



MINUTES OF MEETING

COMMUNITY SAFETY & PLACE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

HELD THURSDAY 12 JUNE 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 Alan LeSurf	Manly Council
Cllr Steve Pickering	Manly Council
Cllr Barbara Aird	Manly Council
Cllr Candy Bingham	Manly Council
Cllr Hugh Burns	Manly Council

Other Representatives

Supt David Darcy	Northern Beaches Police Command
Ray Mathieson	Community Member
Jacquiline Smith	Manly Community Centre & Services
Jono Noyes	Northern Sydney Health
Malcolm Pearce	Corrections NSW
Drew Johnson	Chamber of Commerce

Council Staff

Eric Poulos	Community Services Manager
-------------	----------------------------

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The **Community Safety & Place Management Advisory Committee** met on Thursday 12 June 2014 to consider the matters referred to it and now provides the following advice to Council.

OPEN		ACTION
ITEM 1	Apologies and Leave of Absence Leanne Martin, Amanda Farrar, Hania Norman, Stuart Sprott, Ged Dore, Sidar Demirbag, Amanda Watkins, Cam Wall, Deb Patenall	
ITEM 2	Declaration Of Interest Nil	
ITEM 3	Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 8 May 2014 and Matters Arising The May meeting minutes were adopted at the Ordinary Meeting on Monday 2 June 2014. The following information updates the committee on previous actions:	

3.1	Cycling enforcement: Rangers and Police have conducted three joint enforcement mornings which they consider very successful and a noticeable decline in non-compliance especially in riding in The Corso. In addition signage has been upgraded and improved around Manly Wharf. Staff will meet with the Police again to review and plan future activities.	ACTION
3.2	Homeless issues: Following the recommendation of the committee and subsequent resolution by Council on 12 May 2014, letters have been written to the Prime Minister and the Premier regarding Council concerns at the lack of both crisis accommodation and affordable long term housing options in the area. A letter has also been sent to the Manly Community Centre thanking Neil McWilliam for his work. All letters were tabled at the meeting. In addition, Council made the following resolution: “Council request the Committee consider initiating a meeting of all the regional services and peak bodies with the view to develop a unified approach to address the issue of providing accommodation for the homeless on the Northern Beaches”. Issues such as changes to State and Federal government policies, the level of funding available for crisis accommodation and the new “Going Home, Staying Home” policy were discussed. Another suggestion was that access to any surplus cottages at North Head could be investigated. The Mayor noted that she would inquire further through the Sydney Harbour Trust. It was also suggested that the committee set up a subcommittee to gather information about local homelessness issues and make suggestions for next steps. Leanne Martin, Jacqueline Smith, Neil McWilliam, Deb Patenall and a police representative (Supt. Dave Darcy to pass on name) were nominated to form the subcommittee.	
3.3	Recommendation: The Committee recommends to the General Manager that a subcommittee be formed to scope the issue of homelessness in Manly and to report back to the Committee. Safer Suburbs Federal Grant Funding – Taxi ranks The Committee received an updated report on progress which included: • LED floodlighting and CCTV cameras are installed at North Steyne taxi rank. • Proposal to install of bollards and retractable barrier tape and to construct a taxi rank shelter at North Steyne Taxi Rank. • New information plinths designed to be installed at the North Steyne and Belgrave Street taxi ranks. • Proposal to extend the Belgrave Street rank between 10.30pm and 5.00am on Friday and Saturday nights to allow taxis to pull into the area assigned for the Hop Skip and Jump bus.	CSC

Late Night Radio and Street Pastors Project

The Committee received an updated report on progress which included:

- Initial trials conducted with radio communication companies on feasibility and costing of the multi-radio network.
- A planning meeting has been held with a quorum of late night traders who are fully supportive of the operation of the system on a 12 month trial process.
- A meeting with the street pastors' co-ordinator is planned to discuss an appropriate design and supplier for the street pastor jackets. The application for the jackets to the NRMA 2014 crime prevention grants was not successful.

Recommendation:

The Committee recommends to the General Manager that a permanent bus/taxi shelter be installed at the North Steyne Taxi Rank by the existing bus stop on North Steyne.

CSC

3.4 AFZ Re-establishment

The 30 day Community Consultation required for the re-establishment of the Alcohol Free Zone closed on 2 June 2014. Nine letters were sent to key stakeholders, 123 letters sent to licensed premises within the Alcohol Free Zone, plus a separate letter to the Police Commander seeking comment. All precincts were informed and asked to submit their views. To date there are no submissions received. A final report is being prepared for the next Council meeting on 14 July 2014 to formalise the re-establishment.

