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MINUTES

COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

held at Police Citizens Youth Club (PCYC), Dee Why

THURSDAY 12 APRIL 2018

Minutes of Community Safety Committee Meeting
held on Thursday, 12 April
at Police Citizens Youth Club (PCYC) ,Dee Why
Commencing at 8:00 am

ATTENDANCE:

Committee Members

Cr Michael Regan	Mayor – Chairperson
Cr Candy Bingham	Deputy Mayor
Cr Kylie Ferguson	
Cr Sue Heins	
Supt David Darcy	NB Police Area Command
Melissa Palermo	NSLHD Health Promotion
Emily Fam	Catholic Care
Belinda Volkov	Sydney Drug Education Counselling Centre
John Kelly	Community Northern Beaches
Doug Brooker	NB Liquor Accord
Peter Smart	Transport NSW Brookvale bus depot
Adele Heasman	obo James Griffin MP Member for Manly
Steve McInnes	Surf Lifesaving NB
Zia Lapin	Manly Warringah Women's Resource Centre
Drew Johnson	Manly Chamber of Commerce
Ray Mathieson	Community Representative
Ryan Turner	Community Representative
Harry Coates	Community Representative
Michelle Povah	Community Representative
Christina Franze	Manly Chamber of Commerce

Council Officer Contacts

Kylie Walshe	Executive Manager Community, Arts and Culture
Neil Williamson	Executive Manager Compliance

Leanne Martin	Community Safety Co-ordinator
Robert van den Blink	Manager, Social Planning & Community Development
Rita Frost	Executive Assistant to Executive Manager Community, Arts and Culture - Minutes

Visitors

Cr Pat Daley	Observer
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1.0 APOLOGIES & WELCOME

Apologies: Roberta Conroy; Michelle Erofeyeff

Julie Stewart - Zia Lapin attended for Manly Warringah Womens Resource Centre

Adele Heasman attended obo James Griffin MP

2.0 DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

3.0 REVIEW AND ENDORSEMENT OF CODE OF CONDUCT**INTRODUCTION**

Kylie Walshe advised the group to be aware of the Code of Conduct that was provided with the confirmation of membership.

The Chair invited the members to give brief introduction to the committee.

4.0 AGENDA ITEMS

4.1 POLICE REPORT

Supt Darcy addressed the meeting. He highlighted the important role of the Committee and welcomed the opportunity to be part of a larger, stronger Committee. It was requested that the information presented remain confidential to the Committee. The work done by the previous Manly Community Safety Committee was acknowledged and the opportunities that this Committee will similarly provide for problem solving, crime prevention grant funding and community development through co-operation and shared understanding. It was requested that the members commit to fully understanding the issues and challenges and research their views before taking a position. The strength of the Committee is the collective and collaborative nature of the group.

Supt Darcy then delivered a presentation that gave an overview of current policing, crime and safety related issues on the Northern Beaches, including data on alcohol related crime, drink/drug driving, drugs and domestic violence. This also included the issues of suicide and problem park locations.

The Committee then discussed various aspects of the presentation and agreed that further information should be considered regarding suicide prevention at next meeting.

Tabled: Community Safety SRG Directions Paper June 2017 and Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) crime statistics for Northern Beaches LGA for five years to end 2017.

Recommendation

That the Police report be received and noted.

5.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

5.1 ALCOHOL PROHIBITED AREAS AND ALCOHOL FREE ZONES

Council staff explained the differences between Alcohol Prohibited Areas (APA) and Alcohol Free Zones (AFZ). The major difference between APA and AFZ is the establishment of each, with AFZ requiring a major consultation process. APA requires an agreement between the Police and Council. It should also be noted that APA are applicable to parks/reserves only and can have time limits. An AFZ is for roads, carparks and road reserves and must be for 24 hours per day/ 7 days per week. Neither impact outdoor eating areas.

The former Council areas all had different approaches to their reserves; former Pittwater has APA - 8pm to 8am; former Warringah APA - 10pm to 8am; Manly has AFZ- 24/7 including beaches. Pittwater and Warringah only had an APA at the beaches on Australia Day

The application of APA and AFZ will be reviewed in order to report on a more uniform approach across the whole Northern Beaches Council area. Community Education material can then be updated accordingly.

Recommendation

That the Committee note the information received.

5.2 RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF MANLY CBD AFZ

The Committee was advised that every four years the Alcohol Free Zones need to be reviewed and put out to public consultation. The Manly CBD AFZ will expire on 8th July 2018. It was requested that the Committee consider a recommendation to commence the consultation process for this AFZ, according to the Local Government Act requirements. A final report will then go up for a Council recommendation at the end of June.

Recommendation

The Committee supports the decision to commence the process to re-establish the Alcohol Free Zones (AFZs) in the Manly CBD area of Northern Beaches Council.

5.3 EAST ESPLANADE

The Committee were updated on the outcome of the Council resolution on anti social behaviour at East Esplanade.

The Committee were advised that a community safety audit will be held at 8pm on Friday 20 April. All committee members are welcome to attend, an invitation will be sent to all. There will be other observational studies undertaken at other times. A night time audit is valuable to assess the location in the dark and at the time most complaints are made. Council Compliance Officers are also collecting data.

Recommendations will be made to the Community Safety Committee following the safety audit.

Recommendation

That the Notice of Motion 14/2018 is received and noted and further it was agreed to continue to monitor the situation at East Esplanade, Manly, with a view to the development of a community safety report addressing the issues.

5.4 STRATEGIES TO DEAL WITH UNDER AGE DRINKING

Concern around this issue has been raised by the Police and residents.

It was advised that statistically overall there is a reduction in underage drinking. Some of the young people identified as causing problems over the summer period are now attending Sydney Drug Education Counselling Centre. Alcohol is reducing but the current trend is mixing pharmaceuticals – they are becoming more popular to mix with alcohol, available through the dark web and through family. Further discussion on referrals and types of rehabilitation.

Police confirmed an increase in accessibility, with low grade/social dealing targeted by Police. Pharmaceutical drugs are perceived as safe by young people – MDA caps are popular, means they can binge drink more. Police are experiencing more aggression in these young people.

Chair requested Sydney Drug Education Counselling Centre to bring back statistics and ideas for next committee for further consideration.

Catholic Care attends band nights, assisting young people who turn up to events intoxicated, offering them early intervention in the form of assistance and advice.

The issue of Little Manly Point in the school holidays was raised, Council staff advised that Council would liaise with the Police. It was discussed that the fence actually creates additional jumping points, with social media was also a contributing factor to larger groups congregating in this area. (Action: refer to Risk Management for consideration)

The move of the Manly Hospital mental health unit was raised. It was agreed that the issue of Mental Health be included on a future agenda for the Committee. SDECC, Police and other agencies all agreeing this is a serious problem. NSW Health will report on increase in alcohol consumption in older women.

Recommendation

That the issue of mental health be included on a future Agenda.

That the Sydney Drug Education Counselling Centre report on ideas and statistics around drug use/rehabilitation at the next meeting.

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

ITEM NO.	ITEM
4.1	Suicide Prevention
5.3	East Esplanade update
5.4	Drug Use/Rehabilitation

The meeting concluded at 9.58

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