR raising attention to the rubbish generated by takeaway liquor on East Esplanade and asking for a condition for them to take some responsibility for their rubbish.

Recommendation:

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

ITEM 4 **Police Report**

Superintendent Darcy advised the committee that renovation building works on the Belgrave St, Manly Police Station will commence in April. He also gave some feedback on the Police Amalgamation: 100% of all domestic violence reports are reviewed; an improvement of previous standards and it was requested that this information also be reported to the area Domestic Violence Committee.

Response times: records are showing that cars are getting to jobs quicker than before.

Search warrants: more executed with good results including high level drug dealer detections, three firearms seized. More pressure placed on Outlaw Motorcycle Gang (OMCG) activities.

Targeted operations: Public transport and anti-social behaviour is a major problem and will involve random stops of buses en route and police will talk to drivers and deal with any bullying by passengers.

In regards to the concerns about response times raised last month, Superintendent Darcy has addressed this specific matter with Little Manly Precinct representatives and assured the committee that response times have been worked on and improved. He also reiterated the need for any calls from the public that require police presence to call 000 and not the police station directly.

Cllr Aird asked about suitability of a "No Glass" area in East Esplanade reserve. Supt Darcy advised that as crime is not the main concern at this location, it is not a police problem but he posed the question about how such a restriction would be enforced efficiently. An update will follow next month on status of waste management in East Esplanade.

Recommendation:

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

ITEM 5 Rangers Report

The Ranger statistics report was distributed. The Compliance Manager addressed the committee about current items of interest including:

Homelessness – Staff at Council, including the Rangers, continue to work closely with the Manly Community Centre (MCC&S) who has a homeless Outreach worker able to engage with homeless people. Concerns about homelessness are addressed in a homelessness Protocol development by a Homelessness Working party of the Community Safety and Place Management Advisory Committee. It is suggested that to further address the issue, that the Protocol be developed into a Council Policy for inclusion into the council Policy Register.

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MCC homeless outreach worker has assisted three homeless people to find alternate accommodation with one returning. Overall the approach Council and MCC are taking with the Homelessness Protocol is to be applauded.

It was also discussed that staff should investigate having the Protocol that was developed by the Homelessness Working Party of this Committee being included into the Council Policy Register.

East Esplanade continues to be monitored by rangers. Numbers of people each Sunday remains stable with no evidence of anti-social behavior. Waste is more the problem. The rangers will continue to monitor through to the winter months.

Noise complaints: There has been an increase in the number of noise complaints from licensed premises. A night ranger will respond initially with follow-up from the Compliance Team. Whilst all complaints are responded to it is not always possible to take action (cited example of Pacific Waves and small bars nearby).

Residents are advised to keep noise diaries to help establish patterns that in turn help Council allocate staff more efficiently. It is easier to enforce through DA conditions than the Noise Act. Manly Wharf vicinity is a high complaint area.

Bicycles – all rangers are asked to ensure that cyclists are warned when observed riding in restricted area such as The Corso.

Committee discussed problems such as parties, noise, and rubbish around short term rentals in Darley Road area – whilst upsetting for permanent residents nothing necessarily is enforceable.

Recommendation

That the committee recommends to the General Manager that the Manly Council Homeless Protocol be included in the Council Policy Register.

ITEM 6 Crime Prevention Plan – Year 3 Funding Application

The Community Safety Team has just submitted a funding application to the NSW Attorney General Crime Prevention Division. This is the final year we are eligible to apply for funding (up to \$50,000) under this current Crime Prevention Plan.

The three projects that we applied for are:

- Market Lane Saturdays - \$19,000
- The establishment of a late night traders radio network (in partnership with the Liquor Accord) - \$12,500
- Provision of 20 high visibility, weatherproof jackets for Street Pastors - \$1,094

The remaining amount is to fund a project officer salary for one day per week.

All of these projects are valuable to improving safety in the night time environment and in particular targeting alcohol related assaults. The application was submitted on Tuesday and we should hopefully be advised of the results next week.

In relation to Market Lane Saturdays, a full evaluation will be provided to the committee next month. Community Safety staff has met with Sarah O'Brien and submitted an acquittal for the funding to the Crime Prevention Division for all grant monies spent. All of this information will be prepared ready to present to the committee in April.

Recommendation:

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

CSC**ITEM 7 CORRESPONDENCE****7.1 Response from Local Government NSW to letter about Manly Council Resolution to Support 'Save Our Streets – Real Action on Alcohol Now'**

A letter dated 12 February was tabled from Bill Gillooly, Chief Executive of Local Govt NSW thanking Council for its resolution and details the LGNSW approach to the liquor licensing changes in NSW.

7.2 Media Release: Pilot Alcohol Projects to Empower NSW Communities

On 16 February the Foundation for Alcohol Research and Education announced the launch of a new pilot project called Alcohol Community Action Project to assist communities dealing with liquor licensing issues. Information sheet distributed to the committee.

The project will provide free advice and assistance to help influence liquor licensing decisions. Tony Brown (from Newcastle) will be the advocate working on the project. The committee agreed that it would be of great interest to invite him to address a future meeting.

Recommendation:

That the Committee invites Tony Brown to address the committee on the Alcohol Community Action Project.

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7.3

NRMA Community Grants

These are small one-off grants for Road Safety and Crime Prevention Projects between \$500 and \$5000. Applications close on 30 March. The Community Safety Team will submit for additional Street Pastor jackets. It was suggested that council apply for swags and trolleys for the Homeless Outreach Worker to distribute.

Recommendation:

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

ITEM 8 GENERAL BUSINESS

8.1 Liquor Accord Meeting

A quarterly meeting of the Liquor Accord was held on 4 March with the new Executive: Adam Clarke is the new Chairperson, with Treasurer, (Michael) licensee of The New Brighton Hotel and secretary, Alex Dahlburg, Manly Pacific Hotel. Membership letters will be sent with an invoice particularly to those venues that have membership as part of their licence conditions.

The Community Safety Coordinator presented the partnership proposal for the establishment of a late night trader's radio network. This was accepted and will be followed up with the Late Night Group. Licensing police advised that with the merging of police commands, that there will be a more systematic/ coordinated approach to licensing enforcement and warned about recent breaches for serving liquor without a meal at an on-premises licensed venue. Next meeting will be 3 June 2014.

8.2 Crime Prevention and Communities Conference

The Australian Institute of Criminology and the Victorian Department of Justice are hosting Australia's 2nd Major Crime Prevention and Communities Conference, in collaboration with Victoria Police, at the Melbourne Convention Centre on 10-11 June 2014. The Conference, Building Better Local Solutions, will inform local government and key stakeholders.

Community Safety Coordinator has submitted an abstract to present at the conference on 'Shifting the Drinking Culture'. The paper will highlight the 'Market Lane Saturdays' trial and the theory that by attracting different demographics into the night time environment as well as providing activities that distract and delay young people from drinking, will help reduce the incidence of alcohol related harm.

Recommendation:

The Committee recommends to the General Manager that the Community Safety Coordinator be supported in attending and presenting at the Crime Prevention and Communities Conference in June 2014.

NEXT MEETING DATE: 10 April 2014

Meeting Closed 9.00am

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