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MINUTES

COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE

held in the Guringai Room, Civic Centre, Dee Why on

THURSDAY 15 AUGUST 2019

Minutes of the Community Safety Committee

held on Thursday 15 August 2019

in the Guringai Room, Civic Centre, Dee Why

Commencing at 8:00 - 10:00 AM

ATTENDANCE:

Committee Members

Cr Michael Regan	Mayor – Chairperson
Cr Sue Heins	Deputy Mayor
Cr Candy Bingham	
Cr Kylie Ferguson	
Cr Stuart Sprott	
Zali Steggall MP	Federal Member for Warringah
Supt David Darcy	Northern Beaches Police Area Command
John Kelly	Community Northern Beaches
Harry Coates	Community Representative
Michelle Erofeeff	Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ)
Christina Franze	Manly Chamber of Commerce
Doug Brooker	Northern Beaches Liquor Accord
Steve McInnes	Surf Lifesaving Sydney Northern Beaches
Belinda Volkov	Sydney Drug Education & Counselling Centre (SDECC)
Kara Hillier	Transport NSW Brookvale bus depot

Council Officer Contacts

Ray Brownlee	CEO
Kylie Walshe	Executive Manager Community, Arts and Culture
Azmeena Kelly	Executive Manager Environmental Compliance
Will Wrathall	Team Leader, Community Development
Leanne Martin	Community Safety Coordinator
Helen Askew	Program Support Officer, Youth & Community Development

Visitors

Daniel Rubenach	State Member for Manly's office
Susan Consalevy	Manly Warringah Women's Resource Centre
Shane Jones	State Transit Safety Officer
Emma Boughton	Youth Development Officer

1.0 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from:

James Griffin MP, State Member for Manly
Karrah McCann, Catholic Care (resigned)
Paul Klarenaar, NSLHD Health Promotion
Trish Bramble, Manly Warringah Women's Resource Centre
Michelle Povah, Community Representative
Roberta Conroy, Community Representative
Ryan Turner, Community Representative
Wayne Potter, State Transit Authority NSW
Dr Lisa Simone, ADF State Manager

Not in attendance:

Ray Mathieson, Community Representative
Drew Johnson, Manly Chamber of Commerce

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 13 JUNE 2019

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Community Safety Committee meeting held 13 June 2019, copies of which were previously circulated to all Members, are hereby confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

Accepted

4.0 AGENDA ITEMS

4.1 ACTIONS UPDATE

DISCUSSION

1. Online Liquor Gets Audited Report

The Committee was advised via an email from Paul Klarenaar, Director NSLHD Health Promotion, that the two main recommendations of the OLGA report (remove 'authority to leave' delivery option and require RSA training for couriers) have been incorporated into Liquor & Gaming's draft position paper regarding online/express delivery alcohol.

2. Nitrous Oxide

Council has received response letters from Brad Hazzard MP and Rob Stokes MP. Rob Stokes' letter includes a response from the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation, The Honourable Kevin Anderson MP. The Minister advised that the substance is regulated under the Drug Misuse and Trafficking Act 1985.

3. More to Manly

As a result of additional funding from the Federal Government Safer Communities fund, night activation of Market Lane has been enhanced by installation of bud lighting in the trees. A mural is also currently being installed along the Pacific Waves carpark tunnel to Sydney Road Plaza.

4. Night Time Economy

This initiative is in its early stages. Council staff are working on the strategy and policy, which will be reported back to Council.

5. Community Safety Plan

Consultant, Patrick Stephenson will provide an update at the next Community Safety Committee.

6. Grant Funding from Crime Prevention Division

This funding will primarily be addressing youth related anti-social behaviour in Mona Vale/Newport public spaces and allocated to varying diversionary activities over the next 12 months.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received and noted.

4.2 POLICE REPORT

DISCUSSION

Welcome to Crime Manager, Detective Inspector Michael Boutouridis. Superintendent Darcy advised the Committee he will be retiring in February and is ensuring his senior staff are well briefed on community issues at the handover stage.

Northern Beaches Suicide Response Steering Group

As Chair of the Steering Group, Superintendent Darcy provided an update on recent successes with the Northern Beaches Suicide Response Steering Group Pilot Protocol. The Pilot Protocol provides a bridge between service providers, Police and Northern Beaches Hospital (NBH) for those at risk of suicide with Community Care Northern Beaches (CCNB) leading the coordinated response on a six month trial. Under the agreed Pilot Protocol and following consent, Police are able to provide client and family details to CCNB's Response Coordinator to ensure timely, coordinated and effective support. Additionally, Superintendent Darcy has been liaising directly with NBH management to achieve better incident outcomes and will continue to work towards improvement.

A Round Table meeting of all service providers is scheduled for February 2020 which will provide an opportunity for services to gather together, provide coordination feedback and address service interaction.

Advice has not yet been received from the NSW Ministry of Health in regard to the grant application for Suicide Prevention Community Gatekeeper Training. The funding would be utilised for front line mental health first aid. In the meantime, Lifeline are training 100 police officers in this area to increase front line capability and resilience. CCNB are also undertaking frontline training for teachers.

