



MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE
HELD THURSDAY 10 MAY 2012

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 Mayor (Chair)	Manly Council
Cllr Peter Macdonald	Manly Council
Cllr Hugh Burns	Manly Council

Other Representatives

Malcolm Pearse	Corrections NSW
Melissa Palermo	Northern Beaches Health Promotion
Deb Patenall	Street Pastors
Jacqui Smith	Manly Community Centre
A/Insp Danielle Emerton	Manly Police
LSC Bronwyn Nakhla	Manly Police
Wade Mitford	State Transit Authority

Council Staff

Leanne Martin	Community Safety Coordinator
Terry Jones	Manager Ranger Services
Jono Noyes	Youth Services Coordinator

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The **Community Safety Committee** met on Thursday 10 May, 2012 to consider the matters referred to it and now provides the following advice to Council.

OPEN The meeting commenced at 8.00am.

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Ray Mathieson, Cllr Barbara Aird, Supt David Darcy, Sidar Demirbag, Cpt Brett Mitchell, Hania Norman Doug Robertson

ITEM 2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

ACTION

ITEM 3 CONFIRMATION OF NOTES AND ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATION FROM MEETING OF 8 MARCH 2012
The March Minutes were adopted at the Planning and Strategy Meeting of 7 May 2012.
April meeting notes confirmed by committee with no changes.

Recommendation:

That the information is received and noted.

Moved: Cllr Macdonald

Seconded: Jacqui Smith

ITEM 4 POLICE REPORT

No official Police report this month.

Committee discussed general safety issues including new licensee at the Shore Club and hope for improvements; turnaround of business and alcohol related violence at Steyne Hotel due to change of business model targeting families and day trade; introduction of small bar scene being the way forward. Street Pastors have seen a huge change over the 2 years with aggression levels much lower. Comments that the good news reports are a positive affirmation that partnership and collaboration do work. Agreed Police are doing a great job .

Some concern about quotes from Juvenile Justice that youth reoffending on the Northern Beaches is one of the highest. Some of this may be due to stricter bail conditions and adherence of those conditions by police.

Discussed possibility of an evaluation of the committee and its work. Agreed that this could start with the conference presentation by Malcolm Pearce on June 5. Malcolm agreed to also present at the June meeting to the committee.

Recommendation:

That the information is received and noted.

ITEM 5 RANGERS REPORT

Ranger Manager reported on the ranger statistics for April. In response to a written query by Ray Mathieson, a number of issues were addressed:

- Abandoned vehicle numbers drop usually attributed to the change of seasons and reduction in backpackers.
- Cycle/skateboard warnings in The Corso were a result of a structured enforcement and constant Ranger presence on The Corso during January, February, March. Reduced numbers may be due to warnings issued and message getting through.
- Licensed premises checks: Compliance Manager has shifted the Night Rangers from an ad-hoc approach to a more structured approach to licensed premises compliance checks.

Recommendation:

That the information is received and noted.

ITEM 6 MANLY LIQUOR ACCORD REPORT

A letter was written to the Accord from the Mayor following a recommendation by the committee in March to seek an update of the status of the Liquor Accord. A comprehensive reply was received on 18 April from the Chair, Steve Grove-Jones, which was tabled. A list of the Safety committee's meeting dates was forwarded to the Accord as requested. Next meeting of Liquor Accord is on 5 June 2012 at Diggers on the Park, Raglan St, Manly.

Committee commented on the excellent coverage in Sydney Morning Herald on 25 April re the changing approach to the night time economy.

A comment and request received from Ray Mathieson. This concern about lack of administrative support for the Liquor Accord was discussed. Committee would like a representative of the Accord to confirm their attendance at the meetings. Would also like to hear about an action plan, a business plan with what they hope to achieve in any feedback from them. In respect of the secretarial support the Committee agreed that this is an ongoing impediment to the success of the liquor Accord and asked that a letter be written to the Minister for Gaming and Racing with a copy to be forwarded to Mike Baird. The letter should include the need for mandatory licensee membership, a fair fee structure and the need for secretarial/administrative support.

Discussion about proposed bottle shop for Darley Road opposite primary school and what dangers it actually poses. There are apparently lot of objections by school parents and residents with concerns about visual, social impacts of a liquor shop.

Recommendation:

That a letter is sent to the Minister for Gaming and Racing asking that membership of a local Liquor Accord is made compulsory together with an appropriate fee structure in order to ensure the administrative and secretarial support that is crucial to a successful Liquor Accord.

Moved: Cllr Macdonald

Seconded: Malcolm Pearse

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ITEM 7 HOMELESSNESS

The Homeless Person's Protocol is awaiting endorsement by Council. It is an item of brief mention in the April minutes hopefully will be put to the meeting on 14 May.

Staff are currently investigating purchasing some wheely bins (approx \$75 each) for use by the Manly Community Centre and Fairlight Centre to loan as storage to rough sleepers on a 3-6 month

trial basis.

