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MINUTES

COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE

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

THURSDAY 11 OCTOBER 2018

Minutes of the Community Safety Committee
held on Thursday 11 October 2018
in the Police Citizens Youth Club (PCYC), Dee Why
Commencing at 8:00 - 10:00am

ATTENDANCE:

Committee Members

Cr Candy Bingham	
Cr Kylie Ferguson	
Cr Sue Heins	Deputy Mayor - Chairperson
Cr Sprott	
Melissa Palermo	NASLHD Health Promotion
Belinda Volkov	SDECC
Michelle Erofeyeff	Family and Community Services (FACS)
John Kelly	Community Northern Beaches
James Griffin MP	Member for Manly
Trish Bramble	Manly Warringah Women's Resource Centre
Doug Brooker	Northern Beaches Liquor Accord
Ray Mathieson	Community Representative
Ryan Turner	Community Representative
Harry Coates	Community Representative
Michelle Povah	Community Representative

Council Officer Contacts

Kylie Walshe	Executive Manager Community, Arts and Culture
Neil Williamson	Executive Manager Environmental Compliance
Will Wrathall	Team Leader, Community Development
Helen Askew	Program Support Officer, Community Development

Visitors

Jillian Walters	Acting Superintendent, Northern Beaches Police Area Command
Elizabeth Elleson	Catholic Care
Susan Consalvey	Manly Warringah Women's Resource Centre
Adele Heasman	Senior Electorate Officer, Member for Manly

1.0 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from:

Cr Michael Regan, Mayor
Superintendent David Darcy, Northern Beaches Police Area Command
Emily Fam, Catholic Care
Wayne Potter, Transport NSW
Kara Hillier, Transport NSW
Roberta Conroy, Community Representative
Leanne Martin, Community Safety Coordinator

Not in attendance:

Steve McInnes – Surf Lifesaving Sydney Northern Beaches
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 2 AUGUST 2018

Cr Heins reviewed the summary of Recommendations/Actions from the Minutes of the meeting held on 2 August 2018.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Community Safety Committee meeting held 2 August 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 Bingham and Seconded by Cr Ferguson.

4.0 AGENDA ITEMS

4.1 POLICE REPORT

DISCUSSION

Representing Superintendent David Darcy, Acting Superintendent Jillian Walters provided an update to the Committee.

Recent Community Safety Forums were held with varying attendances:

- Terrey Hills meeting highlighted concerns about pedestrian safety, pedestrian crossings and associated street lighting. Police RBT also focusing on traffic movements from clubs and pubs in the area.
- Frenchs Forest and Warriewood meetings had low and/or no attendance.
- Newport meeting had low attendance and highlighted a small number of traffic issues.

Community representative Ray Mathieson indicated a forum in the Manly Balgowlah area would result in a large community attendance. Jillian Walters undertook to submit this suggestion to Superintendent Darcy on his return from leave at the end of October and to advise Mr Mathieson if this location would be considered.

A spate of household robberies recently occurred in Narrabeen and Warriewood resulting in the perpetrators being arrested. Stealing from cars has increased in the last two weeks.

Current staffing levels within the NB Police Area Command:

- Constable vacancies of 8-9 will be improved with new recruits at the end of the year
- Two new duty officers appointed
- A new Crime Manager from Burwood starting at the beginning of November.

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received and noted.

4.2 ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE REPORT

DISCUSSION

Neil Williamson gave an overview of recent activities carried out by Environmental Compliance:

- Progressing with recruitment of four Trainee Ranger positions within Council
- Currently advertising and recruiting for five Ranger positions. Filling these vacancies with temporary contract staff.
- Environmental Compliance have 1000 current requests
- 6000 pieces of incoming correspondence have been managed since July 2018
- Correspondence sent to local MP's seeking their support for Council to be given delegated authority to infringe abandoned vehicles – refer Attachment 1.

Detailed statistics will be presented to the Community Safety Committee December meeting.

Melissa Palermo, NASLHD Health Promotion raised the issue of illegal dumping at sites in Brookvale. Neil indicated illegal dumping on public land can be reported via Council's [Dumped waste on public land](#) webpage.

RECOMMENDATION OF EXECUTIVE MANAGER ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE

That the information be received and noted.

4.3 EAST ESPLANADE COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN

UPDATE

Update on the East Esplanade Community Safety Plan:

- Council's Parks and Recreation team advise completion of the East Esplanade reserve refurbishment is anticipated in the next couple of weeks.
- Sprinkler trial is scheduled for November 2018 once the new turf laid down. This may need to be delayed subsequent to completion of refurbishment.
- Planning for the renovation of East Esplanade toilets is underway, however completion is not anticipated until October 2019. Project budget has been established. In the meantime, additional signage will be installed. Even though this timeline is not ideal, Cr Bingham encouraged all to work together, indicating a lot of work has been done in last two months.
- Doug Brooker, Northern Beaches Liquor Accord cited alcohol related incidents are still continuing. Security footage from hotels provides supporting evidence. Police response times over the long weekend were discussed.
- Names of Council Rangers to become authorised persons under Local Government Act for alcohol regulation were provided to NSW Police on Friday 5 October 2018. This will enable Rangers to work in collaboration with Police on this issue.
- Council is still awaiting the outcome of NSW Community Safety Fund grant application for CCTV in this location, which is expected in November 2018.
- Director Compliance Operations Liquor & Gaming NSW, Sean Goodchild has been contacted in regard to responsibility of nearby alcohol retailers (2018/611224).
- Council's Parks and Recreation and Compliance considered a resident request for a ban on glass in the area, which was further debated by the Committee. Neil Williamson highlighted the difficulty enforcing a ban.

