

MINUTES

COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE

held in the Police Citizens Youth Club (PCYC), Dee Why on

THURSDAY 6 DECEMBER 2018

Minutes of the Community Safety Committee
held on Thursday 6 December 2018
in the Police Citizens Youth Club (PCYC), Dee Why
Commencing at 8:00 - 10:00 AM

ATTENDANCE:

Committee Members

Cr Michael Regan	Mayor – Chairperson
Cr Candy Bingham	
Cr Kylie Ferguson	
Cr Sue Heins	Deputy Mayor
Cr Stuart Sprott	
Supt David Darcy	Northern Beaches Police Area Command
Belinda Volkov	Sydney Drug Education & Counselling Centre (SDECC)
Christina Franze	Manly Chamber of Commerce – representing Drew Johnson
Daniel Rubenach	Representing James Griffin MP Member for Manly
Doug Brooker	Northern Beaches Liquor Accord
John Kelly	Community Northern Beaches
Kara Hillier	Transport NSW Brookvale bus depot
Melissa Palermo	NASLHD Health Promotion
Michelle Erofeyeff	Family & Community Services (FACS)
Michelle Povah	Community Representative
Peter Smart	Transport NSW Brookvale bus depot – representing Wayne Potter
Ray Mathieson	Community Representative
Roberta Conroy	Community Representative
Ryan Turner	Community Representative
Susan Consalvey	Manly Warringah Women's Resource Centre – representing Trish Bramble

Council Officer Contacts

Ray Brownlee	Chief Executive Officer
Kylie Walshe	Executive Manager Community, Arts and Culture
Neil Williamson	Executive Manager Environmental Compliance
Will Wrathall	Team Leader, Community Development
Leanne Martin	Community Safety Coordinator
Sue Johansson	Community Development Officer
Helen Askew	Program Support Officer, Community Development

Visitors

Cr Pat Daley

1.0 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from:

Drew Johnson, Manly Chamber of Commerce
Emily Fam, Catholic Care
Harry Coates, Community Representative
James Griffin MP, Member for Manly (represented by Daniel Rubenach)
Wayne Potter, Transport NSW Brookvale bus depot (represented by Peter Smart)
Trish Bramble, Manly Warringah Women's Resource Centre (represented by Susan Consalvey)

Not in attendance:

Steve McInnes Surf Lifesaving Sydney Northern Beaches

2.0 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of pecuniary or non-pecuniary conflicts of interest.

3.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

3.1 MINUTES OF COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 11 OCTOBER 2018

DISCUSSION

Item 4.4 Suicide Prevention Working Group

It was raised that a number of discussion points for this item were not included in the Minutes, specifically consideration of the request to include mental health referral information on Council's website.

On that issue, Committee members were advised that the Suicide Prevention Working Group and staff are investigating adding the Department of Health accredited referral services and peak bodies service directory to Council's website.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Community Safety Committee meeting held 11 October 2018, copies of which were previously circulated to all Members, are hereby confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

4.0 AGENDA ITEMS

4.1 POLICE REPORT

DISCUSSION

Superintendent Darcy reflected on the role of the Community Safety Committee to build capacity of our community, be defenders of diversity and provide an avenue for problem solving through cooperation and shared understanding.

He highlighted a number of 2018 successes:

- **Suicide Prevention Working Group:** the commitment of Council staff was acknowledged, in particular Sue Johansson, to this issue. The Group's legacy is a continuation and building of frontline response and implementation of operational actions. Police, Council, Community Care Northern Beaches and Lifeline will be implementing a shared trial of Near Field Technology on a local headland.
- **Local Emergency Management:** Thank you to Council's Local Emergency Management team, in particular Ben Fallowfield and Claire Higgins, who have built great capacity and capability to deal with local emergencies. Currently working with vulnerable institutions in the local area to address their emergency response and evacuation procedures.
- **Good community strategy to solve problems:** An example includes a local drumming group – Council and Police have worked together to address residents' concerns and find solutions.
- **Community Safety Forums:** Police consultation opportunities at Terrey Hills and Manly locations received good feedback. Frenchs Forest, Mona Vale and Warriewood had low attendances.
- **Domestic Violence and Youth:** In 2019 Police will focus more attention in this area.
- **East Esplanade Reserve:** In last couple of months the capacity to achieve outcomes has increased with Council Rangers and Police working well together. Twenty Rangers have had training in conjunction with Police on responding to crowds. Signs are positive with the improved ability of Rangers to disperse crowds.

It was reported that a 24/7 alcohol ban in this area has been tried previously by the former Manly Council and changed to 8pm to 8am by the former Manly Community Safety Committee. Police support the continuation of this Reserve being an Alcohol Prohibited Area from 8pm to 8am at this point in time as the East Esplanade Community Safety Management Plan had yet to be implemented fully. It was noted that Police will monitor the area and recommend any change to these hours, if warranted.

Crime prevention by environmental design has been suggested to local residents to assist with moving on visitors from their private boundaries, e.g. movement activated lights are effective.

Police have worked for a long time to support pubs and clubs to be confident with refusing entry to those intoxicated. It is however, more difficult to regulate this in public spaces.

