



MINUTES OF MEETING

COMMUNITY SAFETY & PLACE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

HELD THURSDAY 11 APRIL 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
Cllr Barbara Aird	Manly Council
Cllr Alan LeSurf	Manly Council

Other Representatives

Supt Dave Darcy	Manly Police
Ray Mathieson	Community Member
Stuart Sprott	Community Member
Sidar Demerbag	Late Night Food Traders Rep
Hania Norman	The Corso Precinct
Deb Patenall	Street Pastors
Malcolm Pearse	Corrections NSW
Drew Johnson	Chamber of Commerce
Wade Mitford	STA

Council Staff

Leanne Martin	Community Safety Co-ordinator
Kathryn Fayle	Divisional Manager, Human Services & Facilities
Anita Ugarkovic	Compliance Manager
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 11 April 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

Anita Ugarkovic, Deb Patenall

Welcome: Tony Osagie– Welfare placement student with Youth Services will be observing.

ITEM 2	DECLARATION OF INTEREST There were no declarations of interest.	ACTION
ITEM 3	CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING It was resolved at Council's Ordinary Meeting held on 8 April 2013 that the minutes of the March Community Safety and Place Management Committee be adopted. Committee Actions Update Report : Two items arising from previous meetings were updated: Police Station/Court House Development Ray Mathieson has sent requests to Mike Bairds office seeking a response about the status and future of both the police station and courthouse developments. So far no response has been forthcoming in time for this meeting. It has been indicated to Council Deputy General Manager that the Police Station build will commence in June and take approx 6 months. Committee discussed the impacts of the removal of the court; the inadequacy of North Sydney Court particularly the serious compromise of the Domestic Violence service and whether a temporary court could be considered. Urgent inquiries will continue to ascertain the status about the future of the two services. Manly Wharf Security In a follow up to the concerns expressed in the February's meeting about security at Manly Wharf Superintendent Darcy indicated that the Police are conducting a review of the security at Manly Wharf along with a wider review of CCTV in the CBD and will meet with the General Manager about this. New plans are on exhibition for the proposed extension to Manly Wharf. This presents a good opportunity to include conditions about security at the Wharf. The Community Safety Co-ordinator will liaise with planning and the Police to ensure this is commented on. Recommendation: That the information be received and noted.	

ITEM 4 POLICE REPORT

Superintendent Darcy reported that they had arrested a 22 year old male from Hornsby for assaulting a lifeguard at Manly Beach earlier this year whilst intoxicated.

In response to concerns expressed in previous meetings Police are enforcing AFZ and APA zones mostly in local parks and reserves including Shelley Bch, East Esp., Little Manly targeting backpacker parties where people often ignorant of laws.

In the next fortnight the Dee Why Commander and Supt Darcy have to submit their applications for the combined Command Commander position.

Recommendation:

That the information be received and noted.

ITEM 5 Rangers Report

Due to a late apology from the Compliance Manager the Rangers Report was unavailable for this month. It will be distributed with the minutes.

Cllr Pickering raised an issue concerning pedestrian/cycle shared zones – specifically Spit Bridge. It is mostly cyclist during weekdays and more pedestrian dominated on weekends but not wide enough generally. Road Safety Officer advised that RMS have briefed staff on this issue and due to the age of the bridge the widths of the path do not comply with todays standards and the RMS will therefore take responsibility of this path.

Cllr Aird had received a complaint from a resident about broken glass on Little Manly Beach where their child had been cut from a broken bottle. As a result they have suggested that there be a zero tolerance approach to Alcohol Free Zones and Alcohol Prohibited Areas. Committee discussed this but mostly agreed that the need to retain discretion is important. It is impossible to enforce every law on every occasion. This incident could also be considered more of a littering issue as there are soft drink glass bottles as well as many bottles washed up onto the beach.

All AFZ in Manly will be reviewed in 2014 and this is an opportunity to consider boundary and time changes.

Recommendation:

That the information be received and noted.