RECOMMENDATION

- A. The Committee resolved that the resident request for a 'ban on glass' not be progressed due to the difficulty enforcing the restriction.
- B. Council staff to investigate the feasibility of installing additional permanent glass recycling bins to assist with glass refuse.
- C. Chair, Cr Heins proposed representatives from the Northern Beaches Liquor Accord, Northern Beaches Police Local Area Command and Council staff convene a separate meeting to discuss alcohol related issues and report back to the Community Safety Committee.
- D. Community Safety Coordinator to ensure Parks and Recreation staff do not instigate the sprinkler trial until the turf is laid.
- E. That the information be received and noted.

Moved by Cr Ferguson and Seconded by Doug Brooker.

4.4 SUICIDE PREVENTION WORKING GROUP

UPDATE

Update on the actions of the Suicide Prevention Working Group:

- High risk locations have been identified and significant training provided to Police and first responders.
- Superintendent Darcy continuing to investigate new field tracking technology however, the timeline is envisaged to be at least 18 months. The Committee will be kept up to date with progress.
- A roundtable meeting of service providers concerned with suicide prevention is scheduled for early November 2018. A coordinated approach and communication is crucial to understand each agency's role and capacity. A great outcome would be evidenced based responses, what works, what has worked elsewhere, regardless of service differences and emotions. The ideal result would be an incident response flow chart listing actions and services for referral.
- Belinda Volkov, SDECC reiterated that a collaborative strategy is essential to maintain stability in the community. Parent education funding is also needed.
- Catholic Carer's Elizabeth Elleson advised their agency provides drug and alcohol outreach services in local schools, particularly Year 7.
- Youth Mental Health Service, Headspace is back up and running again in Brookvale and will be included in the roundtable meeting.
- Acting Superintendent Walters advised that Police are setting up an improved system to monitor and identify risks associated with suicide.

DISCUSSION

Cr Bingham and Chair Cr Heins recommended Council's website include a page for crisis management with links to accredited mental health referral services and peak bodies and promoted when this has been completed.

John Kelly, Community Northern Beaches also suggested creating a 'pocket card' listing referral services for distribution to agencies and the community.

Suggestions will be taken back to the Suicide Prevention Workshop Group to consider within their scope of strategies and actions.

RECOMMENDATION

- A. That the information from the Suicide Prevention Working Group be received and noted.
- B. That the Community Safety Committee's suggestions be considered by the Suicide Prevention Working Group.

Moved by Belinda Volkov and Seconded by Ray Mathieson.

4.5 VEHICLE MITIGATION - SAFER COMMUNITIES FUND GRANT APPLICATION

DISCUSSION

The Committee considered the request to support the Council's application to the Federal Government Safer Communities Fund Round 2 Grants, for vehicle mitigation installations in Manly CBD.

The Committee agreed to endorse Council's grant submission.

RECOMMENDATION OF COORDINATOR, COMMUNITY SAFETY

That the Committee endorse Council's application to the Safer Communities Fund for vehicle mitigation installations in Manly.

Moved by Cr Ferguson and Seconded by Melissa Palermo

4.6 NORTH HEAD TELECOMMUNICATIONS REPRESENTATIONS UPDATE

DISCUSSION

A further response letter has been received from Australian Mobile Telecommunications Association CEO, Chris Althaus in relation to the concerns Council and NSW Police have in relation to North Head and community safety, particularly around the issue of suicide prevention – refer Attachment 2.

James Griffin MP advised the Manly Hospital site telecommunications tower will remain during the hospital decommissioning.

RECOMMENDATION OF COORDINATOR, COMMUNITY SAFETY

That the Committee endorse further Council correspondence to the Minister for Communications and local Federal MPs to include life threatening emergencies under the National Security legislation allowing for access to an individual's smartphone location.

Moved by Cr Ferguson and Seconded by Ray Mathieson.

5.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

Ray Mathieson reported safety risks at the following locations:

- Harbour swimming pools in Manly area are in disrepair. Forty Baskets pool has collapsed, others have dangerous fixtures. Cr Bingham advised a lot of work has been done to address these concerns and confirmed temporary repairs have been undertaken by Council whilst engineering solutions found.
- Sand erosion at Fairy Bower with a child reported to have washed under the exposed wall and sewerage piping.

