



MINUTES OF MEETING

COMMUNITY SAFETY & PLACE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

HELD THURSDAY 11 DECEMBER 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 Hugh Burns	Manly Council
Cllr Alan Le Surf	Manly Council
Cllr Steve Pickering	Manly Council

Other Representatives

Insp Craig Wonders	Northern Beaches Police
Jacquiline Smith	Manly Community Centre & Services
Ray Mathieson	Community Member
Stuart Sprott	Community Member
Deb Patenall	Street Pastors
Susan Watson	MDECC
Jonathon Noyes	Northern Sydney Health
Sidar Demirbag	Late Night Food Traders

Council Staff

Donna Donoghue	Community Safety Co-coordinator
Anita Ugarkovic	Compliance Manager
Kathryn Fayle	Divisional Manager Human Services and Facilities

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The **Community Safety & Place Management Advisory Committee** met on Thursday 13 November 2014 to consider the matters referred to it and now provides the following advice to Council.

OPEN The meeting commenced at 8.00am.

ITEM 1 **Apologies and Leave of Absence**
Supt Dave Darcy and Leanne Martin

ITEM 2 **Declaration Of Interest**
Nil

ACTION

ITEM 3 Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 13 November 2014 and Matters Arising

The November meeting minutes were adopted at the Ordinary Meeting on 8 December 2014. The following information updates the committee on previous actions:

3.1 Crime Prevention Projects - Grant Funded Safer Suburbs Project

Work on the North Steyne taxi rank has been confirmed to start on Monday 12th January 2015. Excavation works and installation time is estimated by JC Decaux to be approximately a week. Disruption to the operation of this rank will be kept to a minimum during this time.

3.2 Market Lane Saturdays

Following the Committee's recommendation last month, a budget bid for \$40,000 has been submitted to the General Manager to undertake a series of events in 2015. This will be supplemented by an existing \$10,000 from the "Manly After Midnight Strategy Budget".

3.3 East Esplanade

Following last month's recommendation, the General Manager agreed to change the Alcohol Prohibited Area on East Esplanade only (not West Esplanade) from 24 hours to 4.00pm to 6.00am with immediate effect. New signs have been erected and website information amended to reflect these changes.

At Council Planning and Strategy Meeting on 1st December Councillors referred this item back to the Committee for further consideration regarding the timings of the APA. The issue of amending the time to sunset or 8pm was discussed. An email received from a resident was also tabled. The initial reasoning behind the 4pm timing including cleansing collection times and availability of Rangers and Police were all considered.

Cllr Bingham raised feedback she had received from local residents suggesting the time was too early and would prefer a cut off near sunset. Police and Council staff reported that there continue to be no incidents of note on East Esplanade.

The Committee resolved to maintain the current time limitations and to review and evaluate the situation at Easter 2015. This was extended from the previous month's recommendation to allow a more meaningful review period. Cllr Bingham requested it be noted that she was opposed to this decision.

Recommendation

The Committee recommends to the General Manager that the existing time of a 4pm cut off for the East Esplanade remain until a full review is conducted for April 2015.

3.4 Homelessness

Manager of the Manly Community Centre updated the committee on the 'Going Home Staying Home' funding meeting held with Mission Australia last month. The committee was advised that other regions were using the Manly model to build their homelessness strategies, in particular Kuringai who will open the 2nd women's

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shelter in Hornsby in the New Year. Manly Community Centre Outreach Worker was congratulated on his continued good work with the homeless.

It was noted that the Community Centre will be closed for 3 weeks over the Christmas period, but that senior staff will be on call for homeless crisis intervention. A meeting will be held on 17th December with the Community Safety Team and the Community Centre to establish service coverage dates, contact numbers, criteria and the process for referrals.

Community Safety Coordinator updated the Committee on a homelessness interagency day held on 10th December at the Wishing Well, Manly. The aim of the day was to engage and assist homeless in Manly and work with them to develop appropriate responses and strategies for individual needs. The day was run by the Homeless Interagency group and resourced by Police, Fairlight House staff, Missionbeat, Housing NSW, Northern Beaches Mental Health Service, Partners in Recovery, Salvation Army and Manly Community Centre. There were 5 homeless at the Wishing Well, 3 of whom engaged with the agencies accepting food and services offered. It was a good opportunity for networking and establishing ongoing links with the agencies involved.

Recommendation

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

ITEM 4 Police Report

Inspector Wonders reported that:

1. Bikies: Police searched a premises previously linked to the Finks at Brookvale and a firearm and drugs were found. The Finks have now disbanded and joined the Mongols, who have yet to take up occupancy of these premises. Northern Beaches Liquor Accord has agreed that all licensed venues in their area will enforce a 'No patches' policy and report anything related to police, in line with the rest of the peninsula.
2. East Esplanade: As per item 3.3 Police and Rangers are working together co-operatively on enforcements as required. It was reported that there continue to be no crime incidents related to the East Esplanade gatherings.

Recommendation

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

ITEM 5 Rangers Report
Monthly report tabled.

The issue of vandalism and camping at Little Manly Point was raised and a request for rangers to be aware of this issue. There is also an issue with noise complaints at a rented property on Stuart Street. Council is aware of this property and noise abatement orders will be issued if necessary.

Compliance Manager reported on:

Late Night Traders – Committee was advised that the Council have received a letter from Supt Darcy relating to the Late Night Food Traders Agreement and citing observations that some of the businesses were not complying and opening beyond their agreed hours and requesting that this matter be addressed.

Late night traders' representative stated that historically there has been a late night food trader's agreement allowing existing premises to stay open after the licensed premises have closed. The reasoning was to ease the mass dispersal from licensed premises after closure and alleviate the pressure on late night transport.

Street pastors have noticed a change in the environment over the past few years, with a decrease in intensity of patrons, a better and kinder mood amongst patrons and employees of the late night food venues and easing of numbers at the taxi ranks.

The committee discussed the issue and resolved that the existing agreement should remain until a meeting is held with all parties to establish a formal agreement on appropriate opening hours.

Recommendation

The Committee recommends to the General Manager that the late night food traders, Council Compliance Officer and Police meet and work together to finalise the finer details of the agreement. To report back to the February Committee meeting with this agreement for final ratification.

Correspondence

No correspondence submitted to this meeting.

ITEM 6

General Business

**ITEM 7
7.1**

ICE Fact Sheet

A copy of the ICE factsheet from the Australian Drug Foundation and an article from the SMH was distributed. Discussions were had relating to the growing ICE issues, the effects of ICE, lack of information and support groups, reduced input of drug education into schools and lack of resources to combat these issues. The committee resolved to request MDECC to present on the issues of ICE and other drugs on the Northern Beaches from their professional counsellors at the February meeting.

Recommendation

The Committee recommends to the General Manager to support any motion from council to further progress this issue in respect of

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an education process or drug summit.

7.2 Meeting Dates for 2015

Details of proposed meeting dates for 2015, scheduled for the 2nd Thursday of every month commencing 12th February 2015, were distributed to all present.

ITEM 8 Date for Next Meeting – 12 February 2015

Meeting closed 9.50 am