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# MINUTES

## COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE

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

**THURSDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2019**

**Minutes of the Community Safety Committee****held on Thursday 28 November 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 Candy Bingham	Deputy Mayor
Cr Kylie Ferguson	
Cr Stuart Sprott	
James Griffin MP	State Member for Manly
Michelle Comito	Catholic Care
John Kelly	Community Northern Beaches
Ray Mathieson	Community Representative
Roberta Conroy	Community Representative
Trish Bramble	Manly Warringah Women's Resource Centre
Belinda Volkov	Sydney Drug Education & Counselling Centre (SDECC)

**Council Officer Contacts**

David Kerr	Director Community and Belonging
Kylie Walshe	Executive Manager Community, Arts and Culture
Azmeena Kelly	Executive Manager Environmental Compliance
Rob van den Blink	Manager Youth and Community Development
Will Wrathall	Team Leader Community Development
Sue Johansson	Community Development Officer
Helen Askew	Youth and Community Development Program Support Officer
Katie Kirwan	Governance Officer

**Visitors**

Rachel Findlay	Good Will Hunting Co.
Sera Kumeroa	Good Will Hunting Co.
Peta Garrett	Representing Federal Member for Warringah
Daniel Rubenach	Electorate Officer State Member for Manly

## 1.0 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Mayor Regan acknowledged the traditional custodians of the land on which the meeting gathered, and paid respect to Elders past and present.

## 2.0 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from:

Cr Sue Heins	
Zali Steggall MP	Federal Member for Warringah
David Darcy	Superintendent Northern Beaches Police Area Command
Kara Hillier	State Transit Authority Northern Region
Michelle Povah	Community Representative
Michelle Erofeyeff	Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ)
Steve McInnes	Surf Lifesaving Sydney Northern Beaches
Ray Brownlee	CEO Northern Beaches Council
Leanne Martin	Community Safety Coordinator

The following members were not in attendance:

Christina Franze	Manly Chamber of Commerce
Drew Johnson	Manly Chamber of Commerce
Paul Klarenaar	NASLHD Health Promotion
Doug Brooker	Northern Beaches Liquor Accord

Harry Coates, Community Representative from the Frenchs Forest Ward has resigned for personal reasons.

## 3.0 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil.

## 4.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

### 4.1 MINUTES OF COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 17 OCTOBER 2019

#### DECISION

That the Minutes of the Community Safety Committee meeting held 17 October 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.

## 5.0 AGENDA ITEMS

### 5.1 POLICE REPORT – PRESENTER EXECUTIVE MANAGER COMMUNITY, ARTS AND CULTURE

#### DISCUSSION

Superintendent Darcy's apologies were relayed and Committee members were provided with his brief update, highlighting the following points:

- Advised that we are waiting on confirmation of the \$350,000 grant funding application for suicide prevention gate keeper training.
- Northern Beaches Police have begun implementing summer service levels in line with last year.
- At the November Council Meeting, Australia Day Alcohol Free Zones were adopted.

### 5.2 COMPLIANCE REPORT – PRESENTER EXECUTIVE MANAGER ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE

#### DISCUSSION

Committee members were provided with an update on Compliance matters. A compliance report was presented to the Committee.

Recent incidents involving domestic animals, matters involving environmental health and actions concerning shopping trolley management were discussed.

The issue of noise pollution was raised, in particular, music on East Esplanade, Manly. Advice provided by staff is that powers available to Council are the same as police and that noise monitoring is measured from the complainant's location, not at the source of the noise.

#### ACTION

Cr Bingham to provide Executive Manager Environmental Compliance with video evidence of noise pollution at East Esplanade, Manly.

### 5.3 OUTCOMES AND FEEDBACK ON MENTAL HEALTH SUMMIT – PRESENTER TEAM LEADER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

*Note: Cr Sprott joined the meeting at 8.53am*

#### DISCUSSION

James Griffin MP gave a brief overview of the Mental Health Summit and introduced the Goodwill Hunting Co facilitators; Rachel Findlay and Sera Kumeroa.

He noted the Committee has been a good source of progress, particularly in the area of mental health and discussed the challenges faced by the Northern Beaches community.

The Mental Health Summit's benefit was the simplicity of bringing groups together to understand the roles each played and the next steps to improve the community's mental health space.

