



MINUTES OF MEETING

COMMUNITY SAFETY & PLACE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

HELD THURSDAY 13 August 2015

NOTE: All minutes are subject to confirmation at a subsequent Ordinary Meeting of Council or Planning and Strategy Committee Meeting.

PRESENT:

Councillors

Cllr Steve Pickering (A/Chair)
Cllr Barbara Aird
Cllr Hugh Burns
Cllr Alan Le Surf
Cllr Candy Bingham

Manly Council
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Other Representatives

Supt David Darcy
Sidar Demirbag
Melissa Palermo
Amanda Farrar
Ray Mathieson
Jacqui Smith
Malcolm Pearce
Jon Brown
Susan Watson
Sarah Turner

Northern Beaches Police Commander
Late Night Food Traders
Northern Sydney Health
NSW Member for Manly (staff rep)
Community Rep
Manly Community Centre
Corrections NSW
Manly Liquor Accord
MDECC
Chamber of Commerce

Council Staff

Leanne Martin
Anita Ugarkovic
Donna Donoghue

Community Safety Co-ordinator
Compliance Manager
Community Safety

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The **Community Safety & Place Management Advisory Committee** met on Thursday 16 July 2015 to consider the matters referred to it and now provides the following advice to Council.

OPEN The meeting commenced at 8.10am.

ITEM 1 **Apologies and Leave of Absence**
Cllr Jean Hay AM

ITEM 2 **Declaration Of Interest**
Nil

ACTION

ITEM 3 Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting and Matters Arising

The June meeting minutes were adopted at the Ordinary Meeting on Monday 10 August 2015.

3.1 Late Night Planning

Last month's recommendation *"That the committee recommend to the General Manager that a review of the Manly after Midnight Policy and the Late Night Venues DCP be undertaken and that a sub-committee be formed including appropriate staff to assist with the review as required"*. This went to Council on Monday night (10/8) as an IBM and was adopted. The committee can now form a sub-committee to assist staff in developing new planning controls for Late Night Manly. It is proposed that the first meeting immediately after the next Safety Committee on 10 September. Anyone who wishes to join the group should come to this meeting.

Data on current licensed venues numbers and types will also be available from Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing by then along with other useful information such as planning controls used in other areas.

We have been advised by Planning that the Late Night Venues DCP was revoked by the Manly DCP in 2013. The current DCP is an integrated document and cannot be looked at in isolation. It is therefore important that planning staff are involved in this review.

Recommendation:

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

3.2 Homelessness

Last month copies of the updated protocol were distributed for feedback. This is also going to be presented at the Human Services and Social Planning Committee for their comment and consideration of representation on issues of funding, transitional housing options and other policy matters in this area that are outside the terms of reference of this committee. Suggested ideas included possible use of Federation Trust buildings.

The Wishing Well shelter is now re-opened with new small tables and stools installed along with handrail seat dividers. It was discussed the representations about this at Council on Monday night. This minor renovation came about following its closure for repairs and in consultation with Neil McWilliam (HOS worker). It is not intended to alienate anybody but to restore equitable use of the space and to help avoid situations where rough sleepers permanently entrench themselves. (Photos tabled)

Recommendation:

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

3.3 Late Night carparking

Last month's recommendation was: *That the Committee recommends to the General Manager that consideration be given to exploring options for carparking arrangements for late night and essential service workers in Manly CBD.*

The National building, in Central Ave, owners corporation have recently made a decision to close the shutter doors on the entry and exit of the carpark at 12.30pm for various safety related reasons. Council operate this carpark until 12mn. After this time the boom gate was left up and vehicles were able to leave without cost. Apparently a lot of the late night workers utilised this free carparking opportunity that was available until now. The only other carpark accessible after midnight will be Whistler St that operates 24/7. Permanent parking passes are currently available for 2, 4 or 7 days however only the 7 day pass is able to be utilised on the weekend nights. This would not be suitable for a late night weekend worker in Manly. Currently the cost of entering the Whistler St carpark before 7pm and out before 4am is \$30. Entering after 7pm and leaving before 4am is about \$15.

Committee discussed the possibility of considering a Whistler the more cost effective parking pass for weekend nights only for late night workers and being managed through the Liquor Accord. It was suggested that the Whistler St carpark is not fully utilised and requested that staff establish it's capacity at night. If it proves not to be very full then perhaps a higher level could be allocated for this arrangement.

