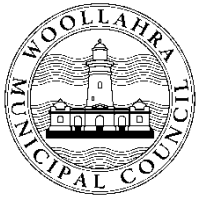


Community Safety Committee Minutes



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**Minutes of the Meeting held on
Thursday 21 June 2018 at 3.30pm**

1 PRESENT & APOLOGIES

Present:	Councillor Isabelle Shapiro (Chair)	
	Councillor Harriet Price	
	Bruce Bland	Rose Bay Residents Association
	Charlotte Feldman	Darling Point Society Inc.
	Danijela Saric	Youth Liaison Officer, ESPAC
	Donna Blackburn	Electorate Officer, Member for Vacluse
	Gina Grubb	Vacluse resident
	Gregory Sutherland	Vacluse Progress Association
	Helen Mushin	Rose Bay Resident Association
	Jacqui Waserman	Crime Prevention Officer, ESPAC
	Michele Wearn	Double Bay Residents Association
Staff:	Aurelio Lindaya	Manager Engineering Services
	Jacky Hony	Team Leader – Community Development
	Lynn Garlick	Director Community Services

Apologies:	Councillor Susan Wynne	
	Carlos Duarte	Eastern Suburbs Suicide Prevention Network
	Ken Gresham	Queen Street & West Woollahra Association
	Petra O'Neill	Electorate Officer, Member for Sydney
	Prof Don White	HarbourView Neighbourhood Watch

It was noted that Cara Inia has been replaced by Kellie Prescott as the Chief Executive Officer and that the Double Bay & Districts Business Chamber is now titled the Sydney East Business Chamber.

Action: Jacky to invite Kellie to join the Committee.

2 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

2.1 Confirmation

Approved Bruce Bland, seconded Michele Wearn.

2.2 Matters arising

- New South Head Road bicycle path - Engineering Services advised that a number of design options are being considered following community consultation on the original design. The new designs separate cyclists from pedestrians and consider all ages and abilities of cyclists. The RMS provide technical expertise on the designs as they are a voting member of Council's Traffic Committee. Councillors will be briefed on the designs in a few weeks before a report is lodged with Council.

Action: Aurelio to notify Jacky of FCS Committee briefing date so that Committee members are also notified should they decide to attend.

- Lighting in Paddington streets - Engineering Services have assessed lighting levels as meeting standard, noting that some streets (for example Spicer Lane) could benefit from additional lighting. Some of the street lights are covered by foliage during the summer and these will have prioritised pruning. Further noted the impact of light spill on individual residences when Council installs increased lighting.
Council may be able to leverage improved lighting from Ausgrid's proposed accelerated upgrade to LED lights that have lower maintenance and operational costs.
The Committee discussed that increased lighting on Double Bay promenade may dissuade antisocial behaviour.

Action: Engineering Services to review lighting on Double Bay promenade.

- Use of Kiaora Lane as a short cut - the Committee discussed the photograph tabled at the meeting of current signage in Kiaora Lane, particularly the 'authorised vehicles only' sign. Engineering Services explained that standardised speed and shared zones signs are installed by RMS but that Council could review changing the 'authorised vehicles' sign to one that says 'delivery vehicles only'.

Action: Aurelio to propose to Council's Traffic Committee that the sign be replaced with one that is less ambiguous.

- Darling Point Road/New McLean Street/New South Head - the Committee again discussed the hazards posed by this intersection that remains problematic despite the removal of a 3 parking spaces on McLean Street. The Committee re-visited the possibility of lengthening the pedestrian crossing duration, noting that this precise option has already been suggested to and rejected by RMS. Engineering Services advised that RMS's forthcoming 'clearways strategies' may provide an opportunity for improvement but the timeframe for this is unknown.
- Bollards for the purpose of hostile vehicle mitigation – Council's Director of Technical Services is meeting with a bollards supplier next week to discuss the possibility of Council acquiring bollards for large events held in public places.
- Anti-social behaviour in William and Bay Streets and around the Intercontinental – ESPAC confirmed that there have been no reports. It was noted that there is a current Notice of Motion about late night/early morning noise in the Double Bay retail precinct area.

