



MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE
HELD THURSDAY 9 JUNE 2011

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

PRESENT:

Councillors

Cllr Barbara Aird
Cllr Hugh Burns

Manly Council (Acting Chair)
Manly Council

Other Representatives

Acting Superintendent Linda Howlett
Ray Mathieson
Wade Mitford
Captain Brett Mitchell
Malcolm Pearse
Sidar Demirbag
Melissa Palermo
Stacey Randell
Doug Brooker

Manly Police
Community Member & rep of Mike Baird
State Transit Authority
Street Pastors
Corrections NSW
Late Night Food Traders representative
Northern Beaches Health Promotion
Manly Chamber of Commerce
Manly Liquor Accord

Council Staff

Sue Johansson
Beth Lawsen
Jono Noyes

Community Safety Coordinator
Divisional Manager Human Services & Facilities
Youth & School Aged Services Coordinator

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The **Community Safety Committee** met on Thursday 9 June, 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, Mayor, Cllr Alan Le Surf, Cllr Dr Peter Macdonald, Mike Baird, NSW Member for Manly, LSC Bronwyn Nakhla, Manly Police Terry Jones, Manager Ranger Services, Manly Council and Jacqueline Smith, Manly Community Centre

Introduction and welcome to Acting Superintendent Linda Howlett of Manly Police and Stacey Randell of the Manly Chamber of Commerce.

ITEM 2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

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ITEM 3 CONFIRMATION OF NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12 May 2010

The minutes of the Community Safety Committee meeting held on 12 May 2011 were confirmed by members however Malcolm Pearse advised that the Department of Corrective Services should now be referred to as Corrections NSW.

These minutes were due to be adopted at the Planning & Strategy Meeting of 6 June 2011.

ITEM 4 Report – Manly Precinct Liquor Accord

Hassle Free Nights have held RSA on the Frontline workshops at the Hotel Steyne which was well attended by licensed premises staff. This course is a powerful reminder of the harmful impacts of excessive alcohol consumption, and the tools which venue staff can use to ensure RSA is adhered to.

The Committee discussed introducing a similar course to local schools, but acknowledged that it was best to deliver this within schools and during school hours. The Committee was keen to ensure that Council's Youth Services, and Northern Beaches Health Promotion work closely to develop a resource. Hassle Free Nights have committed to producing a similar resource for young people so it is essential that Council does not duplicate, but works in tandem.

Funding could be sought as part of the Attorney General and Justice Department's contribution towards the Manly Crime Prevention Plan.

Recommendation:

The Committee recommends that Council establish the suitable resources currently available from Hassle Free Nights and from the Department of Education and MDECC.

The presentation of suitable resources into local schools to be supported by Manly Youth Council, Manly Police Youth officer, Manly Liquor Accord, Northern Beaches Health Promotion and in co-operation with the School Principals.

This resource for young people to be delivered within local schools to address the detrimental short term and long term impacts risky drinking and the way Responsible Service of Alcohol Principles operate in the local community.

ITEM 5 Report – Late Night Transport

Taxis:

Acknowledging issues with the Manly Night Shuttle, Council organised a meeting with Hassle Free Nights, Manly Warringah Cabs, and Manly Police to scope a maxi cab solution. Manly Warringah Cabs have advised that they are unable to provide a feasible late night taxi solution.

Late night transport hub at Belgrave Street:

Sydney Buses:

Sydney Buses report no negative feedback from local residents or users of the services have been lodged via their customer feedback system.

Sydney Buses report that some patrons still go to the tennis court for after midnight departures at weekends as during the week, buses do

depart from there. To ensure consistency, it is proposed that Sydney buses depart after midnight every night of the week from Gilbert Park bus shelter.

While Sydney Buses would like to continue commencing services at Gilbert Park, they would request that Manly Police ensure a regular Police presence at this location during week nights after midnight, as well as weekend nights to ensure safety of drivers and passengers.

Sydney Buses would also like to promote the real-time SMS service which can be used by texting SMS 0488 TXT BUS (0488 898 287) with a bus stop number for up-to-the-minute timetable information about when the next Sydney Buses service will arrive.

Manly Police

Superintendent Darcy of Manly Police has indicated he is supportive of the late night transport hubs at Gilbert Park continuing. Police statistics show that for the Belgrave St/Gilbert Park area there were 8 assaults during the 3 month trial period (Feb-May), and two assaults at the same period last year. This increase may have been due to more patrons using the Belgrave St transport hub, or because of the relocation of the Police Station.

