



MINUTES OF MEETING

COMMUNITY SAFETY & PLACE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

HELD THURSDAY 14 MAY 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 Hugh Burns	Manly Council
Cllr Steve Pickering	Manly Council
Cllr Alan Le Surf	Manly Council

Other Representatives

Supt David Darcy	Northern Beaches Police Commander
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)
Ray Mathieson	Community Rep
Doug Brooker	Manly Liquor Accord

Council Staff

Leanne Martin	Community Safety Co-ordinator
Donna Donoghue	Community Safety Officer

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The **Community Safety & Place Management Advisory Committee** met on Thursday 14 May 2015 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**

Cllr Candy Bingham, Chantelle Hoare, Anita Ugarkovic, Malcolm Pearse

ITEM 2 **Declaration Of Interest**

Nil

ITEM 3 Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting and Matters Arising

The February meeting minutes were adopted at the Ordinary Meeting on Monday 2 March 2015. Our last meeting held on 12 March did not achieve a quorum and therefore only notes were taken.

3.1 Federal Government Safer Suburbs taxi rank project

Community safety team conducted a late night safety review of the taxi ranks for the final report for this grant funding. They reported that despite infrastructure improvements the North Steyne rank is still more dangerous than Belgrave St. Several reasons cited for this including less natural surveillance, minimal ambient lighting, more aggressive patrons due to no food distractions between venue and rank and poor pay rates and quality of guards. There have been several assaults on guards at the North Steyne rank. The committee discussed and agreed to make representations to State Government RMS for an additional guard at North Steyne. Amanda Farrar requested that a copy also be sent to Mike Baird's office.

Recommendation

That the committee recommends to the General Manager that representations be made to the RMS that for safety reasons an additional guard be considered for the North Steyne Secure Taxi rank and that a copy of the letter also be forwarded to Mike Baird MP.

3.2 East Esplanade

Committee discussed report and options for recommendations. Most generally agreed that sunset to sunrise restrictions would be more sensible, easier to police, in line with the majority behaviours and reduce potential for conflicts. Superintendent Darcy reinforced to the committee that police cannot be directed to act on enforcing the area and will use their own discretion depending on the circumstances. Most concern was for residents and the urination complaints – suggestion that sensor lights would assist alleviating this problem – police offered for Crime Prevention Officers to attend any affected residence and assist. Still some concerns about rubbish collections and impacts of a later restriction. Also suggested better lighting is required at toilets. Development of a Plan of Management was discussed to help manage the growing popularity of the site in peak summer periods. In the interim it was decided to maintain the current status quo and review the APA times again prior to summer for a final decision.

Recommendation

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

3.3 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.

Following representations made to Council by Police, senior management and Superintendent Darcy a meeting was held with the four late night food traders on 20 April to discuss the status of their trading hours. Notes from the meeting were taken and tabled.

Committee discussed the issue including consideration of the long history of late trading with these four premises; when the S.96 was required; whether there other ways to resolve the situation such as consideration of an annual licence to trade late; concerns that the vacuum left by the four fast food shops will give unfair advantage to the 24 hour convenience stores; research into City of Sydney and other late night precincts. Supt Darcy reminded the committee that establishment of a proper governance framework was the objective. It was generally agreed that the provision of food is an important debate to have and that the late night DCP needs to be considered again.

Committee requested that a report be prepared addressing the S.96, the Late venues DCP, planning restrictions and any research on late night food trading from other areas.

Recommendation

The Committee recommends to the General Manager that staff prepare a report about late night food traders S.96, late night planning restrictions and research on late night food traders from other areas.

3.4 Bottle Shop DA 233/2014 – Frenchs Forest Rd Seaforth (opp. Seaforth School)

This application was discussed at the March meeting and has subsequently been refused planning permission.

Recommendation

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

ITEM 4 Police Report

Superintendent Darcy reported that:

A glassing at a late night venue has resulted in negotiations with the licensee with a view to introducing stricter conditions such as using non-glass vessels.

A public forum on ICE is planned at ICMS – Supt Darcy will forward details to be distributed to committee.

ICE seizures have gone up lately and is becoming a bit more apparent.

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.

Queries relating to the figures:

- Licensed premises checks: – the Compliance Manager has advised that these are carried out on a needs basis. At this stage Council has not received complaints that businesses are operating contrary to their development consents and as such inspections have not been undertaken.
- Noise complaints: - The Compliance Manager has advised that there is a protocol between Council and Police in relation to the operation of the Night Rangers. All calls are to go through the Police to ensure that calls are distributed as resources permit and also to ensure that Rangers are not sent to complaints where their safety may be at risk.

Recommendation

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

ITEM 6 Correspondence

6.1 Homeless people in Manly Shelters

Fairy Bower Precinct published our letter to them in response to concerns about rough sleepers in the beachfront shelters. A letter of thanks in response to this was tabled for the committee's information.

Committee advised that staff are reviewing the Homeless Person's Protocol and will present any changes to the committee.

Discussion regarding the current status of the wishing well shelter – apparently it will be shut for two months. Temporary hoarding will probably not displace rough sleepers – currently there are four in the surrounding beachfront shelters. Permanent shutters were generally not agreed as an appropriate solution.

6.2 Homeless Outreach Service Jan – March 2015

Neil McWilliam prepares this quarterly report for the information of the committee. Over the three months he has seen a total of 76 clients with a wide variety of conditions and needs. Report was tabled and will also be distributed with the minutes.

6.3 2014 Crime Statistics

BOCSAR – the Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research recently released their Crime Statistics for 2014. Crime across NSW is trending downwards in most major categories with only one 'Steal from Dwelling' on the rise. Violent offences show a downward path over the past five years with property offences still on a strong direction down since about 2000. Drug offences vary markedly across the State. The table showing crime statistics for the Manly LGA was tabled. Manly crime results are positive showing either stable or downward trends. The only category that has markedly risen is 'Resist or Hinder Police'.

Recommendation

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

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

7.1 48-50 Darley Road

Ray Mathieson raised concerns about the ongoing complaints from residents about transience and anti-social behaviour of tenants. Compliance Manager reported that Council had a meeting with the Police in relation to the complaints received. Police have issued Noise Abatement Notices for the noise nuisances. Residents should continue to contact Police should they be impacted by anti-social behaviour.

Council is investigating the use of the premises as short-term accommodation and have issued a Notice. Representations have been received such as lease agreements which we are currently reviewing. If the premises is deemed to be used as short-term accommodation then an Order will be issued to cease the use. Short-term accommodation is accommodation less than 3 months

Recommendation

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

ITEM 8 Date for Next Meeting – 11 June 2015
Meeting closed 10.00 am