



## MINUTES OF MEETING

### COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE

HELD THURSDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2011

*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, Mayor	Manly Council
Cllr Alan Le Surf	Manly Council
Cllr Barbara Aird	Manly Council
Cllr Hugh Burns	Manly Council

##### Other Representatives

Superintendent Dave Darcy	Commander, Manly Police
LSC Bronwyn Nakhla	Crime Prevention Officer, Manly Police
Mike Baird	Member for Manly
Ray Mathieson	Community Member
Doug Robertson	Community Member
Wayne Stanford	State Transit Authority
Sidar Demirbag	Late Night Food Traders representative
Will de Monchaux	Manly Youth Council
Melissa Palermo	Northern Beaches Health Promotion
Doug Brooker	Manly Liquor Accord
Amanda Watkins	MDECC

##### Council Staff

Sue Johansson	Community Safety Coordinator
Terry Jones	Manager Ranger Services
Kate Munro	Youth Development Officer

#### TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The **Community Safety Committee** met on Thursday 10 February, 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 Dr Peter Macdonald, Anthony Christie of STA, Richard Wallace of The Corso Precinct, Captain Brett Mitchell of Street Pastors, Malcolm Pearse, Department of Corrective Services, Beth Lawsen, Divisional Manager of Human Services & Facilities, Jonathan Noyes, Youth & School Aged Services Coordinator

#### ITEM 2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

**ACTION**

**ITEM 3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 9 DECEMBER 2010**

The minutes of the Community Safety Committee meeting held on 9 December 2010 were confirmed by members. These minutes are due to be adopted at the Ordinary Meeting of 14 February 2011.

**ITEM 4 Report – Draft Manly Crime Prevention Plan**

The Committee was provided with an overview of the Action Plan contained within the draft Manly Crime Prevention which targets alcohol related assaults.

The Committee then endorsed the draft Manly Crime Prevention Plan 2011-21013.

**Recommendation:**

The Committee recommends following a report presented to Council, that Council:

- adopts the draft Manly Crime Prevention Plan 2011-2013 and Supporting Documentation.
- provides public notice of the draft Plan and Supporting Documentation
- places the draft Plan and Supporting Documentation on public exhibition and advises key stakeholders of a public exhibition period of 28 days during which time submissions will be invited;
- Considers all submissions received, and then resolve to either amend the draft plan or adopt it without amendment as the Manly Crime Prevention Plan 2011-2013;
- Submits the Manly Crime Prevention Plan 2011-2013 to the NSW Attorney General for approval as a safer community compact.
- Applies for funding through the NSW Department of Justice and Attorney General to implement actions in the endorsed Manly Crime Prevention Plan 2011-2013

**ITEM 5 Report – Manly Precinct Liquor Accord (PLA)**

The Committee discussed information provided in the report attached to the Agenda showing measures approved for the Manly PLA, and also supplementary measures proposed by the Director General of Communities NSW.

A Manly PLA meeting was held on 2 February 2011 during which it was agreed that the Part A measure to promote late night transport options, that is: staff T-shirts, would be replaced with badges bearing the 'Ask me how to get home' statement.

Communities NSW advise that following submissions and feedback from the meeting of 2 February 2011, the Manly PLA measures will be implemented from 1 March 2011.

The Committee was shown Crime Scene Preservation Guidelines and four individual responsibility posters which were provided by Communities NSW by email on 8 February 2011. The posters are proposed for display at licensed premises (see attached).

**ACTION**

**GM/ IBM/  
Community  
Safety  
Coordinator**

One of the proposed supplementary measures involved restricting takeaway liquor sales by mandatory PLA participants from 10pm for a two month trial on Friday and Saturday nights. Committee members acknowledged that patrons bringing 'travellers' into the Manly CBD late at night had already purchased liquor out of the area, and that this measure was unlikely to impact on people bringing open bottles of liquor into the Manly CBD.

Several Committee members believed that more needed to be done to address the issue of under-age drinking, pre-fuelling and the binge drinking culture.

Superintendent Darcy wished to acknowledge the good work of local licensees.

**Recommendation:**

That the information is received and noted.

**ITEM 6 Report – Working Party to provide late night transport solutions**

The Committee was provided with an update on actions undertaken regarding late night transport solutions:

- Signage installed promoting the Manly Night Shuttle in front of the taxi ranks at Belgrave Street and Raglan Street
- Signage installed promoting the late night taxi rank at Raglan Street/North Steyne
- Changed parking conditions at Raglan Street taxi/bus rank – private vehicles can no longer park from 7pm – 7am daily. This is now a bus zone every day, all day, which allows the Manly Night Shuttle to collect passengers. Effective parking enforcement by rangers has been observed, and the bay has remained clear for the Manly Night Shuttle and taxis to operate
- Draft late night transport wallet card developed. To be printed and distributed by Communities NSW.
- Draft late night transport poster for display in licensed venues and on screen currently being developed
- Media release drafted
- Over ninety late night transport surveys conducted on Saturday 6 February from 10pm to midnight in order to assess current knowledge of late night transport providers and how people are getting home, also to be used in evaluation
- STA buses ready to move departures after midnight to Gilbert Park, following assurances of increased Manly Police presence

The Committee provided feedback on the design of both the proposed late night transport wallet card and late night transport poster.

**Recommendation:**

That the information is received and noted.

