



MINUTES OF MEETING

COMMUNITY SAFETY & PLACE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

HELD THURSDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2015

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 Steve Pickering	Manly Council
Cllr Alan Le Surf	Manly Council

Other Representatives

Supt David Darcy	Northern Beaches Police Commander
Jacquiline Smith	Manly Community Centre & Services
Stuart Sprott	Community Member
Deb Patenall	Street Pastors
Susan Watson	MDECC
Sidar Demirbag	Late Night Food Traders
Jonathon Noyes	Northern Sydney Health
Amanda Farrar	NSW Member for Manly (staff rep)

Council Staff

Leanne Martin	Community Safety Co-ordinator
Donna Donoghue	Community Safety
Kathryn Fayle	Community Services Manager

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The **Community Safety & Place Management Advisory Committee** met on Thursday 12 February 2015 to consider the matters referred to it and now provides the following advice to Council.

OPEN		ACTION
ITEM 1	Apologies and Leave of Absence Anita Ugarkovic, Ray Mathieson, Malcolm Pearse Welcome: Belinda Volkov - MDECC	
ITEM 2	Declaration Of Interest Nil	

ITEM 3 Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 11 December 2014 and Matters Arising

The December meeting minutes were adopted at the P & S Meeting on 2 February 2015. The following information updates the committee on previous actions:

3.1 Crime Prevention Projects - Grant Funded

The North Steyne taxi rank shelter has been completed. New bollards are still to be installed once an onsite inspection has taken place with the taxi rank security operators to confirm their placement. Photos of rank tabled.

3.2 Late Night Food Traders

The December recommendation stated:

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.

A letter was sent from Deputy GM on 22 December 2014 to all the late traders. As a result it was difficult for staff to co-ordinate a meeting in the interim to discuss the original agreement. Mayor advised that the above recommendation had been endorsed by Council on 2 February and should therefore be actioned. Late Night Food Trader representative advised he had replied to the letter stating that the 2007 agreement should stand as it had been adhered to and should be considered again. Police are looking towards a negotiated transparent governance framework for the after-hours traders.

In consideration of the history of this issue, the reduction in problems and venue trading hours and the confinement to only the four original shops the committee agreed that the original recommendation should be pursued and reported back within next two months.

3.3 Homelessness

Over the new year community safety staff co-ordinated meetings between Manly Community Centre HOS worker, Rangers and Police to develop a strategy to sensitively deal with complaints from the public and the couple of people who set up camp in the beachfront shelter. The MCC (between Jacqui Smith and Neil McWilliam) did a remarkable job keeping the communication going with the rough sleepers and helped negotiate a clean up of all the rubbish and encouraged them to keep the space tidy and consider other sleeping places. MCC should be commended for their proactive work over the holiday period.

A letter has been prepared to give notice to the main wishing well rough sleeper advising he must clear himself and his belongings for cleansing of the shelter by 8am three mornings per week. This is to ensure public health standards can be maintained.

The Manly Community Centre tabled their quarterly Homeless Outreach Service Report for distribution with the minutes.

3.4 East Esplanade

Community Safety Staff are continuing to compile information about East Esplanade with a view to reporting about this in April. Any feedback from committee members or the group they represent is welcome and can be forwarded to Leanne Martin or Donna Donoghue.

Recommendation

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

ITEM 4 Police Report

Superintendent Darcy reported that:

- Australian Open of Surfing going well.
- Manly Police Station possibly open as early as May.
- Social Media pop-up parties are a new challenge to be aware of eg. Inflatable flotilla event on Australia Day diverted from environmentally sensitive Little Collins beach to Cabbage Tree Bay
- Improving domestic violence service with an additional DV officer targeting repeat offenders.

Recommendation:

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

ITEM 5 Rangers Report

Monthly report tabled. Written report from the Compliance Manager was read to the committee. Request to arrange more bike blitzes – Police will be involved but need to ensure Ranger attendance.

Recommendation

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

ITEM 6 Street Pastors Report

Deb Patenall updated the committee on the Street Pastor programme. After nearly five years of operation the parent group from the Ascension Trust (UK) are visiting Manly to lead the new training program for all the Street Pastor volunteers. They will also attend Yarra Council in Melbourne where a new Street Pastor group is being formed. Deb agreed to try and compile some statistics, overview information about their work over the last five years. New uniform is also in process of being arranged.

An invitation was extended to all committee members to attend a reception for the Chairman, Sandy Scrimgeour and Operations Manager, Eustace Constance from the UK. It will be held on 24 February 5pm at St Matthews. All welcome.

The Mayor suggested hosting a formal reception for volunteers past and present to mark the five year anniversary of Manly Street Pastors. Committee all agreed that Street Pastors are a valuable community asset and recognition of this service would be

appropriate.

Recommendation

The Committee recommends to the General Manager that a Mayoral reception be arranged in May to recognize and celebrate the 5 year anniversary of the Street Pastors in Manly.

ITEM 7 ICE Presentation Report

Belinda Volkov presented a detailed briefing about the issue of methamphetamines (specifically ICE) including its physical and mental impacts on individuals, statistics on demographics and use, manufacturing, availability, community fear, limitation of rehabilitation options and psychotic episodes. Despite media reports to the contrary there are still relatively small numbers of users. Alcohol and cannabis remain the drugs that create the most harm across the community.

Supt Darcy agreed with MDECCs presentation and advised that whilst police have uncovered drug labs locally they are likely to be replaced very quickly. Meth drug labs are extremely dangerous. Police target organised crime involvement to try and reduce availability.

Further discussion re concerns about future funding for MDECC due to new funding models governments are using for NGO's.

Recommendation

The Committee recommends to the General Manager that MDECC are recognized for the difficult and valuable work they do in the local community and are supported in any future applications for funding from State and Federal government.

ITEM 8 General Business

A request was made by Cllr Bingham to ask Mike Baird MP to supply the report about the current status of public housing. Leanne Martin advised that there is currently a social housing consultation being undertaken by Family and Community Services to assist with preparation of a final report on future reforms. Amanda Farrar will follow up.

Recommendation

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

ITEM 9 Date for Next Meeting – 12 March 2015

Meeting closed 9.45 am