



MINUTES OF MEETING

COMMUNITY SAFETY & PLACE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

HELD THURSDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2013

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 Alan LeSurf	Manly Council

Other Representatives

Supt Dave Darcy	Manly Police
Mike Baird	State MP
Ray Mathieson	Community Member
Sidar Demirbag	Late Night Food Traders Rep
Malcolm Pearce	Corrections NSW
Drew Johnson	Manly Chamber of Commerce
Stacey Randall	Manly Chamber of Commerce
Wade Mitford	STA (Brookvale)
Stuart Sprott	Precinct Representative
Gerard Dore	Liquor Accord
Dave Ward	Liquor Accord (observing)
Amanda Farrar	Office of Mike Baird MP (observing)

Council Staff

Leanne Martin	Community Safety Co-ordinator
Eric Poulos	Manager, Community Services
Anita Ugarkovic	Manager Compliance & Regulatory Services
Donna Donoghue	Community Safety Officer

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The **Community Safety & Place Management Advisory Committee** met on Thursday 8 August 2013 to consider the matters referred to it and now provides the following advice to Council.

OPEN		ACTION
ITEM 1	APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE Cllr Steve Pickering Amanda Watkins, Hania Norman, Hugh Burns, Deb Patenall, Jacqueline Smith,	
ITEM 2	DECLARATION OF INTEREST Cllr Le Surf declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to Item 4 and the discussion regarding the Police amalgamations as he is a police officer who will be affected by the merger.	

ITEM 3	CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING The August meeting minutes were adopted at Ordinary Meeting on 9 September 2013. However the Item 6 Recommendation from the Committee that the Alcohol Free Zone be lifted in Market Place in order to have alcohol available from food stalls during the Market Lane Saturday events was not adopted by the Council and is discussed further in Item 6. Committee Actions Update Report: 3.1 Safe Suburb Program Taxi Security Scheme The agreement has been signed for the funding (\$59,420) with Federal Attorney General Crime Prevention and an invoice for the first payment of \$30,000 submitted. Staff have held a site meeting at North Steyne taxi rank with I.T., electricians and depot staff to start co-ordination of works to install CCTV, lights and queuing bollards. The aim is to install most of the improvements by December. The flood lighting should be operating within next fortnight. 3.2 Review of the Liquor Act As agreed at the previous two meetings a submission for the Review of the Liquor Act 2007 was prepared and submitted on behalf of the Committee. 87 submissions were received, which are now all available on the OLGR website. A copy of the submission is available and will be included in the minutes. The document can be tabled. Many of the comments reflected those seen in other Council submissions such as cumulative impacts and the complexity of OLGR systems. 3.3 Kangaroo Lane As a result of the earlier visit as discussed last month, staff have requested to have bushes cleared between the path and the road to encourage path use and improve visibility. A discussion was also held with Brett Mitchell from Salvos about graffiti in the lane. He commissioned a mural at the back of their property and it is probably one of the only walls that does not have tags over it. We will also invite Police to our next site visit. A night time inspection of the lane is still required but will hopefully be done in the next month so we can report on it by the next meeting. Recommendation: The Committee recommends to the General Manager that the information be received and noted.	ACTION
ITEM 4	POLICE REPORT Prior to Mike Baird and Dave Darcy presentation, the Mayor reminded the Committee that based on recommendations from this committee, a submission was sent via Mike Baird's office to the NSW Government about the proposed amalgamation. She then read an extract of that letter: <i>....These points were discussed at the meeting of Council on 18 July 2011 where Council resolved the following be included in the community submission for Manly:</i> <i>1. Manly must retain its 24 hour operational Police and Station in the Manly CBD;</i> <i>2. The strength of operational Police must be significantly increased for frontline duties on Friday and Saturday nights</i>	ACTION

- and on public holidays in the Manly CBD;*
3. *While Council support proposals to merge administrative staff, any proposal to merger operational police will be strongly opposed to;*
 4. *Any loss of permanent operational police from the Manly LGA will be opposed to, and*
 5. *The permanent position of the Commander, held by a Commissioned Officer, who is also properly delegated to represent the Police in all business and community issues, must be located in the Manly CBD.*

An information report was distributed to the committee about the pending Police amalgamations. Mike Baird addressed the committee about the amalgamation. It is intended that the change should bring more resources. The changes will only be agreed to by Cabinet if it is better for the community. Announced that the appointment of Mr Darcy to the Northern Beaches amalgamated Command is significant, highly respected and to one of the biggest Commands in the country.

Dave Darcy responded to each of the original items raised in the submission and is confident that the changes will satisfy all of the concerns. The proposed model includes:

- Ten administration police positions to return to operational duties.
- A more efficient use of police by having increased staff pool to help with rostering (esp. The rotation of weekend night shifts in Manly)
- 34 strong 'beats' police unit stationed at Manly with a focus on alcohol related issues on Friday/Saturday night in Manly.
- Additional detective to focus on 'mid-level' crime such as drug distribution.
- 15 pro-active plainclothes police to target repeat offenders based at Frenchs Forest.
- Licensing Police based in Manly
- Establishment of a domestic violence team 3 staff including a Sergeant.
- General duties police numbers will be the same. These staff will start and finish at Dee Why.

