



MINUTES OF MEETING

COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE

HELD THURSDAY 11 AUGUST 2011

NOTE: All minutes are subject to confirmation at a subsequent Ordinary meeting of Council or Planning and Strategy Committee meeting.

PRESENT:

Manly Councillors

Cllr Alan Le Surf (Chair)
Cllr Barbara Aird
Cllr Hugh Burns

Other Representatives

L/Snr Cst Bronwyn Nakhla	Manly Police
Wade Mitford	State Transit Authority
Sidar Demirbag	Late Night Food Traders representative
Amanda Watkins	Manly Drug Education & Counselling Centre
Stacey Randell	Manly Chamber of Commerce
Drew Johnson	Manly Chamber of Commerce
Jacquiline Smith	Manly Community Centre
Melissa Palermo	Northern Beaches Health Promotion
Captain Brett Mitchell	Street Pastors
Doug Robertson	Community Member
Malcolm Pearse	Corrections NSW

Council Staff

Leanne Martin A/Community Safety Coordinator

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The **Community Safety Committee** met on Thursday 11 August, 2011 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 Jean Hay AM Mayor
Superintendent David Darcy
Cllr Dr Peter Macdonald
Ray Mathieson
Will de Monchaux
Beth Lawsen

Welcome to:

Giles Field – State Transit Authority
John Keating - Community Member & rep of Mike Baird.
Anthony Hewton – A/Mgr Corporate Services & Head of Strategy

ACTION

ITEM 2	DECLARATION OF INTEREST	ACTION
	There were no declarations of interest.	
ITEM 3	CONFIRMATION OF NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON	
	Minutes of the July Meeting were confirmed at Council on 1 August. Committee to be sent copy of July minutes for any amendments at next meeting.	
ITEM 4	Presentation – Manly 2015 Master Plan	
	Anthony Hewton – A/Manager Corporate Services and Head of Strategy presented the Manly 2015 Master Plan to the committee.	
	The initial vision started with the Landscape Management and Urban Design Committee’s discussions around the future of the Whistler St carpark and extended into the surrounding laneways and streets. The plan does not affect The Corso but is focused more on the areas north of The Corso. It is intended to activate and revitalise the laneways; extend focus from The Corso and pedestrianise Sydney Road; shift majority of visitor carparking to underground at Manly Oval; attract/retain locals back for shopping and services. Stage One of the plan will be in the area of Short Street Plaza.	
	Snr Cst Nakhla has arranged for the NSW Police CPTED team to visit to inspect the site and the plan with the view of assisting with some recommendations for a submission. A submission may consider things like lighting, sightlines, emergency vehicle access, public toilets.	
	Some concern expressed about funding of the plan. Advised that the plan has been fully costed without resorting to use of ratepayer monies by income from property leasing and carparking; possible public/private partnerships. Council has been fully briefed on the financial aspects and is satisfied that it is adequately funded. Concerns were also raised about Raglan Street traffic management with proposed carpark exiting into Raglan St. This should be addressed with the development of more comprehensive traffic management plans.	
	Discussion extended into the use of public space at Stockland (Totem) Balgowlah and how this could be utilised starting with the idea of a community noticeboard out the front. Clarify options for community use of the space outside the Totem.	
	Recommendation:	
	That the Community Safety Co-ordinator and Police Crime Prevention Officer collate relevant and appropriate CPTED recommendations for a submission to Manly 2015 before the due date in September.	LM/BN
ITEM 5	Report – Homeless Gilbert Park	
	Manly Community Centre has been actively involved in trying to assist the three individuals with respective accommodation/treatment needs. Area Health outreach workers have also been assisting. One male will hopefully be placed in detox soon. The other particular individuals there at the moment are proving difficult to place.	

It may be possible and preferable to negotiate them to move back to the other end of the park near the toilets where they are less exposed to the residents. We talked them out of moving back to the Oval area. There is acknowledgement of the delicate balance between tolerance of their sleeping rough and unacceptable, anti-social behaviour. Human rights issues were raised and the fact there is simply nowhere else at this stage for them to go to.

Supt Darcy has initiated a project whereby his Crime Prevention officer will speak to all the residents of West Promenade (incl Ms Harper) about their concerns and keep them in loop. Will also ensure the local police are briefed on the homeless individuals and will be asked to engage with them more regularly. This is important since the 'passive surveillance' of the old police station across the road is no longer occupied.

Special census collectors have been counting/interviewing homeless this year. So far there have been 18 counted. This will go a long way to assist us with lobbying Govt for recognition and assistance with the problem as the previous Census count for homeless was zero and made it very difficult to apply for grant funding or have the problem officially recognised.

Committee agreed that there are no easy answers to this problem. It was also agreed to keep the issue on the committee's agenda with a view to looking at other areas models and any other ways to improve the situation.

It was also agreed that together with the police we will arrange a meeting of all relevant agencies (ie. Council cleansing/rangers/Cty Safety; Police; Salvos; Manly community Centre and Area Health outreach –MERIT workers) to discuss our approach with the homeless and to ensure we are all clear and giving them the same messages. There has apparently been some confusion amongst the homeless about what is permitted and what is not.