NSW Parliamentary Inquiry – Northern Beaches Hospital

Concern was expressed about the decision by Council not to submit a joint submission. This is because it included case studies from other agencies and they have now missed their chance to individually submit as they thought it would be included in the Council submission.

Superintendent Darcy advised that the closing date for submissions can be extended if requested. CEO Ray Brownlee advised that the submission did not proceed as any submission would need to be considered and endorsed by the Council. Service Providers are encouraged to make their own individual submissions.

Note: At the Committee Meeting of 17 October 2019, when considering confirmation of the 15 August 2019 Minutes, Committee members requested an addendum.

With permission of the Chair, the following notation was added in relation to Item 4.2 – *NSW Parliamentary Inquiry – Northern Beaches Hospital*:

Concern and disappointment was expressed about the decision by Council not to submit a joint submission. There was no joint submission put into the Northern Beaches Hospital Parliamentary Inquiry, as directed by the Chief Executive Officer, not Council.

Newport DIY skate space

This Newport bushland location, (colloquially known as 'Portside'), has been utilised by local youth for many years and the matter has been raised following resident complaints. The Committee is asked to consider the best way to proceed on this matter. Council is considering the safety of the existing roof structure. However, from a crime perspective, this site is not an issue. The Committee agreed that it would like more information about this issue in order to establish a more informed opinion on the matter.

ACTION: To be considered further at the next meeting

Vehicle Mitigation Project

Federal and Council grant funding of \$800,000 has been secured for installation of bollards around Manly Wharf and the entrances to The Corso.

Crime Statistics

Statistics presented at the meeting will not be disseminated due to concerns about misinterpretation, however any issues or questions can be followed up individually with Superintendent Darcy. Police are working collaboratively with STA to reduce the spike in incidents, which are now occurring beyond school holiday periods.

The Command's northern area, Mona Vale, Newport and Warriewood, are hotspots for antisocial behaviour, drug use, graffiti and alcohol consumption.

Possible Youth Outreach venue

It has recently been established that a number of youth services are setting up in the Newport area, including a suggestion of a youth drop in centre, with a long term lease at a shop in Newport. Council staff will seek to coordinate a meeting with the various stakeholders and service providers to clarify this opportunity to collaborate.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received and noted.

4.3 ADF (AUSTRALIAN DRUG FOUNDATION) PRESENTATION ON PLANET YOUTH

DISCUSSION

As Dr Lisa Simone, ADF State Manager was unexpectedly unable to attend today's meeting, this matter was deferred.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

That the Australian Drug Foundation be invited to a future meeting.

4.4 COMPLIANCE REPORT

DISCUSSION

Welcome to Azmeena Kelly, Executive Manager Environmental Compliance.

The Environmental Compliance report was presented and will be circulated with the Minutes. Ms Kelly invited the Committee members to provide feedback on additional presentation content which could be included in the future. It was suggested that statistics about dog attacks on humans could be included.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received and noted.

4.5 SCHOOLS ROAD SAFETY AUDITS

DISCUSSION

Council's Transport Network staff presented the 'Safety Around Schools' campaign, associated audits and works currently underway.

In regard to Safety Around School's signage, it was suggested that the signs be prominently hung for a set period and changed regularly to alleviate 'signage fatigue' and trigger awareness by parents, students and the general community.

In conjunction with Council's Communications team, a 'Park and Walk' video is currently being developed. The social media clip will promote the benefits of parking at a distance from schools and walking children to school.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received and noted.

4.6 HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS FORUM

DISCUSSION

An overview was provided of the Housing and Homelessness Forum held on 6 August 2019, involving service providers, stakeholders and Council staff.

Common themes, issues and opportunities were identified, with outcomes being used to prepare a discussion paper.

Northern Beaches Women's Shelter have agreed to co-ordinate a Homeless interagency group for strategic direction, case management and information sharing specifically for Northern Beaches services.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

That the discussion paper be completed and used as a basis for further discussions with the NSW Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services, Gareth Ward MP, James Griffin MP, Mayor and Committee representatives.

4.7 NORTHERN BEACHES LIQUOR ACCORD INITIATIVES

DISCUSSION

Doug Brooker advised the Committee that he has resigned from his position at the Ivanhoe Hotel, however, he still represents the Northern Beaches Liquor Accord at this meeting. Future representation will be discussed with Sean King, President of the Liquor Accord.

Doug gave an overview of the Dark Matters Project in collaboration with TAFE and the local Community Drug Action Team (CDAT). He also discussed the Banned from One, Banned From All proposal that would ban people who have entered a venue underage from entering venues until they are 19 years old. It would only operate in participating venues. This is one way of addressing a problem where all the responsibility for underage drinking is upon the licensee, with no consequences for the young person. Some concerns expressed that this could displace young people away from the area.

Further discussion of installation of scanners at hotels would help identify false IDs.

On behalf of the Committee, Mayor Regan thanked Doug for his contribution to the Liquor Accord and this Committee.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received and noted.

5.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

6.0 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

ACTION: Consider Manly Town Hall as a venue for next meeting.

The meeting concluded at 10am

This is the final page of the Minutes comprising 11 pages
numbered 1 to 11 of the Community Safety Committee meeting
held on Thursday 15 August 2019 and confirmed on Thursday 17 October 2019