Jacqui Smith advised that the MCC had recently been successful in receiving a grant which will allow for additional funding for the outreach worker to now operate 2 days per week.

Additional discussion regarding police enforcement of consorting laws.

Street Mission are also looking for a location to serve meals to the needy and homeless on a Saturday night – averaging about 40 people. They have used the space around the church in West Promenade for a number of years but are not able to access inside which is difficult in bad weather. They need a location that has some shelter and access to some cooking facilities. Staff have been asked to help locate an appropriate site. Committee discussed options and agreed that Street Mission should be offered the opportunity of using the Early Childhood Centre in Pittwater Road whilst it is unused provided it is suitable and would be dependent on entering an agreement with appropriate conditions with a review period.

Recommendation:

1. That a number of wheelie bins be purchased for use by the Manly Community Centre for loan to rough sleepers as a storage alternative on a trial basis.
2. That Street Mission be shown the former Early Childhood Centre in Manly and if suitable be offered the use of the site for three hours on a Saturday night for a six month trial period.

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ITEM 8 MATTERS ARISING: ITEMS FOR UPDATE
8.1 Crime Prevention Plan

A successful applicant has been offered the position of The Late Night Transport Project Officer and will commence on 22 May. Six applicants were interviewed.

Staff have had some encouraging conversations with the Accord and a local bus company (Beaches Booze bus) about re-establishing a night shuttle service. Gathering all the relevant late night transport stakeholders together will be one of the new project officer's first tasks.

Recommendation:

That the information be received and noted.

8.2 Cycling Safety Campaign

April 2012 recommendation:

That a meeting is arranged between Council staff and Police to start planning a cycling safety/etiquette campaign with the aim of a Spring launch.

Update:

Police, Health Promotion and Council Staff (ie. Community Safety Co-ordinator and Road Safety Officer) have met to discuss ideas for a cycling safety and etiquette campaign to be launched in Spring.

It was decided to aim towards launching an awareness campaign on cycling safety (with a focus on helmet wearing) during Bike Week, which involves promotional activities from 17 to 25 September. An accompanying campaign is also planned that will focus on shared paths and roads and no cycling areas. Both campaigns are aimed at aimed at heightening awareness of the regulations and the need for 'road harmony'. Communications will be targeted through schools, bike shops, at cycle racks, hotspots, website etc. Enforcement activity will be negotiated with the police/rangers and perhaps in lieu of any infringements the police and rangers can hand out an information notice. Promotional/awareness material to be developed.

Staff and Health Promotion will conduct observational studies next week and some cycle counts in the vicinity of Manly Wharf between 7.30am to 9am. Some further research is also planned for The Corso, Marine Parade and the beachfront shared path. Cllr Burns requested that the item be referred for discussion at the next Sustainable Transport Committee meeting.

Recommendation:

That the campaign be supported and the information be referred to the Sustainable Transport Committee for discussion at their next meeting.

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ITEM 9 GENERAL BUSINESS BROUGHT OF THE ATTENTION OF THE CHAIR PRIOR TO THE MEETING AND APPROVED FOR CONSIDERATION

9.1 Publications

1. 2011 Alcohol Education and Rehabilitation Foundation Annual Alcohol Poll: Community Attitudes and Behaviours. This was sent for attention by the NSW Police Association.
2. Manly LGA NSW Recorded Crime Statistics 2007 to 2011. No major trend change in trends apart from a marked increase (48%) in cannabis possession and (32.4%) increase in reports of domestic violence.

9.2 Correspondence

1. Letter sent to Mike Baird re outcomes of submission to the Annual Taxi Licence Release as per committee recommendation.
2. Letter from Office of Liquor, Gaming & Racing regarding 'The Cumulative Impact of Licensed Premises in NSW' research project being conducted by The Allen Consulting Group. Community Safety Coordinator details have been forwarded to the contact person for any future consultation required.
3. Letter from The Hon David Clarke MLC, Parliamentary Secretary for Justice responding to the committee's letter requesting increased fines for the offence of "Offensive Behaviour" specifically regarding public urination.
4. Letter from Attorney General & Justice re establishment of the NSW Graffiti Hotline.

9.3 Whistler Street Carpark safety issue:

Pedestrians using the vehicle ramps is becoming increasingly prevalent. It is very dangerous as it is difficult for vehicles to see people coming down the ramps and there is little room for a pedestrian to go once on the ramp.

Committee agreed that there needs to be some signage painted onto the ramps warning pedestrians not to use the ramps and directing them to the stairs or lift.

It was suggested that all the carpark ramps should have the same treatment. Also that maximum speed signs be included in order to ensure both pedestrians and vehicles are warned.

Recommendation:

That clear signage is painted on the vehicle only ramps in the all the Council carpark ramps (including Whistler Street, Peninsula and Pacific Waves) warning pedestrians not to use the vehicle ramps and directing them to the stairs/lifts.

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Meeting Closed: 9.20am

NEXT MEETING DATE:

Date: Thursday 14 June 2012
Time: 8.00am to 10.00am
Venue: Councillor's Room