A large number of northern beaches organisations were represented on the day, facilitated by Goodwill Hunting Co. The Committee is encouraged to consider the continuation of this initiative next year given the feedback, collaboration benefits and improved understanding of organisation roles and interactions.

Lifeline in particular found the Summit helpful to engage with different demographics and as a result, is partnering with a young individual to host [Tarp O Rama](#).

Participant feedback and shared analysis from the breakout sessions from the Mental Health Summit was presented to the Committee.

Sydney Drug Education Counselling Centre (SDECC) were happy to see the Summit mapping and snapshot of the day. The importance however, of capacity building and framework for sector group governance monitoring is vital. SDECC encouraged their involvement with smaller organisations to bridge the gap of governance understanding and knowledge. Council is seen as a neutral body that works well with the sector.

Council staff advised that another Suicide Prevention Round Table is scheduled for next year to engage a similar stakeholder group to the Summit attendees.

J Griffin MP advised he will be meeting with Northern Beaches Hospital representatives to progress discussions in the area of mental health, particularly about the referral of mental health patients to ensure direct connection with local health service providers.

SDECC are also scheduled to meet with Northern Beaches Hospital in regard to mental health and private hospital cover.

## ACTIONS

1. J Griffin MP to share the list of Summit attendees with Council to assist with their inclusion in next year's Suicide Prevention Round Table.
2. Mayor Regan requested local State Members of Parliament be included in the next Suicide Prevention Round Table.

## 5.4 ACTIONS UPDATE – PRESENTER TEAM LEADER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

### DISCUSSION

Committee members were provided with an update on the following actions:

#### Nitrous Oxide

Action: 14 February 2019, Item 4.5

*"That the Committee make representations to State Government, Local MPs and NSW Attorney General requesting that the laws around access to nitrous oxide be reviewed to reduce the possibility that they are used for illicit purposes, particularly amongst young people."*

Update:

The Attorney General has replied sharing the concerns of the Committee and has now referred the matter to the Minister for Agriculture for further attention. A response from The Minister for Agriculture is yet to be received.

#### Online Home Delivery of Alcohol

Action: 13 June 2019, Item 4.4 Point B

*"That the Committee Chair formally write to Liquor & Gaming NSW, the Minister responsible for Liquor Licensing and local State MPs to request that the report recommendations be implemented."*

Update:

Representations were made to local MPs and the Director of Liquor and Gaming. Liquor and Gaming NSW sought community feedback and public submissions on this issue which closed on 6 November. Council's original letter was forwarded to ensure that it is included in the submission request.

## **5.5 HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS FORUM DISCUSSION PAPER – PRESENTER TEAM LEADER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

### **DISCUSSION**

Committee members were provided with a Housing and Homelessness Discussion Paper to address Item 4.5, Point C of the Committee's 13 June meeting recommendation:

*"That Council work with local and State agencies to develop a Northern Beaches Housing and Homelessness Discussion Paper."*

In summary:

- Findings resulted in unanimous support for the Housing First Model.
- Homeless persons street count based on a hot spot identification process is scheduled for February 2020 however the date won't be made public. A second planning meeting is scheduled for next week.
  - Manly Warringah Women's Resource Centre commented that the coordination of services for the street count is critical and recommended a site specific area within a 2km radius. [Beecroft House](#) is a great example of using vacant spaces well when people are homeless.

In conjunction with the Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ), the establishment of Homeless Case Coordination Teams on the Northern Beaches is being discussed.

Community Northern Beaches (CNB) commented that the draft Discussion Paper included 'Key Issues' and requested the list of outcomes be included.

The Chair raised the issue of how Council could approach NSW Parliament Treasury to discuss affordable housing and the value of social investment, eg. Mona Vale Police Station property.

J Griffin MP advised Council could correspond with the Minister for Housing, Gareth Ward or Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, Rob Stokes, referencing NSW Government's existing policy framework targets for repurposing government buildings for social housing purposes.

CNB commented that key organisations to link with are the Community Housing providers. [The Constellation Project](#) is tackling the task of providing cost benefits. Cr Candy Bingham is attending the next Constellation Project meeting.

### **ACTIONS**

1. That the list of recommendations from the Housing and Homelessness Discussion Paper be passed onto J Griffin MP to inform his meeting with the Minister for Housing, Gareth Ward.
2. The Committee supported the formation of a Northern Beaches Housing and Homelessness Interagency.