ACTION

Report sand erosion at Fairy Bower to Council's Parks and Recreation.

Belinda Volkov, SDECC advised the Committee of the huge increase in 'implement abuse' with nitrous oxide cylinders – 'nangs' bingeing. It was suggested shops have restocked their bulb supplies. Harm reduction agencies have also seen an increase in this abuse. Current trends are alcohol with pharmaceuticals and alcohol with 'nangs' resulting in seizures, brain damage and a death has been reported from overseas. Catholic Care have been raising this at their school engagements.

Police would gladly receive more information on this matter as disrupting supply would be helpful.

The meeting concluded at 9.40am

This is the final page of the Minutes comprising 9 pages
numbered 1 to 9 of the Community Safety Committee meeting
held on Thursday 11 October 2018 and confirmed on Thursday 6 December 2018

Attachment 1



22 August 2018

Local Members of Parliament
(list attached)

Our Ref: 2018/473257

Dear Member of Parliament

Infringement of Unregistered Vehicles

I write on behalf of the Northern Beaches Council Community Safety Committee. Concerns have been raised regards the number of abandoned vehicles parked on streets within our Local Government Area, which numbered almost 4,000 in the last year.

In many cases complaints are made to Council by the public due to vehicles being unregistered and not always abandoned. Investigations by Council require significant resources with the ability to recover any costs associated with this only available in very limited cases.

The Police have powers to issue infringements to unregistered vehicles however these powers are not currently available to Councils. I am seeking your support for these powers to be made available to Councils. The ability to issue infringements will support Councils in managing abandoned vehicles, particularly in providing a significant deterrent as well as supporting the Police whose resources are better directed to matters other than infringing unregistered parked vehicles.

This request is fully supported by the Northern Beaches Local Area Command, which is represented on this Committee.

If you would like to discuss this matter further please contact Neil Williamson, Executive Manager Environmental Compliance on 9942 2669 or council@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au

Yours faithfully

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Attachment 2

25 September 2018

Mayor Michael Regan
Northern Beaches Council
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By email: mayor@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au



Dear Mayor Regan,

We are writing to you again to follow up on our letter in relation to the concerns the council and NSW police have in relation to North Head and community safety, particularly around the issue of suicide prevention.

The Australian Mobile Telecommunications Association (AMTA) convenes a Mobile Carriers Forum (MCF) that includes all the mobile network operators – Optus, Telstra, TPG and Vodafone Hutchison Australia. The MCF enables the mobile network operators to work together with respect to co-location and co-building of mobile infrastructure, including mobile base stations.

We requested that the MCF investigate the North Head locality and surrounding areas to see if there is scope for improving mobile coverage there in a way that would assist emergency services in achieving their objectives particularly in respect to suicide prevention at North Head.

The MCF members have each looked at the coverage they provide to the area including North Head and advised us that the area is in fact, well covered in terms of normal mobile reception. At this stage, there are no plans to deploy further mobile network infrastructure to the area.

However, we believe that the issues raised by the NSW police are actually related not to lack of mobile coverage but the need for improvements in how the location information of individual's mobile devices is provided to emergency service organisations.

More specifically, the problem encountered by police relates to the ability to obtain accurate location information for a mobile phone when they are concerned about an individual. In the case of North Head, a person using a mobile phone there, may have their signal picked up by mobile base stations quite some distance away. This is further complicated by the geography involved and the nature of mobile base station radio signals (which can propagate over water) which can cause confusion when network data alone is used by the network to estimate a person's location based on the cell site from which a call is carried.

AMTA's understanding from the advice of our three mobile network operators (Optus, Telstra and Vodafone Hutchison Australia) is that they have varying levels of capability to identify the location of mobile phones connected to their networks and that the police will always have access to the best location information that they have available. While sometimes location information will rely on network cell site location data, in other cases, the network operators may also have access to other data such as Assisted GPS.

Further, the mobile network operators have been working with emergency service organisations through the industry associations (i.e. AMTA, Communications Alliance¹ and the National Emergency

¹ <http://commsalliance.com.au/>

Communications Working Group²) and are planning to introduce new technology in 2019 that will allow the capture of both Assisted GPS data from the mobile phone as well as network cell data and pass this to the relevant emergency service organisation when an emergency call is made to Triple Zero. This same technology will also enable mobile network operators to provide Assisted GPS location information for a particular mobile phone to emergency service organisations upon request.

The ability to capture and pass through this more granular level of location information requires network changes and a change in the data interface between mobile carriers and the Emergency Call Person (i.e. the Triple Zero call answer point) and are also subject to separate commercial arrangements presently under discussion between mobile network operators, the Department of Communications and vendors in relation to enabling this ability to provide greater access to the Assisted GPS data available in all mobile devices for use in the case of emergency calls.

If you have further queries in relation to this issue, please do not hesitate to contact Lisa Brown, Public Policy Manager at 02 6232 4488.

Yours sincerely,



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² <http://necwg-anz.org/>