



## MINUTES OF MEETING

### COMMUNITY SAFETY & PLACE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

HELD THURSDAY 11 JUNE 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
Cllr Candy Bingham	Manly Council

##### Other Representatives

Supt David Darcy	Northern Beaches Police Commander
Sidar Demirbag	Late Night Food Traders
Jonathon Noyes	Northern Sydney Health
Amanda Farrar	NSW Member for Manly (staff rep)
Ray Mathieson	Community Rep
Jacqui Smith	Manly Community Centre
Drew Johnson	Chamber of Commerce
Malcolm Pearse	Corrections NSW

##### Council Staff

Leanne Martin	Community Safety Co-ordinator
Anita Ugarkovic	Compliance Manager

#### 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 8.10am.

**ITEM 1** **Apologies and Leave of Absence**  
Susan Watson

**ITEM 2** **Declaration Of Interest**  
Nil

**ACTION**

### **ITEM 3 Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting and Matters Arising**

The May meeting minutes were adopted at the Ordinary Meeting on Monday 1 June 2015.

#### **3.1 Grant Funded projects**

Final reports have been submitted for both Federal and State crime prevention projects. The current Crime Prevention Plan has now been completed. The funding framework within the NSW Crime Prevention Division has shifted and there seems far less government funding opportunities for local community safety and crime prevention projects than there have been in the past. Staff will continue to explore future options, what sort of planning might be required to progress from here and report back to the committee once this is clearer.

#### **Recommendation**

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

#### **3.2 Late Night Food Traders**

It was requested last month that a report be prepared on Late Night Food Traders – this is still being prepared and will include approaches (such as 12 month reviewable conditions) used in other councils including City of Sydney and Newcastle. In the interim copies of the current Late Night Venues DCP and the Manly After Midnight Policy were distributed to the committee for their consideration and awareness prior to further discussion on this issue.

#### **3.3 Homelessness**

1. Staff are currently working on updating the staff protocol that will allow us to take action in the following type of scenario.

*Where a rough sleeper is found to:*

- *entrench themselves in a highly utilised public space eg. wishing well shelter on the beachfront*
- *stay for a long period of time (more than say 6 months)*
- *where they start to dominate the space at the expense of others (this is important)*
- *by accumulation of personal items such as beds, cooking equipment, furniture, clothing, bags etc.*
- *and have rejected all offers of intervention or assistance by accredited NGO's or other government agencies to improve their situation.*
- *It appears that the individual is choosing to live in the public space in preference to other options offered.*
- *Where Council are alerted by many community complaints (this may not be necessary)*

The protocol is intended to protect the homeless and ensure that they have equal rights as anyone else in the public space however a level of respectful use is required and a balance struck. The adjustment to the protocol needs to include these extreme situations so we can have the discretion to move them on if all this

criteria is found to exist. Our first step should always be negotiation and a collaborative impact approach.

2. The Wishing Well Shelter is currently boarded up awaiting repainting. Until this is started there is an opportunity to consider how the inside of the shelter could be fitted out. Instead of long bench seating staff are considering single seats or dividers along the benches plus other small tables and stools inside the space. This would discourage people from lying down on the benches but would also still allow for use by all. Committee agreed that this should be strongly supported.

3. A new organisation called 'One Meal' will start operating in Manly as of this coming Sunday for a three month trial. They are going to set up initially in Gilbert Park near the West Promenade, Gilbert Street corner. One Meal are based in the Campbelltown area but were approached via social media by numerous Manly locals, who are going to assist with the operation. They will serve a hot, nutritious meal and operate from 5-7pm. Request that blankets etc. are not randomly distributed – concerns that backpackers don't take advantage. Flier tabled. CS staff and HOS worker will monitor.

St Vincent de Paul have also made approaches about a coffee/tea/light food van targeting younger clients one night per week. Committee suggested that Dee Why would be better targeted for this service.

**Recommendation:**

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

**ITEM 4 Police Report**

Superintendent Darcy reported that Refurbished police station is now opened. Invited committee to tour facility next meeting.

ICE presentation held at ICMS. Supt Darcy presented at this and shared the following info:

Northern Beaches Police have an increase in ICE detections and a decrease in cannabis detections – too soon to confirm if there is a connection yet. Have had users as young as 12 yrs old. Many present to Police as a mental health issue. Mental health call outs have increased markedly this year. Pressure on existing local mental health services will be growing. BOCSAR crime statistics show a 131% increase in ICE detections for the Northern Beaches area – Manly is the highest location due to its late night entertainment precinct. It is a challenging and confronting issue for young street police to have to deal with on a more frequent basis.

**Recommendation:**

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

**ITEM 5 Rangers Report (Cllr Pickering takes over Chair)**

Monthly report distributed. Compliance Manager reported that with Night Rangers they are investigating a beachfront ground floor restaurant morphing into a nightclub. 48-50 Darley Rd was served a notice for short term leasing and are now defending this legal action. Police assisting with ongoing anti-social activity. Discussion re car camera parking infringement detections. Since introduction of car camera detections revenue has reduced because compliance has improved.

**Recommendation**

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

**ITEM 6 Correspondence**

**6.1 Crime Prevention Plan Award**

ICMA, the International City/County Management Association, advances professional local government worldwide has advised that the Manly Council's nomination of the Manly Council Crime Prevention Plan 2011-13 is the recipient of the 2015 Program Excellence Award in the category of Community Health and Safety: Population 10,000 to 49,999. Committee congratulated Community Safety team and requested a copy of the application.

**6.2 NRMA Community Grants**

An NRMA Community Grant that we applied for earlier this year for the 'Move Mindfully in Manly - sharing the roads and pathways safely' project has not succeeded in receiving a Community Grant this year.

**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 Lagoon Park Lighting**

Budget bids over successive years have been unsuccessful for lighting along Lagoon Park shared path. Staff have continued researching other options including 'glow in the dark' pathways but technology is still cost prohibitive. A cost effective alternative is now being considered - it is a LED, solar powered light pole with sensor ability to shine brighter when a person comes within eight metres of it. Each pole costs approx. \$2500. (flier tabled). It has been estimated that 14 poles would be required to adequately light the whole path from Pittwater Road to Cameron Ave (near the playground). It is proposed to initially trial one of these lights at the intersecting part of the path for three months to gauge any community feedback or concerns. Committee agreed that this is a high useage area where safety can be improved with lighting and supported the trial but also asked that other options are still considered such as ground lights before full implemenation.

**Recommendation**

The Committee recommends to the General Manager that that a trial of the EZYpole lights be undertaken in Lagoon Park with a view to lighting the whole path from Cameron Ave to Pittwater Road.

**ITEM 8 Date for Next Meeting – 16 July 2015**

**To be held at Manly Police Station - TBC**

(it was agreed to defer the July meeting for one week as 9 July falls in school holidays and staff will not be available)

Meeting closed 9.40pm