



MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE
HELD THURSDAY 14 JUNE 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 Alan Le Surf	Manly Council

Other Representatives

A/Supt Lindsey Rogerson	Manly Police
Insp Luke Arthurs	Manly Police
Malcolm Pearse	Corrections NSW
Ray Mathieson	Community Member
Wade Mitford	Sydney Buses
Captain Brett Mitchell	Salvation Army
Deb Patenall	Street Pastors
Jacqui Smith	Manly Community Centre
Sidar Demerbag	Late Night Food Traders Rep
Hania Norman	The Corso Precinct
Amanda Watkins	Manly Drug Education and Counselling Centre

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 14 June, 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, Cllr Barbara Aird , Melissa Palermo
Beth Lawsen.

Doug Edmonds, Manly Warringah Cabs has resigned from the
committee.

Welcome: A/Supt Lindsey Rogerson, Acting Commander
Paul O'Brien, President Manly Village P & C.

ACTION

ITEM 2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

ITEM 3 CONFIRMATION OF NOTES AND ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATION FROM MEETING OF 10 May 2012

Minutes of May meeting were adopted at the Ordinary Meeting of 4 June 2012.

Correction noted that Cllr Le Surf was present at the May meeting not absent as shown on minutes.

ITEM 4 POLICE REPORT

Inspector Luke Arthurs reported:

- Alcohol Related crime remains the main concern even in Winter. Current strategy is to use additional police to engage with intoxicated people on the street and use the 'Move On' powers to ensure they do not linger in the area where they become a higher risk for involvement in fighting. Also have extra licensing police coming to Manly to assist in monitoring licensed venues. During the long weekend some problems occurred with long taxi queues due to all venues shutting at midnight (Sunday night) and not enough available cabs to cater. Crowds queued in Belgrave St past Police Station. Police contacted STA who put on two extra buses which was extremely helpful.
Discussion re taxi changeover times. In normal circumstances police average a 15 minute wait for a taxi which acceptable for late night. Staggered closing times also assist with transport.
Police Linking program still exists. Shore Club is down to a Level 2 premises (ie. less than 19 violent incidents). Police are working closely with the new licensee to reduce problems.
65% hotspots are outside randomly situated over a 500metre radius of CBD. Venues mostly have RSA marshalls monitoring patrons intoxication levels so people are put out before they can cause a problem inside a venue. Currently latest closing venue is New Brighton with 3am lockout and 3.30 to 4am closing.
- Police Station: Question about police station building. Due to proposed restructure of the Police Force this may affect the Station redevelopment which appears to have been deferred for 12 months.
Committee agreed that assurances are required that Manly will not lose operational staff.
- Other crime: There has been about six break and enters per month occurring in the Seaforth area. Also Stealing of bicycles is up to about 7-10 per week. Usually from racks in the Manly Wharf area by offenders travelling in on the ferry. A joint operation is being planned with the new police Transport

Command to target this problem.

Recommendation:

That in view of the deferral of the Manly Police Station redevelopment that the Committee reinforces its previous stance that if there are changes to the Command that frontline police numbers must remain at existing levels.

ITEM 5 RANGERS REPORT

Ranger Manager reported on the ranger statistics for May. Bikes/toy vehicles warnings static. Alcohol Free Zone enforcement is still high. In relation to Night Ranger Licensed Premises checks – any breaches are reported to and followed up by the Compliance Manager. Fire Safety exits are checked – recently with Fire Brigade. Compliance Manager can provide details on this.

Recommendation:

That the information is received and noted.

ITEM 6 MANLY LIQUOR ACCORD REPORT

A meeting of the Liquor Accord was held Tuesday 5 June. Approximately fifty in attendance. The meeting featured a presentation from a noise expert.

Lock out times for late night traders have also been recently renegotiated with the Police with the Steyne Hotel agreeing to the earliest lockout time at 12.30pm and the New Brighton at 2am the latest. Police are encouraging a team approach for late night with improved communications between venues.

Recommendation:

That the information is received and noted

ITEM 7 HOMELESSNESS

Homeless Person's Protocol: Training of staff in the Homeless Person's Protocol is currently being planned.

Wheely Bin Trial: Staff are currently in the process of purchasing the wheely bins for trial. They will be marked with Manly Council branding and managed with the assistance of Manly Community Centre Outreach worker.

Following a story in the Sunday Telegraph there has been a bit of media coverage. It is important to point out that it has not been sought to promote or publicise this trial. Most feedback has been positive but some criticism saying it is "demeaning" or "trivial". The trial is not attempting to solve homelessness but is intended as a small effort to help managing public space by providing weatherproof and portable means of storing belongings during the daytime. Will review effectiveness after 6 months.

Jacqui advised that following the publicity regular homeless are not

keen on using wheely bins for moving around and would prefer trolleys. This can be looked into in addition to the wheely bins which are only intended for public space storage not for individual's use. Idea initially came from the Homelessness Working Group as a way to manage the public space when rough sleepers accumulate personal belongings so they can be stored away in the daytime hours.

