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MINUTES

COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE

held in the Manly Town Hall Chambers on

WEDNESDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2020

Minutes of the Community Safety Committee
held on Wednesday 19 February 2020
in the Manly Town Hall Chambers
Commencing at 8.00am

ATTENDANCE:

Committee Members

Cr Michael Regan	Mayor – Chairperson
Cr Candy Bingham	Deputy Mayor
Cr Sue Heins	
Cr Kylie Ferguson	
James Griffin MP	State Member for Manly
Supt David Darcy	Northern Beaches Police Area Command
Michelle Comito	Catholic Care
Michelle Povah	Community Representative
Ray Mathieson	Community Representative
Roberta Conroy	Community Representative
Stephen Pirovic	Community Representative
Michelle Erofeyeff	Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ)
Trish Bramble	Manly Warringah Women's Resource Centre
Melissa Palermo	NSALHD Health Promotion
Belinda Volkov	Sydney Drug Education & Counselling Centre (SDECC)

Council Officer Contacts

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
Leanne Martin	Community Safety Coordinator
Helen Askew	Program Support Officer, Youth and Community Development

Visitors

Bronwyn Regan	Representing Zali Steggall OAM MP, Federal Member for Warringah
Kim Preston-Hiney	Electorate Officer, State Member for Manly

1.0 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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

2.0 APOLOGIES

2.1 Apologies were received from:

Cr Stuart Sprott

Luisa de Bont Community Representative

Doug Brooker Northern Beaches Liquor Accord

Kara Hillier State Transit Authority Northern Region

The following members were not in attendance:

John Kelly Community Northern Beaches

Christina Franze Manly Chamber of Commerce

Drew Johnson Manly Chamber of Commerce

Steve McInnes, Surf Lifesaving Sydney Northern Beaches has resigned from the Committee as he has left this organisation.

2.2 Welcome Stephen Pirovic, new Community Representative, Manly Ward

2.3 State Member for Manly, James Griffin MP acknowledged the service Superintendent Dave Darcy has provided our community. Thank you and congratulations on behalf of the community.

3.0 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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

4.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

4.1 MINUTES OF COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 28 NOVEMBER 2019

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Community Safety Committee meeting held 28 November 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 ACTIONS UPDATE

DISCUSSION

Northern Beaches 3x3 Basketball Battle

Update on the NSW Department of Communities & Justice Crime Prevention grant funding for addressing the drug and alcohol related youth incidents of malicious damage and anti-social behaviour in public spaces of the Mona Vale and Newport areas. A key aspect of this project is the [3x3 Basketball Battle](#). This competition is aimed at young people 12-24 years and registrations are open on Council's website. The Committee was encouraged to share the opportunity to participate with their networks.

Northern Beaches Homelessness Street Count

Northern Beaches Homelessness Street Count was undertaken last Monday 17 February by Council staff and partnering organisations. The objective was to count the number of 'rough sleepers' in the region. Data is currently being collated and will be presented at the next Community Safety Committee.

5.2 POLICE REPORT

DISCUSSION

Committee members were provided with a brief update highlighting the following points:

- An overview of Manly CBD late night precinct crime statistics.
- Voluntary lockouts agreements with Manly liquor establishments will be discussed at the next Liquor Accord Meeting, particularly with new establishment owners.
- Member for Pittwater Rob Stokes MP will be hosting a McCarrs Creek Road meeting involving Council, Northern Beaches Local Area Police Command and concerned residents to discuss local speeding issues and community safety options. In the interim, police patrols will continue in this area.

Superintendent Darcy expressed how proud and pleased he has been to be a part of the Community Safety Committee and subsequent Suicide Prevention Steering Group. An emerging area of critical community safety concern is the elderly, particularly their internet use and scamming vulnerability.

In response to a question from the floor, feedback in regard to the North Head Triangulation was provided. The need for a telecom tower at this location to assist in tracking possible suicidal persons has been superseded by technology. New GPS phone tracking will provide future solutions to tracking individuals and is currently possible, however, service providers allowing access to this technology is still under investigation.

8.42am James Griffin left the meeting.

5.3 COMPLIANCE REPORT

DISCUSSION

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

The success of the partnership between Council Rangers and Northern Beaches Local Area Police Command in the Manly Alcohol Free Zones (AFZ) was highlighted. Cr Candy Bingham and the Committee acknowledged the work the Compliance Team has achieved in this area.