3 CORRESPONDENCE

HarbourView have written to advise that the group coordinators continue to meet and keep in touch by Email and that crime rates remain low and there are no issues of great concern.

They also gave thanks to Council for the contractors tasked with resolving drainage issues outside numbers 16 - 20 Bathurst Street as the work was carried out on a very busy corner with the minimum of disruption and with good site management.

4 POLICE REPORT

Licensing issues in Double Bay remain problem free and stealing from retailers is also not an issue in Woollahra.

There have been 2 drug arrests recently – one in Double Bay and one in Bondi.

The Committee re-visited mail theft and the potential for identity fraud. Mail theft was the subject of a letter from the Mayor to the Australian Department of Communications and the Arts and was also featured in the Mayoral column 30 May.

The police advised the Committee that the City of Sydney has a DCP condition relating to letterboxes that reads:

LETTERBOXES:

(a) Details of the location and design of all letterboxes are to be submitted to and approved by Council's Area Planning Manager prior to the Construction Certificate being issued.

(b) Letterboxes are to be discreetly located, shall not obstruct and/or dominate the public way and shall be of a type and specification that minimises opportunities for mail theft.

(c) Where possible, consideration should be given to locating letterboxes within building lobbies.

NOTE: The applicant is strongly advised to contact Australia Post to discuss how the letterboxes within the lobby will be accessed.

Eastern Suburbs PAC recommend that Woollahra Municipal Council adopt this or a similar condition.

Action: Cllr Shapiro to raise this with Council.

The Committee discussed the recent deliberate explosions in the changing rooms at Neilson Park that have resulted in damage to the changing facilities. National Parks and Wildlife are going to install CCTV outside the male dressing shed.

5 RESIDENT GROUPS UPDATE

5.1 Reports from Neighbourhood Groups

Darling Point Society Inc. - advised that the steps from Goomerah Crescent to Darling Point Road are slippery and not well lit.

Action: Jacky to request cleaning of Goomerah Steps by Open Space and Trees.

Advised that gym instructors in Yarranabbe Park are using the safety poles as equipment and many are now bent and therefore ineffective.

Action: Jacky to liaise with Open Spaces and Trees about gym instructor licences.

Rose Bay Residents Association – represented on 2 Council working groups looking at Vaocluse and Rose Bay Beach drainage and sewerage outlets.

Double Bay Residents Association - thanked Council rangers for fining large trucks that double park in Patterson Street.

5.2 Report from Eastern Suburbs Suicide Prevention Network

Attendance at the Suicide Impacting Me peer support group has been higher than was anticipated – 34 people have registered their interest in attending the next group meeting.

The suicide awareness raising walk has been scheduled for 16 September.

Action: Jacky to forward information about the walk to the Darling Point Society for inclusion in their newsletter.

6 GENERAL BUSINESS

A resident of Gap Park has discussed with Cllr Shapiro the possibility of installing lights along the clifftops from Gap Park to Christison Park. The Committee discussed whether statistics about the locations of suicide attempts justify this, the potential impact of increased lighting on local resident dwellings and the potential impact on navigation lights used by boats.

Action: Cllr Shapiro to convene a working group to explore installing lights along the clifftops.

There is Council budget approval to explore implementing phase 2 of the Gap Park Masterplan that would include making the former tramway an accessible shared space.

Bellevue Hill Councillors have raised a Notice of motion about replacing the pedestrian refuge in Birriga Rd by Bellevue Hill School to a pedestrian crossing. This is currently being considered by Council's Traffic Committee. It was noted that the crossing should be within the school zone so that the RMS allocates a road crossing supervisor to the crossing.

7 NEXT MEETING

Resolved: The next meeting will take place on Thursday 16 August 2018 at 3.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 5.00pm