Community Safety Committee Minutes



Woollahra Council Chambers, Committee Room – Ground Floor Wednesday 22 February

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Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 22 February at 3.30pm

1 PRESENT & APOLOGIES

Present: Bruce Bland (Chair) Rose Bay Good Neighbour Group

Charles Wade
Gina Grubb
Vaucluse resident
Helen Mushin
Rose Bay Resident
Juliet Kirkpatrick
Darling Point resident
Darling Point resident
Paddington resident

Michele Wearn Double Bay Residents Association

Staff: Jacky Hony Team Leader – Community Development

Apologies: Councillor Ted Bennett

Councillor Susan Wynne

Cara Inia Double Bay Chamber of Commerce
Leanne Abbott Electorate Officer, Member for Sydney
Rosemary McDonald Queen Street & West Woollahra Association

Prof Don White Harbourview Residents Group

Ross Clifton Vaucluse resident

The Committee unanimously gave congratulations to Charles Wade for his recent well-deserved OAM award.

2 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

2.1 Confirmation

Bruce Bland, seconded Gina Grubb.

2.2 Matters arising

- Ian Street car park Council's Traffic and Transport department confirmed December 2016 that a convex mirror has been installed to improve visibility when exiting the car park.
- O'Sullivan Road previous correspondence between residents and Council and the police regarding the many parked trucks that hinder visibility when leaving driveways has not resolved the situation. The Committee discussed that this is a growing issue throughout the Municipality and needs addressing through Council's Traffic Committee.

Action: Jacky to raise the issue of parked trucks with Council's Traffic Committee

3 CORRESPONDENCE

None received.

4 POLICE REPORT

Rose Bay LAC are hosting 'Coffee with a Cop' 10am Thursday 23 February in Kiaora Lane. Coffee

with a Cop is a national initiative supported by The United States Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services. Similar events are being held across NSW, as local police commands strive to make lasting connections with the communities they serve.

All community members are welcome to attend the informal networking and to discuss community issues and build relationships.

5 GENERAL SAFETY ISSUES

5.1 Report back from Neighbourhood Groups

- Rose Bay Good Neighbour Group
 - NP&W have pledged \$1M towards the upgrade of Neilsen Park.
 - Raised the issue of Council's management and maintenance of trees that are at risk of dropping branches and/or whose roots damage the footpaths. RBGNG has written to Council, requesting that a joint resident/staff Committee be formed to review and update Council's relevant policy and procedure. The Committee discussed the pros and cons of tree removal vs. preserving trees.
 - Following the meeting, Jacky spoke with the Manager of Open Space and Trees who advised that Council's policy and procedure is strictly adhered to. Any resident concerned or wanting information about a specific tree is welcome to either contact the Manager of Open Space and Trees or to speak with their local Councillor.
 - Rose Bay Good Neighbourhood Group are again hosting 'fish and chips in the park' with support from Council through a community grant. In previous years, isolated and/or elderly local residents have attended the event is thought to foster positive community connections. 70 people have already booked their ticket for the event which is being held Friday 31 March, 5pm.

Double Bay Residents Association

- Raised that residents are currently discussing solutions to cars parking on both sides of Carlotta Road resulting in reduced safety. Neither speed humps nor a mini-roundabout are favoured. Residents will contact Council with their request once a workable solution has been identified.

• HarbourView Neighbourhood Watch Group

- The Group co-ordinators continue to communicate via Email: crime rates remain low.

• Oueen Street & West Woollahra Association

- Are hosting a 'clean-up day' to mark Neighbour Day, 10.30 am on Sunday 5 March in Moncur Reserve, followed by a sausage sizzle lunch. The event is an initiative of QS&WWA in conjunction with Holdsworth Community and supported by Woollahra Municipal Council. All welcome to attend - register via admin@qswwa.com.au

• Double Bay Chamber of Commerce

- Have had a number of meetings with the police, nothing to report.

5.2 Eastern Sydney Suicide Prevention Network

- Met recently and commenced planning the annual awareness raising walk. Are considering setting up a support group for people bereaved through suicide. This year ESSPN will focus on fewer but bigger activities.

6 GENERAL BUSINESS

- The Committee discussed what might happen to the Community Safety Committee should Woollahra Council amalgamate with Randwick and Waverley Councils. Committee members were assured that the Woollahra Council Community Safety Committee would not be dissolved without prior member consultation.
- The Committee re-visited the issue of hazards posed at the Darling Point Road/New South Head Road/New McLean Street intersection and agreed to keep it on the agenda for monitoring.

7 NEXT MEETING

Resolved: the next meeting will take place on Wednesday 26 April at 3.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 4.30pm