Supt Darcy also clarified the following points:

- The permanent management presence at Manly will be Inspector Luke Arthurs as a duty officer.
- Concerns about changeover times and a 'dip' in service is being considered and taken into account.
- Reactive responses are the priority.
- Final plans for renovations of Manly Police Station will commence once these staffing plans are approved with a view to completion in approx. 18 months.
- Manly will be the custody station for the area.
- Current custody arrangements are problematic and will remain so until the station renovation is complete.
- Crime Prevention Officer will be based in Manly.
- Manly Station will be open 24/7.
- Overall he anticipates an improved policing response with increased policing numbers available day and night with a more pro-active work enabled.

Recommendation:

The Committee recommends to the General Manager that the report

tabled by Superintendent Darcy and the additional information presented be received and noted and that the proposed model be supported with the provision that it be subject to review six months after it is implemented.

ITEM 5 RANGERS REPORT

Statistics reported by Manager Compliance & Regulatory Services. The Mayor advised that some complaints had been received from public about drinking on East Esplanade. At the last Liquor Accord meeting there was some discussion about drinking on the East Esplanade reserve on Sunday afternoons, involving lots of alcohol and locals who promote this unofficial event on a Facebook page called 'The Office'.

Manager Compliance & Regulatory Services advised that Rangers will soon extend working hours once daylight saving commences and will focus on East Esplanade.

Committee discussed this and agreed that despite these recent reports that it is very important to retain the discretion to enforce the AFZ but all agreed that this type of reported behaviour is not acceptable and needs monitoring and active enforcement.

Recommendation:

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

ITEM 6 LATE NIGHT MANLY WORKING GROUP

Market Lane Saturdays to commence on 28 September and will run for twelve consecutive Saturday nights until 14 December.

In lieu of a Late Night Night working group meeting it was agreed that the whole committee hear the latest updates.

Sarah O'Brien (The Whole Creative), who is helping co-ordinate the Market Lane Saturday events presented to the committee the artwork for the promotional material and the final program.

The Community Safety team are developing evaluation criteria for the trial. Any feedback from the committee about what they would like to see in a final report about the project would be appreciated.

The Mayor read the Committee an extract from the draft minutes from Council meeting held on 9 September:

That Council;

- 1. receive and note the minutes of the Community Safety & Place Management Advisory Committee;*
- 2. support the concept proposed by the working group;*
- 3. not support the suspension of the Alcohol Free Zone; and*
- 4. support the early closure from 6.30pm to 10pm on Saturdays only from 28 September to 14 December 2013.*

The Committee discussed this resolution and the conflict to the working group's recommendation on alcohol availability. It was clarified by the Working Group that the intention was that if alcohol was to be available it would only be from those few food stallholders who have a Caterers Liquor Licence as there is no need for OLGR

involvement only Council and Police notification and approval. The intention of the working group was to promote a safe, sophisticated environment where limited responsible alcohol was available – cited the Mediterranean model. No intention to compete with other alcohol outlets. The alternative of retaining the AFZ and having BYO may pose a bigger problem for enforcement. Committee agreed that it was better to have some alcohol available than nothing and that it should be available from those with authorised Caterers liquor licences. The committee also agreed that the event should be able to run until 10.30pm considering event planning arrangements had been made with later agreed times and keeping in mind the target audience and intentions of the project. It was also pointed out that the project is a trial and can be reviewed and modified along the way if necessary. Further discussion as to how this resolution could be reviewed.

Recommendation:

The committee recommends to the General Manager that limited alcohol be available only from those food stalls with appropriate catering liquor licenses and that the Alcohol Free Zone be suspended accordingly. That the event is extended to finish at 10.30pm.

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Note: This issue was followed up after the meeting and with further communication between the General Manager and Councillors, the above recommendation was accepted.

ITEM 7 CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 Nil correspondence

Recommendation:

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

ITEM 8 GENERAL BUSINESS

8.1 Liquor Accord Meeting

The quarterly meeting was held on 3 September - minutes tabled. One of the main issues for Accord discussed at the meeting is the proposal to merge the Northern Beaches Liquor accord with the Manly Accord. This would seem to be in line with the Police merger of stations.

The question posed is whether this is a good idea for Manly bearing in mind the concentration of venues and the very different issues and environment that exists in Manly CBD compared to the rest of the Northern Beaches.

Council is also an equal key stakeholder and needs to consider (through the committee) whether a merger would be supported or not. Committee discussed the pros and cons of this proposal and suggested that the two Accords trial a joint meeting. Superintendent Darcy asked for some time to consider the matter and will report back at the November meeting.

8.2

Recommendation:

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

Bike Week

Bike Week starts next week from 14 to 22 September. This year staff will be promoting cycling safety and etiquette and the Move Mindfully in Manly campaign at the Bike Life Festival in Lagoon Park from 10am on Sunday 22 September. Committee all invited to attend.

Extra bike news for the information of the committee– there are new bike racks planned for Market Place which will increase the amount that can lock up at the rack to at least 30 (currently only 8 spots available) – this will reduce the numbers wrapped around trees and signs.

Recommendation:

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

NEXT MEETING DATE: 10 October 2013

Meeting Closed 9.50am