Recommendation:

That the Committee agrees:

- That the issue is problematic and has no easy answers.
- To keep the topic on future Safety Committee meeting agenda.
- To consider other Council's approaches to the problem.
- To arrange a meeting with relevant local agencies in the next month to ensure a co-operative and mutual approach is utilised over the summer period in dealings with rough sleepers.

ITEM 6 Police Report

- L/Snr Cst Nakhla reported that Optus and Telstra have agreed to co-fund a telecommunications tower at North Head to improve the reception there. Some issues with 20m height to be resolved but will help emergency services when established.
- Eye Watch is a new scheme that has been launched by NSW Police following an election promise by the State Government. It has a similar objective to the old Neighbourhood Watch but will be run entirely via Facebook. Snr Cst Nakhla will be seeking two community volunteers to undergo training as co-ordinators for their areas.
- Cr Aird raised issue of stolen bicycles from Manly Wharf. Snr Cst Nakhla reported that there is an offender wanted for stealing numerous bikes. He travels on the ferry and uses boltcutters. Some of the bike racks at the wharf are quite hidden from open view. As a result of discussions with the Police the General Manager has agreed that three CCTV cameras will be installed at the rear of the Visitor Information Centre following an upgrade. It was agreed that signage for more CCTV is important to help deter offenders and should be included if any additional cameras are installed.

ACTION

Recommendation:

That clear signage warning that CCTV cameras are operating in the area be displayed in the vicinity of the bike racks.

ITEM 7 Rangers' Report

Statistics for Ranger Activities for July 2011 tabled.
No Ranger representative present.

Recommendation:

That the information is received and noted.

ITEM 8 Manly Liquor Accord Report

No representatives present from the Accord.
Next meeting will be held on Tuesday **6 September** when a new executive will be voted in. Being arranged by OLGR –no minutes or agenda have yet been forwarded.

Recommendation:

That the information is received and noted.

ITEM 9 Matters Arising: Items for Update

9.1 Update on Item 11 Manly Liquor Accord report 14 April meeting: Recommendation:

That Council write to the Minister responsible for the NSW Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing to seek clarification on the future direction of Liquor Accords throughout the State and in particular the Manly Precinct Liquor Accord acknowledging that Hassle Free Nights has disrupted the cooperative relationship between Council, Police and the local Liquor Accord.

Update:

A letter was sent accordingly from the Mayor on 28 April to the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing as well as to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services. A response was received on 27 July from the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Police stating that the aforementioned Minister is the correct

person from whom to expect a reply. In addition they have forwarded the letter to Supt Darcy.

Recommendation:

That the information is received and noted.

9.2 Update on Item 11.1 July Meeting NSW Govt Audit of Police Resources

ACTION

Recommendation:

That the recommendations of the committee are presented to Council at the meeting on Monday 18 July by way of a Mayoral minute in order to be included in the Local Member's submission.

Update:

A letter was tabled from Mike Baird MP stating that he had received the resolutions of Council (with which he agreed with) and has forwarded Council's response onto the Police Minister's office to be included in the statewide audit process.

Recommendation:

That the information is received and noted.

9.3 Update on Item 9 April Meeting Police Report

Recommendation:

That a report be prepared for the Community Safety committee which

- Investigates portable urinal designs
- Provides feedback on the City of Sydney 4 week trial of portable urinals in 4 locations across the city.

Update

Final evaluation report received yesterday from City of Sydney tabled. At first glance the results looks very positive from community feedback and environmental points of view. Comprehensive costings are not included – inquires regarding this are underway and will be included in the report to the committee next month.

Recommendation:

That the information is noted with a view to discussing the evaluation that will be included in a report for the committee for the next meeting.

9.4 Crime Prevention Plan

The Crime Prevention Plan was submitted to the Attorney General's Crime Prevention Division on 12 May for endorsement and was anticipated at end of July. This has been delayed and is still awaiting sign off by the Police Minister (possibly been slowed up due to change of government) Advice received from the Crime Prevention Division is that it will hopefully be approved by end of this month as grant funding applications open in September.

Recommendation:

That the information be received and noted.

ITEM 10 General Business brought to the Attention of the Chair Prior to the Meeting and Approved for Consideration

10.1 National Binge Drinking Strategy – Community Level Initiative Third Round

Grants for Community Projects to Prevent and Reduce Binge Drinking by Young People aged 12 – 24 Years. \$10million available over 2 years. Applications due by Friday 28 October 2011

Recommendation

That the Community Safety Co-ordinator consider options for grant funding application suitable for Manly.

10.2 North Harbour Reserve Playground Fencing

Cr Aird received an email from a resident concerned about the need for fencing around the playground area at North Harbour Reserve considering the risks of the off leash dog area being so close.

May require a safety audit. Firstly needs research about requirements for fencing of a playground. Long history to this issue – will establish latest facts and bring back to committee.

Recommendation

That further information regarding this issue will be investigated and returned to the committee for consideration.

ITEM 11 NEXT MEETING DATE:

Date: Thursday 8 September 2011

Time: 8.00am – 10.00am

Venue: Councillor's Room

Meeting closed at 9.40am