A recent Castle Tribe drumming event in McCarrs Creek Reserve was inspected by Compliance Officers and noise was not deemed offensive. Monitoring of the events will continue as part of the trial.

In response to a question from the floor, feedback in regard to noise complaints was provided. Council is responsible for complaints about noise in public places and residents can ring the Customer Services Line 1300 434 434 (24/7). In the Manly area Council Rangers are on duty until 10.30pm and will be notified if a message comes in via the Customer Service Line. Police also have noise restriction powers.

8.49am Melissa Palermo joined the meeting.

8.59am Michelle Comito joined the meeting.

5.4 INQUIRY INTO THE PROTOCOL FOR HOMELESS PEOPLE IN PUBLIC PLACES

DISCUSSION

The Committee reviewed the draft submission in response to the NSW Parliament Legislative Assembly Committee Inquiry into the Protocol for Homeless People in Public Places, circulated with the Agenda. Members noted the draft submissions content and compassionate approach to this complex issue.

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee endorsed the submission addressing the Inquiry into the Protocol for Homeless People in Public Places.

5.5 JUMP ROCK SAFETY REVIEW

DISCUSSION

Council is carrying out a safety review around Jump Rock, which is a well-known location for people to cliff jump into the water, located near Little Manly Point Park. The Committee viewed a youtube clip which highlights the risks associated with Jump Rock activities.

Jump Rock has become increasingly popular and frequented by more 'out of area' people due to social media exposure. Anecdotal reports suggest that many Jump Rock visitors travel via ferry and walk to the location via Little Manly Beach which has created additional pressures and antisocial behaviour in these areas.

It was discussed that the installation of a high fence in 2007 has had unintended impacts. It hasn't stopped people jumping and has in many cases resulted in more dangerous practices, including

climbing around the fence, jumping from on top of the fence and limiting run up space to clear rock outcrops below.

Council's Parks and Recreation Team are coordinating the review of fencing and safety at Jump Rock Manly and will be engaging the services of a consultant to undertake a Jump Rock Safety Review.

RECOMMENDATION

That the following Committee feedback in relation to safety at Jump Rock be provided for the consultant's information:

From the Committee's experience of this location, it is believed that the fence installation has unintentionally increased the risk and as a result, Jump Rock has become more dangerous. Additionally, Manly residents report the anti-social behaviour of some of those attracted to Jump Rock also impacts the amenity of surrounding environments and would like this to be considered in the consultant report.

5.6 NORTHERN BEACHES COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN - SURVEY RESULTS

DISCUSSION

The Committee was provided with a presentation on the Community Safety Plan Survey results.

For data verification purposes, the self-select online survey was followed by a random telephone survey.

Council's Community Safety Coordinator advised that the next step is formulating the Community Safety Plan actions across Council business units and stakeholders. Consultations will also be undertaken with local Domestic Violence networks and community organisations. The objective is to work collaboratively to sustain a resilient and safe community.

An immediate concern for a Committee member is, following reporting, the lack of action by electricity providers to repair individual broken street lights, particularly in transport corridors.

5.7 FAREWELL SUPERINTENDENT DARCY

DISCUSSION

The Committee thanked Superintendent Darcy for his commitment to keeping the Northern Beaches a safe place and wished him the best in his retirement from the NSW Police Force.

6.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 Whistler St parking for Committee Members

Committee members may park in the Whistler St carpark for longer than 2 hours without incurring a fee. Present your parking ticket to the Whistler St Parking Operations office and advise you have been attending the Community Safety Committee. You will be provided with a validated exit ticket.

6.2 William St and Pittwater Road Brookvale pedestrian crossing closure

From Friday 21 February 2020 the signalised pedestrian crossing near William Street, Brookvale will be permanently closed. Pedestrians will need to cross the road via the stairs or lift and overhead bridge. This is a safety concern as people will still endeavour to cross at ground level.

6.2 Storm pollution - harbour beaches

Storm pollution has entered the harbour and warning signs need to be installed at our harbour beaches to notify the public of the risk.

The meeting concluded at 10.15am

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held on Wednesday 19 February 2020 and confirmed on Thursday 9 April 2020