## 5.6 UPDATE BY SERVICE PROVIDERS

### DISCUSSION

#### **Sydney Drug Education Counselling Centre (SDECC)**

- Service expansion over two locations.
- Additional Primary Health Network (PHN) funding gained for capacity building based on data from Local Drug Action Team.
- Dropped age range to accommodate 12 year old clients.
- Presented at Hobart Scientific Community for Drug and Alcohol conference.
- New partnership agreement with the recently opened [Matilda Centre](#) at The University of Sydney.

#### **Manly Warringah Women's Resource Centre**

- Successful Walk against Domestic Violence held last week with approx. 700 attendees that included a large number of male participants.
- Invitation to all Committee members to the DV Breakfast on 4 December 2019.
- Overcrowded Premises is identified as hidden homelessness.
- Demand on the Centre is continuing with 3-4 new client requests every day.

#### **Catholic Care**

- Youth Interagency had a presence at 'A Day at the Beaches' music event in November, providing a safe partying community festival space. Also attending the all ages 2020 'Drop Festival' at Kierle Park, Manly.
- A resource to the community is the Drug and Alcohol Youth Support Services (DAYSS) Sand Bar Project that can provide a lemonade and soft drinks stand along with a chill out space at events.
- Participating In Youth Wellbeing Forum in Youth Week next year.
- "How to start conversations about drug and alcohol abuse for parents" has been introduced for Primary School education.
- Family Support Services for 0-18 years waitlist has continued to grow. Families with visa issues and private rental subsidies for young people are common barriers for successful housing placements.
- Domestic Violence against young women has increased.

#### **Community Northern Beaches**

- 1 July statistics indicate an average of 400 visitations per week.
- Recent incidents have highlighted the delay in police responses to onsite domestic violence and aggressive behaviours.
- Invited local police to meet and discuss orienting new recruits and ways in which the teams could work together.
- Primary Health Network (PHN) guidelines prohibit program funding for salaries which impacts programs.

#### **Community Representative Ray Mathieson**

- Police responsiveness has also been discussed with Superintendent Darcy. Committee members were encouraged to contact him directly with any issues.
- Manly general community are concerned with area lighting issues which Ausgrid have not responded to.
- Compliment to Northern Beaches Council Rangers for their continued work in Manly.

#### **Community Representative Roberta Conroy**

- Requested a police blitz on speeding vehicles on McCarrs Creek Road.
- Castle Tribe Drummers trial is for one year. Concerns have been raised in regard to the firepit that the group have been using.

## ACTIONS

1. J Griffin MP to provide Council with the best contact for Ausgrid to address the lighting concerns.
2. That the Team Leader Environmental Compliance be notified of the use of the firepit by The Castle Tribe Drummers.

## 5.7 MEETING DATES FOR 2020

## DISCUSSION

Members noted the 2020 Meeting dates.

## 6.0 SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

Item No.	Agenda Item	Action	Responsible Officer	Due Date
5.2	Compliance Report	Provide video evidence of noise pollution to A Kelly	Cr Bingham	Asap
5.3 Point 1	Outcomes and Feedback on Mental Health Summit	Share the list of Summit attendees with Council to assist with their inclusion in next year's Suicide Prevention Round Table	J Griffin MP	Asap
5.3 Point 2	Outcomes and Feedback on Mental Health Summit	Local State Members of Parliament be included in the next Suicide Prevention Round Table	Team Leader Community Development	Asap
5.5 Point 1	Housing and Homelessness Forum discussion paper	That the list of recommendations from the Housing and Homelessness Discussion Paper be passed onto J Griffin MP to inform his meeting with the Minister for Housing, Gareth Ward	Team Leader Community Development	Asap
5.5 Point 2	Housing and Homelessness Forum discussion paper	Form the Northern Beaches Housing and Homelessness Interagency	Team Leader Community Development	Asap
5.6 Point 1	Update by Service Providers	Provide Council with the best contact for Ausgrid to address the lighting concerns	J Griffin	Asap
5.6 Point 2	Update by Service Providers	Notify relevant Council staff on the use of the firepit by The Castle Tribe Drummers	Team Leader Environmental Compliance	Asap

*The meeting concluded at 10.05am*

This is the final page of the Minutes comprising 8 pages numbered 1 to 8 of the Community Safety Committee meeting held on Thursday 28 November 2019 and confirmed on 20 February 2020.