

MINUTES OF MEETING

COMMUNITY SAFETY & PLACE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

HELD THURSDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2016

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 AM Manly Council
Cllr Alan Le Surf Manly Council
Cllr Hugh Burns Manly Council
Cllr Steve Pickering Manly Council

Other Representatives

Supt David Darcy
Sidar Demirbag
Melissa Palermo
Northern Beaches Police
Late Night Food Traders
Northern Sydney Health

Malcolm Pearse Corrections NSW Stuart Sprott Community Rep Ray Mathieson Community Rep

Sarah Turner Chamber of Commerce
Jacqui Smith Manly Community Centre

Steve O'Sullivan Northern Beaches Liquor Accord

Amanda Farrar (Mike Baird) NSW Member for Manly

Susan Watson MDECC

Council Staff

Leanne Martin Community Safety Co-ordinator

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The Community Safety & Place Management Advisory Committee met on Thursday 11 February 2016 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 Bingham, Anita Ugarkovic, Sean King Welcome to Steve O,Sullivan representing Northern Beaches Liquor Accord which has been recently merged with Manly.

As Street Pastors have suspended their activity, Deb Patenall who represented them will be removed from committee membership. The committee is deeply grateful for their contribution and thanks

Deb for her commitment.

ITEM 2 Declaration Of Interest

Nil

ITEM 3 Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting and Matters Arising

The December meeting minutes were adopted at the Planning and Strategy Meeting on Monday 1 February 2016.

3.1 Late Night CBD Safety Audit – NEW DATE Bi-Annual Late Night Safety Audit – new date

20 February 11.30pm meeting at Town Hall. Invitations have been sent out to all the committee. So far only Christina Franze, Jean Hay and Leanne Martin are confirmed. We really need at least half dozen to make this worthwhile.

3.2 Late Night Carparking

Council have agreed to consider the Committee's late night carparking proposal (ie.affordable and safe parking for hospitality workers at Whistler St carpark) in current budget discussions for the next financial year. Councillors confirmed that this will be included in next financial year fees and charges schedule as it was not possible to include in the current budget.

3.3 Late Night Planning

Following a recommendation last meeting to defer the deadline for compliance action on the trading hours of the late night food shops and in consideration of the holiday season - the General Manager agreed to extend the warning period for an additional 60 days. The Compliance Manager has been directed to advise the four traders accordingly.

3.4 NSW Community Safety Grants 2016

On behalf of the Chamber of Commerce, Leanne has prepared a grant application for a total of \$196,795. The project we have applied for is called 'More to Manly' and is a series of Saturday night activations based on the model of the successful 2013 'Market Lane Saturdays' trial. The application was submitted by the deadline of 22 January and we will be advised as to its outcome in March. A copy of the application is available to read.

3.5 Manly Wharf Hotel Disturbance complaint

This has been discussed at many meetings over the past 18 months in the Rangers Report. A final decision on this matter was handed down by Office of Liquor Gaming and Racing on 27 November. This followed an ongoing and lengthy investigation in response to complaints from local residents. OLGR has varied one condition and added three conditions relating to noise controls which will hopefully satisfy all parties and make it easier for the venue to control.

- Amplified music volume limits to be adhered to and checked by a qualified acoustic consultant on a yearly basis.
- 2. Outdoor speakers to cease operation at 10pm
- 3. The closure of doors when amplified music is being conducted after 9pm.
- 4. No patrons on the hotel's eastern deck from 9.30pm and a maximum patron capacity of 80 persons in this area.

Recommendation:

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

ITEM 4 Police Report

Superintendent Darcy reported that the summer period has been relatively quiet in respect of alcohol related crime in Manly. Australia Day was also very positive with few incidents.

The newly merged Liquor Accord between Manly and Northern Beaches have had first meeting. The new chair is from Collaroy Beach Club. A Manly executive group (late night licensees) will be retained and called together if and when necessary.

In response to a lot of recent media commentary about the demise of businesses in Kings Cross, Mr Darcy suggested that businesses need to be reviewing their business models, as the Manly had to do, to spread profits across the week and not be so reliant on late night Friday/Saturday nights.

Discussion re bomb threats made across the country to a variety of schools – Mona Vale has had three. Meetings held with parents as it has created a level of fear in the school community. Calls appear to be instigated from overseas and are internet controlled with purpose of disrupting infrastructure. Police continue to investigate.

Police are preparing for Australian Open of Surfing. Insp Graeme Pickering will be Acting Commander whilst Mr Darcy is on annual leave during this period.

Shore club possibly developing into a more high end food oriented venue.

Recommendation:

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

ITEM 5 Rangers Report

Compliance Manager was unable to attend the meeting and an apology at short notice. Ranger statistics will be attached to minutes.

Recommendation

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

ITEM 6 Correspondence

Nil report

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

7.1 Annual Community Satisfaction Survey

Council recently completed the results of the annual community survey – this is a random yearly survey of Manly LGA residents to gauge their opinions on a variety of categories related to Council activities ranging from Customer Service to major works. In the past three years the category of Community Safety has been included. The score for Community Safety this year was 9.95 – higher than any other category, higher than any other year and the only category to show improvement.

Recommendation

The Committee recommend to the General Manager that this result be included in a weekly Council News item as a way to increase perceptions of safety in the wider community.

7.2 Lagoon Park Lighting

Committee advised that there had been a recent incident in Lagoon Park with a drunken man abusing a personal training group. The instructor had written to Council requesting that lighting be considered as this same situation at night in winter would be far more threatening. This will be included in the Trial Lighting feedback which will reviewed by this committee in May. Cllr Burns advised that the Ocean Beach Precinct are now expressing some concerns about impacts on wildlife and would request that other types of lighting, such as low level poles used at St Patricks estate, be considered as alternatives.

7.3 Stop the Supply Campaign

Melissa Palermo advised the committee that the poster and film clip produced by the Northern Beaches CDAT for the Stop the Supply campaign will be shown on screens at the upcoming Australian Open of Surfing. Northern Sydney Area Health Promotion are fully funding the costs of this. It will also be supported by social media including Instagram and Facebook, which the committee are all requested to follow/like if possible.

7.4 Council Amalgamations

Committee discussed proposed council amalgamations and potential impacts on community and related safety issues. Following the recommendation from last month's meeting the Chair advised that she tabled a Mayoral minute at Council which was unanimously supported

7.5 Community Corrections NSW – Dee Why

Malcolm Pearse advised the committee that their office is in the process of seeking new accommodation and is unsure at this stage where they will end up. He informed the committee of the current issues and range of work being conducted by the Probation and parole in this area.

Lifeline Northern Beaches

Mayor advised that after recently attending a meeting of Lifeline she is proposing that it might be valuable for the committee to hear about the work that Lifeline is doing locally – particularly in the suicide prevention area. Committee agreed and Community Safety co-ordinator will arrange.

ITEM 8 Date for Next Meeting – TBA

Meeting closed 9.25am