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MINUTES

COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE

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

THURSDAY 2 AUGUST 2018

Minutes of the Community Safety Committee
held on Thursday 2 August 2018
in the Guringai Room, Civic Centre, Dee Why
Commencing at 8:00 - 09:30 AM

ATTENDANCE:

Committee Members

Cr Michael Regan	Mayor – Chairperson
Cr Candy Bingham	Deputy Mayor
Cr Kylie Ferguson	
Cr Sue Heins	
Cr Stuart Sprott	
Supt David Darcy	Northern Beaches Police Area Command
Melissa Palermo	NSALHD Health Promotion
Emily Fam	Catholic Care
Belinda Volkov	Sydney Drug Education & Counselling Centre
John Kelly	Community Northern Beaches
Wayne Potter	Transport NSW Brookvale bus depot
Ben Perrott	Transport NSW Brookvale bus depot
James Griffin MP	Member for Manly
Steve McInnes	Surf Lifesaving Sydney Northern Beaches
Drew Johnson	Manly Chamber of Commerce
Doug Brooker	Northern Beaches Liquor Accord
Ray Mathieson	Community Representative
Ryan Turner	Community Representative
Roberta Conroy	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 Environmental Compliance
Will Wrathall	Team Leader, Community Development
Leanne Martin	Community Safety Coordinator
Rita Frost	Executive Assistant Community Arts and Culture

Visitors

Susan Consalvey	Manly Warringah Women's Resource Centre
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1.0 APOLOGIES

Cr Michael Regan

Wayne Potter, Transport NSW Brookvale bus depot

Trish Bramble, Manly Warringah Women's Resource Centre

Emily Fam, Catholic Care

Belinda Volkov, Sydney Drug Education & Counselling Centre

Harry Coates, Community Representative

Christina Franze, Manly Chamber of Commerce

Welcome

James Griffin MP

Susan Consalvey (obo Trish Bramble) Manly Warringah Women's Resource Centre

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 7 JUNE 2018

Cr Bingham reviewed the summary of Recommendations/Actions from the Minutes of the meeting held on 7 June 2018 as follows:-

(June meeting 3.1 Recommendation) Update on Alcohol Free Zones and Alcohol Prohibited Areas

Leanne Martin advised the Committee about the following response from Local Government NSW.

When the 'tip out' powers for AFZs and APAs were aligned in legislation in 2010, the member who introduced the Bill noted in his second reading speech that:

a general lack of understanding and a great deal of confusion remains in the community surrounding the differences between alcohol-prohibited areas and alcohol-free zones. I urge the Government to consider consolidating legislation at a future date.

Unfortunately – the NSW Government still has not done so.

If you're able to get some more feedback from the Night Time Economy Council's Committee (NTECC), I'll use this to bolster LGNSW advocacy to the NSW Government. It seems like an uncontroversial matter that the government could easily support, though unfortunately it would require amendment to an Act and not just a Regulation. So administratively, the challenge may be to get the government to devote resources to legislative amendment.

Update on Action:

On 18 July LG NSW put the issue on the agenda of the last Night Time Economy Council's Committee (NTECC)– most agreed that it is confusing due to the variations between the two. They

will continue to put together a case to have this reviewed.

In the meantime LGNSW recommend that we also advocate through the local MP. This has been discussed with Adele Heaseman and will now be followed up with a more detailed letter to the Local MPs. Council's Community Safety Coordinator Leanne Martin to draft this letter and share with Adele Heaseman.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Community Safety Committee meeting held 7 June 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.

Moved by Cr Ferguson and Seconded by Cr Heins

4.0 AGENDA ITEMS

4.1 POLICE REPORT - SUPERINTENDENT DAVID DARCY, NORTHERN BEACHES POLICE AREA COMMANDER

DISCUSSION

Superintendent Darcy talked to his presentation and provided an update on police activities in the LGA.

He advised that the State Coroner has made her findings and recommendations on the Coronial Inquiry into three deaths on North Head. He spoke to the recommendations that are addressed specifically to the Police as follows:-

NSW Police

1. That the NSW Police Force works to develop a short training course focused on the skills required for de-escalating situations where a person is threatening self-harm by jumping from a height. The course should be designed for, and offered to, first-response officers in those commands with the highest incidence of suicide by jumping from heights.

2. That the NSW Police Force continue to engage with the telecommunication industry to improve the access of police to technology that will allow reliable and real time tracking of people thought to be threatening self-harm on North Head at Manly.

He advised that he met with Tony Abbott to seek Federal funding support for the Tower on North Head, this will be followed up with the Communications Minister. The Telecommunications companies have also been contacted and advised that there is technology available whereby people at risk can be tracked in real-time using their phone.

A strike force has been established to identify and investigate allegations of historic sexual assaults at high schools in the northern beaches in the 1980s.

Superintendent Darcy discussed the concept of Community Forums and sought feedback on best locations to host – Warriewood, Terrey Hills, Frenchs Forest and Manly were suggested.

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received and noted.

4.2 ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE REPORT - NEIL WILLIAMSON

DISCUSSION

Neil Williamson (NW) gave an overview of the activities carried out by Environmental Compliance.

He detailed the activities of Rangers, Building Control and Environmental Health.

Environmental Compliance receive more than 2000 customer requests each month, with over a 1000 in the Rangers area, in addition to carrying out numerous proactive investigations, patrols and inspections.

NW highlighted the heat maps in his presentation showing the intensity of contact across the LGA. With a team of approximately 90 staff, he is still managing staff shortages particularly in the Rangers area.