ITEM 6 Late Night Manly Working Group

A report has been sent to the whole committee in order that everybody sees some of the background information that will inform the sub committee.

The group will meet immediately after this meeting.

The objective of this meeting is to ensure everyone is clear on what we hope to achieve and what this will entail.

The group will report back to the committee each month.

Recommendation:

That the information be received and noted.

ITEM 7

CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 Late Night Transport survey

Donna Donoghue (Community Safety Officer) is currently completing an evaluation of the Get Home Safe campaign. To help with this she has prepared a Late Night Transport (10 question online) survey. A link can be found on the front page of the Council website if anyone is interested in completing it.

It has also been distributed to all late night venues for distribution through their mailing lists and social media. The results will be compared with a similar late night transport survey that was conducted in 2009. Mayor advised that it will also be promoted in the Manly Daily Mayors Saturday column.

7.2

Invitation to apply for grant funding under Safer Suburbs Program – Taxi Security Scheme.

A letter was received (10/4) addressed to the General Manager inviting local government to consider applying for funding under the Federal Government Safer Suburbs program Taxi Security Scheme. The letter states:

The Safer Suburbs Program aims to address crime and anti-social behaviour by providing funding for community safety measures. Projects include security-related infrastructure such as closed-circuit television systems (CCTV) and street lighting.

The Committee agreed that this would be a good opportunity to apply for funding to improve the infrastructure primarily around the beachfront night taxi rank with lighting, shelter and CCTV. The weekend audit will consider the specific needs.

Recommendation

That Council applies for grant funding under the Safer Suburbs Program – Taxi Security Scheme with a view to improving the North Steyne late night taxi rank.

ITEM 8

GENERAL BUSINESS

8.1 Late Night CBD Safety Audit

The audit will be going ahead on Saturday night (13 April). We will meet outside Town Hall at 11.30pm for a briefing. It will only be postponed if it is raining – a decision will be made by 6pm that day and everyone will be advised by text.

8.2 Northern Beaches Community Drug Action Team (CDAT)

This is a newly formed group that is working on some drug and alcohol education projects that are relevant to this committee. Amanda Watkins from MDECC briefed the committee on the Northern Beaches CDAT, their history and current projects. (see attached info.)

The first campaign the team is working on is a Secondary Supply campaign aiming to improve awareness about laws of alcohol supply to juveniles. It is using a three prong approach of parent education, marketing and workshops. The first step of this campaign is a survey that is being distributed around schools and community. The flyer about this is also attached. Committee members who are parents are encouraged to complete the survey or urge others to do so. See link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SupplyMeansSupply>

8.3 Manly Community Centre

Jacqui Smith advised the committee on a number of changes occurring in the area and a growing concern about the increasing number of services that assist more disadvantaged parts of the community being moved from the area – 11 services lost in 13 years. Most recently Public Trustee office has gone with MCC hosting some of their services; Legal Aid will now operate some service at MCC (not criminal matters); the MERIT Program has been transferred to Royal North Shore Hospital. Discussions about the need for justice to be occurring in a local environment as people who need help won't travel to get it and will be denied.

Jacqui tabled the quarterly Homeless Outreach Service Report Dec 2012 – Feb 2013. A copy can be distributed with the minutes.

The launch of the Legal Aid outreach service will be held at the centre on Friday 12 April a with the Attorney General Greg Smith and Local MP Mike Baird opening. All members are invited.

8.4 Waste Committee

Clr Aird advised that following last month's recommendation the Waste Committee are investigating the most suitable options for cigarette butt disposal.

8.5 Ivanhoe Hotel

Superintendent Darcy wished to publicly congratulate the owners of the Ivanhoe Hotel about the renovation. The design is excellent with a food focus. No assaults have occurred since opening and so far appear to be attracting a well behaved demographic.

Recommendation:

That the information be received and noted.

NEXT MEETING DATE: 9 May 2013

Meeting Closed 9.20am