Suggested actions included:

- the promotion of the area as a family picnic location to try to change the culture.

- Ask Trip Advisor to include Council's alcohol restrictions within their social media posts.

Some Committee members raised concerns with the 8am to 8pm approach at East Esplanade Reserve, including:

- There are strict controls on alcohol consumption in the licensed venues and as East Esplanade has no such controls intoxicated people are being pushed into the park.
- Allowing any drinking on the reserve could become out of hand.
- By legalising alcohol to be consumed in a public park on council owned land puts council at risk.

Cr Daley left the meeting at 8.23am.

RECOMMENDATION

- A. That the information be received and noted.
- B. That the Committee support the continuation of the Alcohol Prohibited Area at East Esplanade Reserve, Manly from 8pm to 8am.
- C. That the Committee endorse the sprinkler trial at East Esplanade Reserve, Manly, commencing immediately from 10pm.

Against the Motion: John Kelly, Doug Brooker.

4.2 COMPLIANCE REPORT

DISCUSSION

Staff provided an overview of recent activities carried out by Environmental Compliance, including:

- Compliance/Ranger statistics and mapping
- Building control - service requests, mapping and developer prosecution
- Fines including parking, pollution, food safety, companion animals, abandoned vehicles
- Warriewood wetlands
- Increased capability by Rangers to regulate alcohol prohibited areas
- Continuing Ranger training.

A request was made for an additional category in the statistics to identify the types of noise complaints and locations. It was indicated that noise is not a safety issue to be considered by this Committee.

Unregistered Vehicles

Jonathan O'Dea MP Member for Davidson provided Council with a copy of Troy Grant MP Minister for Police's letter on this matter:

"The NSW Police Force does not support the proposal to allow local councils to issue infringement notices on unregistered vehicles, or to delegate this police function to local councils. The NSW Government does not support local council rangers moving into on-road enforcement activities."

The Committee expressed their view that unregistered vehicles are a safety issue.

RECOMMENDATION

That the information is received and noted.

4.3 PROPOSAL FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF ALCOHOL PROHIBITED AREAS

DISCUSSION

An amended recommendation was tabled and discussed.

The aim of this report was to standardise the hours of Alcohol Prohibited Areas across the whole of the Northern Beaches.

It was discussed that reserves will be assessed by staff and Police and identified as either a 24 hour or 8pm to 8am Alcohol Prohibited Area.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee:

- A. Endorse that all Alcohol Prohibited Areas in the Northern Beaches be designated as 8pm-8am or 24 hours, unless otherwise requested by Police.
- B. Support the assessment of all Alcohol Prohibited Areas in accordance with the draft procedure and identify appropriate hours for each area.

4.4 SUICIDE PREVENTION WORKING GROUP

UPDATE

Staff provided an update on the activities of the Suicide Prevention Working Group.

Great collaboration and thanks to Community Care Northern Beaches and Lifeline Northern Beaches for their assistance with the Working Group.

Sydney North Primary Health Network (SNPHN) is currently compiling a Suicide Prevention Services Guide for the Northern Sydney region.

DISCUSSION

Those involved were thanked for the work being done. The fencing at more exposed sites with some tagged with positive inspirational messages was supported. A community member's suggestion of a good community initiative is to just say 'good morning' to those walking past. Proposed that this could be woven into any community campaign launch.

Daniel Rubenach, representing James Griffin MP, indicated there is currently a working group looking at the future use of the former Manly Hospital site to identify and address gaps in our area health services. It was commented that this site should not be considered for chronic/acute mental health clients due to the proximity to North Head, but opportunities exist for other community needs.

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received and noted.

4.5 'MORE TO MANLY' SAFER LANEWAYS PROJECT

The Committee noted the Project update.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Community Safety Committee note the information received.

4.6 COMMUNITY SAFETY PLANNING PROPOSAL

DISCUSSION

Staff provided an update and background considerations to assist with the scope and framing of the Community Safety planning document.

James Griffin MP's press release of yesterday included the latest Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) data which indicates a reduction in overall crime in our area.

Comments from the Committee include:-

- Utilisation of local Police statistics in the preparation phase will help inform first steps and the way forward.
- Need to frame the document in a strength based way – Community Safety Plan or Theme based Plan are preferable. Theme based plans to focus on strengths.
- An alternative view expressed was that unlocking funding using the Crime Prevention Plan would be the best option.

The Committee will be kept informed on Council's progress with the Plan and will start the consultation phase next year.

Vehicle Mitigation Grant

The outcome of the grant submission for vehicle mitigation installations (bollards) in Manly CBD won't be known for another eight months.

CCTV Grant

The outcome of the application is not yet known. The Department of Justice advise that announcements have been delayed, with advice anticipated before the end of this year.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee note the Community Safety Planning options listed and include the item on the Agenda of future Community Safety Committee meetings whilst the plan is being developed.

4.7 COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2019

The Committee concurred with the recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Community Safety Committee note the meeting schedule for 2019.

The meeting concluded at 10.02am

This is the final page of the Minutes comprising 11 pages
numbered 1 to 11 of the Community Safety Committee meeting
held on Thursday 6 December 2018 and confirmed on Thursday 14 February 2019.