**ITEM 7 Report – Late night community safety audit**

A brief summary was provided to Committee members of the late night community safety audit conducted on Saturday 5 February (midnight until 3am).

Most issues concerned lighting, litter and toilets.

Lighting observed as faulty at major bus shelters, East Esplanade, North Steyne and in The Corso has been reported and either fixed or in the process of being repaired.

A full report will be prepared by Manly Police and presented to the Committee for the March meeting.

As a proposed agenda item in the near future, the Committee will discuss the issue of public toilet opening times, particularly to address the high number of offences involving public urination late at night.

The late night food traders representative reported that Ser Bar Kebabs, Hamlets Pies and Manly Seaside Kebabs have been operating a cleansing regime in the immediate vicinity of their premises between 10pm and 3.00am on weekends to better manage litter.

The bins outside Ser Bar Kebabs have improved litter management in this location.

Litter in the vicinity of McDonalds at Manly Wharf was a concern.

A meeting is to be held on 16 February 2011 between Council staff and major late night food traders to consider the conditions of the Late Night Food Traders voluntary agreement for the management of litter outside their premises, in accordance with amendments and the original strategies.

**Recommendation:**

That the information is received and noted.

**ITEM 8 Report – Working Party to discuss Development Application and Liquor Licence consent conditions**

The Chair acknowledged the input of all members of the Working Party. It was confirmed that following the report and recommendations made from the December 2010 meeting, the Working Party should be dissolved.

**Recommendation:**

That the Community Safety Committee Working Party to discuss Development Application and Liquor Licence consent conditions be thanked for its contribution, and now be disbanded in acknowledgement of having completed its objectives.

IBM/GM

**ITEM 9 Police Report**

Superintendent Darcy introduced LSC Bronwyn Nakhla as the recently appointed Crime Prevention Officer and commended her experience and approach to the role. He also acknowledged LSC Danielle Fletcher who has taken on another role at Manly Police.

Manly Police Station is set to move on Saturday 19 February 2011.

Superintendent Darcy acknowledged the good management of all licensees in Manly apart from The Shore Club, which was highlighted by recent incidents. Superintendent Darcy acknowledged the contribution of the General Manager and Council staff in working towards resolving issues related to this venue.

Superintendent Darcy also thanked Council for its involvement in the Last Drinks campaign. Council's banner in support of the frontline emergency services workers was featured on the front page of the NSW Police News. The Chair and Superintendent Darcy in particular acknowledged the role of Cllr Barbara Aird.

The Member for Manly pointed out that the NSW Opposition's proposed 'Three strikes and you're out' Policy in terms of problem licensed premises had the potential to work well in the case of a local venue which was not being managed satisfactorily.

Superintendent Darcy expressed concern regarding recent suicides at North Head. It was proposed that a Manly contingent visit Woollahra Council to gain insights on how suicide prevention at The Gap was managed. The Chair Mayor Jean Hay, Councillor Barbara Aird and Manager Ranger Services expressed interest in attending a meeting along with Manly Police and NSW National Parks & Wildlife Services.

**Recommendation:**

That a delegation from Manly including Councillors, Council staff, Manly Police and NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service visit Woollahra Council to investigate suicide prevention strategies.

GM/ Manly Police

**ITEM 10 Rangers' Report**

The Manager Ranger Services presented statistics for December 2010 and January 2011.

**Recommendation:**

That the information is received and noted.

**ITEM 11 Manly Liquor Accord Report**

An Executive Liquor Accord meeting is planned for 15 February 2011. The Liquor Accord representative reported that he was seeking sponsorship for a advertisement to be placed in the local media for the Manly Night Shuttle.

The Liquor Accord representative reported that Communities NSW were taking onboard requests to amend Section 78 of the Liquor Act 2007 with regard to Banning Orders. Concerns were expressed from licensees on the need to consider Banning Orders on a Precinct-wide level.

**Recommendation:**

That the information is received and noted.

**ITEM 12 Report - Matters Arising: Items for Update**

All outstanding items dealt with in current Agenda Items and reports.

**Recommendation:**

That the information is received and noted.

**ITEM 13 GENERAL BUSINESS** brought to the attention of the Chair prior to the start of the meeting and approved for consideration.

**13.1 Events in Manly**

Australia Day 2011

The late night food traders representative congratulated Manly Police on ensuring Australia Day 2011 was a safe one for businesses, residents and visitors. The Little Manly Precinct also thanked Manly Police for stringent enforcement of alcohol restrictions on the day.

Manly Flood Relief Appeal

The late night food traders representative also congratulated Council's commitment to the Manly Flood Relief Appeal, particularly the entertainment provided at the Ocean beachfront area.

New Year's Eve 2010

Committee members congratulated Manly Police and all concerned in managing events on New Year's Eve, particularly on achieving an earlier closing time for licensed premises. Local businesses, Rangers and Council staff all worked together to ensure safe, fun and family friendly entertainment was available at the Manly Wharf area.

World Food Markets

The World Food Markets have recommenced in Manly on Friday nights, and the first night had over 800 people present, with a large majority being young families.

**Recommendation:**

That the information is received and noted.

**ITEM 14 NEXT MEETING DATE:**

**Date: Thursday 10 March 2011**

**Time: 8.00am – 10.00am**

**Venue: Councillor's Room**

Meeting closed at 10.00am