Late night transport survey

The Community Safety Coordinator presented the results of the late night transport survey which was conducted on Saturday 5 February 2011. The presentation is attached to these minutes. The key findings were:

- Majority lived in Manly (33%) or Warringah (38%)
- Majority were male and aged 18-29 years
- Most were driving their own car home that night
- Usually most caught a cab home
- Most were locals who already knew about transport options
- Three most common suggestions/comments:
 - more taxis
 - more buses
 - free buses/shuttle

Recommendation:

That Council continues to support the late night transport hubs at Belgrave and Raglan Street, and progresses the following actions:

- Council writes to Hassle Free Nights to request feedback on the investigation of a summer late night shuttle service to operate on weekends, public holidays and special events in Manly.
- That Council write to the Department of Transport in support of the Sydney Buses proposal for buses to depart after midnight every night of the week from Gilbert Park bus shelter
- That Council supports the installation by Sydney Buses of signs in the CBD bus shelters which show the real-time SMS service number to enable patrons to view the next bus arrival
- That Council requests the local Member for Manly facilitate a meeting with the Minister for Transport and Council to discuss the need for additional taxi license plates to be issued conditional on servicing late night Manly

ITEM 6 Report – ‘Know the Signs Avoid the Fines’ AFZ resource

With a change in legislation the new resource has been provided to licensed premises in the CBD. A mailout from Council to other licensees, Precincts, schools and local clubs will include the resource for their information.

Recommendation:

That the information is received and noted.

ITEM 7 Police Report

Action Sheet from the late night community safety audit conducted on 5 February 2011 was tabled for the information of members and attached to these minutes.

Lighting audit with Council Engineer and Manly Police planned for 27 June 2011 to include several CBD areas, including Lagoon Reserve. The Lighting Audit should also be able to identify CBD businesses who could be encouraged to leave their internal lighting on to illuminate the public space. The Chamber of Commerce representative will be able to assist in approaching key businesses.

Night Rangers will be reminded to include an inspection of CBD lighting in their responsibilities.

Acting Superintendent Linda Howlett provided the following police report:

- Alcohol related assaults are down
- Two glassings in the last two weeks
- One assault by a bouncer on a patron
- A few breaches of licensee conditions through the Food & Wine Festival (taking bottles out of the licensed area)

Recommendation:

That Council request the Development Assessment section of Council to ensure new Development Applications relating to Manly CBD businesses, include a condition to ensure prominent lighting be installed under awnings in line with Safety by Design principles.

ITEM 8 Rangers’ Report

The Ranger statistics sent by email to Committee members contained 2010 data, so the 2011 ranger statistics were tabled. In the absence of the Manager Ranger Services, questions were deferred until the July meeting.

Recommendation:

That the information is received and noted.

ITEM 9 Manly Liquor Accord Report

Letter tabled for the information of members, dated 16 May 2011 received from Manager, Ministerial Liaison Unit of Ministry for Police and Emergency Services acknowledging receipt of Council’s letter expressing Councils concern about the future direction of Liquor Accords. The letter contained no further information.

Following the recommendation from 12 May meeting that Council and Manly Police assist the NSW OLGR Liquor Accord Delivery Unit in revitalising the Manly Liquor Accord, the following update was provided:

- Special general meeting organised for the Accord on 21 June 2011
- Meeting coordinated by Liquor Accord Delivery Unit and invitations sent to licensees
- Proposal advised by the Manly Liquor Accord to voluntarily cancel the associations incorporation to be newly formed as a not for profit organisation.

Recommendation:

That the information is received and noted.

ITEM 10 Report – Matters Arising: Items for Update

10.1 Update on Item 11 Public Toilet Facilities from 12 May meeting:

Recommendation:

The Committee recommends to Council that the following CBD public toilet facilities should remain open 24 hours on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights:

- Whistler Street carpark
- Ocean Beachfront, opposite The Corso, and
- Gilbert Park bus shelter

Update:

Council's Planning & Strategy meeting of 6 June 2011 considered this recommendation, during which it amended the above recommendation and resolved:

- That the three CBD toilets to be closed between midnight and 1am on Sunday nights.

Recommendation:

That the information is received and noted.

10.2 Update on Item 6: Draft Manly Crime Prevention Plan from 12 May meeting:

Department of Attorney General and Justice advise that they are in receipt of Council's crime prevention plan. Letters to the Ministers for Police and Community Services asking them to support the plan have been signed by the Attorney General. Council can expect a turnaround of approximately 1 month from the Ministers.

Once the plan has the support of the Ministers, it will take approx 2 weeks for the Attorney General to endorse Council's plan. Council should pursue progress of the plan on the week commencing Monday 18 July 2011.

Recommendation:

That the information is received and noted.

ITEM 11 GENERAL BUSINESS brought to the attention of the Chair prior to the start of the meeting and approved for consideration.

11.1 Signage Database

The Committee voiced the need for better management of Council's signage.

Recommendation:

That Council investigate the need for a signage database for the management of Council's facilities and land and that Precincts be

invited to provide input to the signage database.

11.2 Community Safety Coordinator

Sue Johansson, Council's Community Safety Coordinator advised the Committee that she was leaving Council to take on a role closer to home with Relationships Australia.

The Committee expressed their appreciation for the work and efforts over and above the demands of her role, in particular noting the additional hours which the Community Safety Coordinator had put in.

The Committee would like a letter of appreciation sent from the Chair to Sue Johansson to thank her for input.

Recommendation:

That the information is received and noted.

11.3 Manly Food & Wine Festival

The Committee expressed thanks to Council staff who should be commended on the successful delivery of the Manly Food & Wine Festival.

Recommendation:

That the information is received, advised to Staff and noted.

ITEM 12 NEXT MEETING DATE:

Date: Thursday 14 July 2011

Time: 8.00am – 10.00am

Venue: Councillor's Room

Meeting closed at 10.00am