3.5 Market Lane Saturdays

Committee was advised that an amount of \$60,000 was allocated in the Council's 2014-15 budget towards the project. The committee agreed to re-establish the Late Night Manly Working Group to scope the issue and to report back to the Committee.

An Expression of Interest (EOI) will need to be drafted as the first step, with a view to conducting the events from mid to late October. The EOI would need to follow the Council's policies and protocol.

Recommendation:

The Committee recommends to the General Manager that a Late Night Working Group be reconvened to progress the Market Lane Saturday project.

ITEM 4 Police Report

Superintendent Darcy reported that:

- Police Station refurbishments continue.
- A number of bikie gangs have entered the Northern Beaches area
- Drug detections are up including cocaine use. Larger quantities of drugs being seized. eg 14 kilo's in one bust
- Some illegal hand-guns seized on the Northern Beaches
- Assault rate remains low
- Domestic Violence follow-up and service working well

Recommendation:

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

ITEM 5 Rangers Report

The Ranger Statistics Report was tabled.

Follow-up discussion occurred regarding noise complainants from Manly Wharf. There was a diverse range of complaints from at least 7 people relating to the hotel, the ferry and the changing nature of use of the area. The music from the hotel was a problem when the bass was loud and repetitive.

From Police perspective the issue is complicated as to what the threshold for offensive noise was and how to obtain a scientific measurement. It was clarified that the Night Rangers can be called directly between 9pm and 4.30am Friday and Saturday nights and the Police are to be called all other times. It was suggested that further information was needed from Rangers on the noise issues.

CSM

Following mid-term review of Committees, the Manager, Regulatory Services is not required to attend the Meeting and a report is tabled. Committees were to be serviced by lead officers.

Members of the Committee suggested that the Manager, Regulatory Services is an integral part of the committee and an important liaison point for exchange of information on issues discussed and should be in attendance.

Recommendation

The Committee recommends to the General Manager that the Manager, Regulatory Services is an integral part of the Community Safety & Place Management Advisory Committee meeting and requests her attendance be reconsidered.

ITEM 6 Correspondence

Last month at the May meeting, Tony Brown, Project Manager from the Alcohol Community Action Project attended and spoke about alcohol related issues, liquor licensing and community advocacy. He has since sent a letter addressed to the Mayor and circulated to the committee prior to the meeting and made a number of suggestions. In relation to further lobbying on behalf of the Alcohol Community Action Project, Jacqueline Smith suggested that the Manly Drug Education Centre (MDEC) be consulted on the effectiveness of suggestions raised by Tony Brown and advise on further support for the project.

CSC

Recommendation

The Committee acknowledges the invaluable contribution the Alcohol Community Action Project (ACAP) managed by Tony Brown has made in supporting and empowering local communities to prevent alcohol related violence and associated harms.

ITEM 7 General Business**7.1 Manly Ferry Liquor License update**

Manly Ferry Liquor License has been lodged with OLGR. The Committee endorsed its previous position about limiting alcohol availability and not having alcohol available on ferries and proposed to lodge a submission objecting to the license application.

Recommendation:

The Committee recommends to the General Manager that a submission be lodged objecting to the license application.

7.2 Funding threat to Bringa Women's Refuge

Cllr Alan LeSurf raised the issue of funding threat to Bringa Women's Refuge. Jacqueline Smith gave a background to changes proposed and new funding arrangements and how government policies were promoting more generalised services responding to domestic violence.

The Community Services Manager advised that it had been discussed at the SHOROC Community Services Managers' Group and that a recommendation was to be discussed at the SHOROC General Managers Advisory Committee (GMAC) held 11 June 2014.

7.3 Corso Precinct Issues

Cllr Candy Bingham raised issues on behalf of Hania Norman relating to traffic engineering at the oval car park and road safety implications relating to Kenneth Road. All agreed that the Committee was not the appropriate forum and to be referred to Traffic Committee.

7.4 Graffiti on Harris Farm Building

Cllr Hugh Burns noted that there was graffiti on Harris Farm building facing Balgowlah Road and that they be contacted with a view to be educated about rapid removal.

Recommendation:

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

ITEM 8 Date for Next Meeting – 17 July 2014

Please note that this meeting is one week later than scheduled. ie. the 3rd week in the month instead of the 2nd, due to school holidays

Meeting closed 9.25 am

CSC