Recommendation:

The Committee recommends to the General Manager that the committee be advised of the current Whistler Street parking station capacities on weekend nights and that a reduced rate weekend night parking pass be considered for late night Manly workers.

ITEM 4 Police Report

Superintendent Darcy reported that Inspector Arthurs is now located at Manly Station and in charge of Street Policing teams, Licensing and Traffic.

A Homeless Outreach Day that was originally arranged to be held in Manly was held in Dee Why after suggestions by both Supt Darcy and Manly Community Centre. More than a dozen people who were not previous clients sought assistance of various types.

ICE is an ongoing challenge and cuts across all demographics including schools.

Request for more visible police patrols around Little Manly area following two break and enters at Little Manly kiosk and some malicious damage appearing.

Discussion regarding concerns about pedestrian safety around Manly Wharf/The Corso crossing. Whilst this has been raised in other forums and most recently at a NRMA Seniors consultation that nominated this location as the most dangerous - there is no apparent progress in improvements at this site. It was suggested that a Coroner's report included 'countdown' lights which have not been implemented. Committee asked that this be followed up with the RMS and Local Member. Staff will liaise with Traffic staff in the first instance.

Recommendation:

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

ITEM 5 Rangers Report

Monthly report distributed. Compliance Manager reported that a S.34 conference was held regarding 48-50 Darley Road re possible unauthorized short term accommodation. Owners may now have to submit DA.

Personal camera's for Rangers have had very positive results. They are only turned on when the ranger is feeling at threat and they must advise the member of the public. It has helped to diffuse situations and increase levels of professionalism.

Licensed compliance checks are random and targeted depending if complaints are received.

Noise Complaints on weekend nights are received by Police and referred to Night Rangers. This system continues to work well.

Recommendation

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

ITEM 6 CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 Letter from Safer Suburbs Program Taxi Security Scheme – Completion of *Get Home Safe* Project

Letter tabled from the Federal Attorney General's Dept to acknowledge the formal completion of the Get Home Safe Project that was funded under the Safer Suburbs program: Taxi Security scheme and thanking us for the contribution to improving the safety of taxi drivers and taxi patrons within the council.

6.2 Graffiti Removal Day

Letter tabled re Graffiti Removal Day 2015 which will take place on Sunday 18 October. The aim of Graffiti Removal Day is to highlight the problem of graffiti and encourage people to volunteer their time and get involved in the removal and prevention of graffiti. It is co-ordinated by Rotary Down Under and NSW Government with support from Council. People can get involved in Graffiti Removal Day by volunteering to assist on the day or by nominating a site which has been vandalised by graffiti.

ITEM 7 General Business brought to the Attention of the Chair prior to the Meeting and Approved for Consideration

7.1 Newcastle After Dark and Hugo's news articles

Two articles were distributed in respect of the review of late night planning and how they can have differing impacts on business. Newcastle imposed conditions to trading hours in 2008 and have had major reductions in alcohol related crimes as well as a 110% increase in licensed businesses since then. Alternatively there has been recent publicity from the owner of Hugo's alleging the late night lockouts imposed on Kings Cross and the CBD has forced the closure of more than 35 venues. Dave Evan has publicly praised Manly on the co-operative approach that Manly has taken in tackling alcohol related problems. Committee discussed this around the time that it takes to absorb impact of major changes and the likelihood that Kings Cross businesses will eventually evolve to suit the changes. The reduction in crime statistics since the lockouts and last drinks time is substantial.

7.2

Other minor matters raised by Committee for follow up

Crossing at Darley Road and Ashburner St is dangerous– a 'No Parking' sign may have been removed meaning that cars are parking close to the crossing and making it extremely difficult to see pedestrians. Compliance Mgr to follow up.

AU

Report of dangerous fencing at the eastern side of Manly Wharf – Compliance Manager will follow up.

AU

Request for redundant light poles and wires outside Manly Yacht club to be removed.

LM

Jacqui Smith asked for assistance in promoting the NSW Legal Aid service that operates at the Manly community Centre with Family Law on Tuesdays and Civil Law on Thursdays. Notices are not permitted at the Courthouse. A-frames may be suitable. Amanda Farrar will follow up.

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Recommendation:

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

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ITEM 8

Date for Next Meeting – 10 September 2015

Meeting closed 9.15am