Discussion that the initiative should be commended rather than criticised and be proud of pro activeness rather than ignoring the problem.

Recommendation

That the information be received and noted.

MATTERS ARISING: ITEMS FOR UPDATE

ITEM 8 CRIME PREVENTION PLAN

8.1 Update

Crime Prevention Plan – Late Night Transport Project

Donna Donoghue is the new late night transport project officer. She is in the research stage of the project and has had conversations with all the key stakeholders and is conducting evaluations on similar late night transport shuttles around the State with a view to finalizing a plan by September for implementation by this summer. Late night site observations have been postponed due to poor weather conditions and police availability.

The promotion and marketing aspect of this project is extremely important and considering the target market social media as a marketing tool is being researched. A good example of the use of this is The Beaches Booze bus that are currently picking up groups in and out of Manly on the weekends. The operators solely use Facebook as their way of operating – they have 3,000 online friends who communicate through the Facebook page. It is only a 12 seater bus and they are already at capacity.

Recommendation:

That the information be received and noted

8.2 Cycling Safety Campaign

Update

Planning for the Cycling Safety and Etiquette Campaign is underway with Police, Rangers, Road Safety, Community Safety council officers and Health Promotion meeting for the second time. The campaign will focus on two main issues helmet wearing and road/path sharing etiquette to be launched during Bike Week, 16-23 September 2012.

A cycle count was recently conducted at Manly Wharf during one hour from 7.30am to 8.30am, 200 cyclists were counted with 120 not wearing helmets which is 60% non compliance. A further count was held on the beachfront during the afternoon which also resulted in 60% non helmet wearing.

We are currently seeking permission to use artwork from the City of

Melbourne and their cycling campaign called 'Move Mindfully in Melbourne' which we would change to "Move Mindfully in Manly".

Police were asked about enforcing helmet laws. Bicycle helmets are not currently a police priority in Manly but could become so if there were more reports.

The education campaign will be produced first in order that the public are made aware of the problem and their responsibilities and maybe followed up later with enforcement.

Supt Rogerson observed that compared to his previous Command in St George the non helmet wearing in Manly appeared obvious.

Recommendation:

That the information be received and noted.

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

**9.1 DARLEY ROAD BOTTLE SHOP APPLICATION
(Heard as the first item)**

Paul O'Brien, Manly Village P&C President addressed the committee regarding the application by Chambers Cellars to have a bottle shop open at 2/22 Darley Road. This is a conversion from a bike shop to a liquor outlet and is directly opposite the main entrance into the school. The Manly Village school community have strong concerns about trading hours, underage drinking on the school premises, rubbish, bottles and broken glass on school grounds which is a safety issue. Most importantly it is just not considered appropriate that a liquor outlet is situated so close to the front gate of a school. The property of 2/22 Darley Road has had a Complying Development Certificate issued by a private certifier and registered at Council on 17 May which means no DA was lodged at Council.

The Chair read a letter to the Committee dated 27 October 2011 written to representatives of the applicant from Council that a DA would be required as it did not meet the requirements for exempt development.

It is also understood that the building's body corporate have permitted the use despite some owners objecting once it was made clear the type of use the shop was applying for.

The matter is scheduled to go to a licensing panel for consideration on 29 June. There are a lot of objections to the issuing of the license including Council's. Police concerns were lodged on 24 November. A liquor licence cannot normally be considered without DA approval so any information about the compliance or otherwise needs to be forwarded to OLGR prior to the hearing.

Recommendation:

That the Council object to the application to change the use of the retail premises at 2/22 Darley Road, Manly to a takeaway liquor outlet on the basis of its close proximity to a school, to a church and to existing bottle shops as well as it probably being a non-complying development. Also that legal advice is sought regarding the status of

BL/SC

the development compliance.

9.2 STREET MISSION CAFE

Cpt Brett Mitchell advised the committee that he has managed to loan some space in the Salvation Army premises on a Saturday night for use by the Street Mission to serve their Saturday night meals. Committee thanked Cpt Mitchell for assisting with this need.

Recommendation:

That the information be received and noted.

9.3 CONFERENCE PRESENTATION

On 4 June Leanne and Malcolm presented a paper entitled: "The Manly Community Safety committee: A model for managing Alcohol Related Violence" at the Australian Institute of Criminology Crime Prevention & Communities conference held on 4 & 5 June at Sydney Convention & Exhibition Centre.

The paper and powerpoint were presented to the committee and copies will be forwarded with the minutes.

Recommendation:

That the Committee receive and note the information.

10 CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letter to Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing regarding Liquor Accord membership and fee structure. Copy tabled.

Meeting Closed: 10.00am

NEXT MEETING DATE:

Date: Thursday 12 July 2012
Time: 8.00am to 10.00am
Venue: Councillor's Room