Group discussed the presentation in particular parking issues, with clarification sought around opening of Manly Council carparks and why they can't remain open 24 hours. Council staff advised that they are open 24 hours on the weekend when there is demand. The issue of boats and trailers parking was discussed.

NW tabled a draft letter proposed to be sent on behalf of the Committee to Local MPs requesting support for Council to have the ability to issue infringements to unregistered vehicles.(Attachment 1 2018/473257). The Committee endorsed the letter to be sent.

Cr Bingham thanked Neil Williamson for his presentation highlighting the 2,200 requests received per month to his team and acknowledged their hard work and commitment.

Ray Mathieson requested a further break down of the figures, Superintendent Darcy supported this request, he will consider this request accordingly.

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received and noted.

Letter to Local MPs regarding Infringement of Unregistered Vehicles endorsed for sending

4.3 EAST ESPLANADE COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN – COMMUNITY SAFETY COORDINATOR

DISCUSSION

Leanne Martin (LM) tabled the East Esplanade Reserve Community Safety Management Plan (See Attachment 2) for the Committee's review and approval. Ray Mathieson supported the plan and advised in his view this could be a blueprint for other areas going forward. LM spoke to the plan addressing each of the actions in particular the Manly Wharf Toilets. James Griffin advised that funding was available to do an upgrade for disability toilet facilities and that he would continue to advocate to Manly Wharf Management for safer and more accessible toilets.

LM advised the Council public toilets scheduled for upgrade as part of the landscape master plan will not happen until end of 2019. LM advised that as a Committee we can advocate to explore interim options such as portaloos until the master plan has been implemented. Cr Heins raised concerns about budget impacts and impact on overall landscape plan.

Cr Heins requested an update on the glow paint for steps to the public facilities, this will be considered as part of the landscape plan.

Committee discussed sprinkler trial in preparation for summer. Staff to negotiate with Council's Parks and Recreation business unit and bring the results back to the December meeting.

ACTIONS

James Griffin advised Committee about the funding opportunity from the Community Safety Fund of up to 250k which could be utilised for CCTV in East Esplanade. LM will draft a submission to be lodged by 10th August.

All issues/complaints to be collated post weekends to monitor improvements. LM to advise the Committee of the single point of contact for this.

Committee to advocate for the toilet upgrade to be moved to 2019. Staff to investigate if this will impact the masterplan and portaloos to be investigated as an option.

Landscape masterplan to be circulated to the Committee.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee endorse the East Esplanade Reserve Community Safety Management Plan

Moved by Ray Mathieson and Seconded by Cr Ferguson.

4.4 SUICIDE PREVENTION WORKING GROUP – EXECUTIVE MANAGER COMMUNITY ARTS & CULTURE

DISCUSSION

Kylie Walshe (KW) advised the Committee that the first meeting of the Northern Beaches Suicide Prevention Working Group was held on 25 July 2018 with representatives from Council, Police, Lifeline Northern Beaches, Community Care Northern Beaches, Sydney Water, Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney, NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service, Sydney North Primary Health Network, Local Health District and Woollahra Council.

The group reviewed the Terms of Reference and shared information. Opportunities for collaboration were identified in order to better support cross-referrals for those at risk, and also training for first responders. Woollahra Council presented on the background and key strategies which make up the Gap Park Self Harm Minimisation Master Plan. A site visit and follow up meeting will be held in August 2018. A forum/workshop will be planned for October 2018 for key services to work towards a coordinated approach to suicide prevention and to identify gaps in prevention, intervention and postvention support.

KW advised the Committee that a letter has been sent to local MPs advocating for the North Head telecommunications tower, (letter tabled and attached 2018/476221). Supt Darcy advised that he also had discussions around this and there is support from the telecommunications alliance.

KW updated the Committee on the Coronial Inquiry findings specific to Council as follows:-

4. That the Northern Beaches Council, Community Safety Committee, support and assist the Northern Beaches Police Local Area Command in lobbying Telstra, Optus and other relevant telecommunications companies to install a telephone tower or other appropriate technology on the North Head to improve the ability to track the mobile phones of people threatening self-harm on the North Head.

5. That the Northern Beaches Council continue to auspice and support the Community Safety Committee.

6. That the Northern Beaches Council, Community Safety Committee work with all relevant stakeholders, including the NPWS, Police Local Area Command and Lifeline to determine suitable places on the North Head to trial Near Field Technology.

Cr Bingham acknowledged the work of the Suicide Prevention Working Group. She also highlighted resources shared by Cr De Luca from the recent Suicide Prevention Conference held in Adelaide. This information will be provided to the Working Group to assist in future discussions.

RECOMMENDATION OF EXECUTIVE MANAGER COMMUNITY, ARTS AND CULTURE

That the briefing provided about the Suicide Prevention Working Group meeting be received and noted.

5.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

The issue of strong odours emitting from the sewerage water station in Market Place, Manly was raised. Cr Bingham and James Griffin advised that it is Sydney Water's major pumping station and investigations for improvement are underway but it will not be a quick solution. Group advised to contact the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) with any concerns.

Ben Perrott, Transport NSW advised the Committee about an increase in passenger falls on the B-Line. He will forward information to Council which can be circulated to our Aged Services team for their consideration and circulation.

6.0 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING – 11 OCTOBER 2018

- Suggestions include review of strategies to prepare for the increase in anti-social behaviour that occurs over summer.

The meeting concluded at 9.29am

This is the final page of the Minutes comprising 9 pages
numbered 1 to 9 of the Community Safety Committee meeting
held on Thursday 2 August 2018 and confirmed on Thursday 11 October 2018