

MINUTES

MANLY COMMUNITY FORUM MEETING

MONDAY 17TH AUGUST 2020

Minutes of the Manly Community Forum Meeting

held Monday 14 August 2020

Commencing at 4:30 pm via zoom

ATTENDANCE: 37 registered 32 participated

Committee Members

Chair Ray Mathieson, Cathy Griffin, Kandy King

Guests

Council staff: Michelle Carter, Strategic Tpt Coordinator, Trish Chaney, Phil Devon, Annie Laing
Councillors: Candy Bingham and Stuart Sprott

1.0 **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

As a sign of respect, we acknowledge the traditional custodians of these lands on which we gather and pays respect to Elders past and present.

2.0 **APOLOGIES**

Cllr Pat Daley, ,

3.0 **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

NIL

4.0 **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

That the Minutes of the Manly Community Forum meeting held July 2020, are hereby confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

5.0 UPDATE ON ACTIONS FROM LAST MEETING

Responses – Manly Community Forum 20 July Meeting

Action	Response
<p>6. East Esplanade Park</p> <p>Forum again asks Council Rangers and Police to provide daytime patrols from midday to evening rather than the current 5.30pm to 6pm and then into the evening. Most of the social drinking and lack of social distancing occurs during the afternoon period, before sundown.</p>	<p>Unfortunately, Council does not have the resources for Rangers to be attending at various times of the day, if residents have concerns regarding social distancing and drinking it is advised that they contact the Police or Crimestoppers. Rangers continue to patrol from 6pm</p> <p>(Refer further action at this meeting)</p>
<p>7. Place Plan</p> <p>Council is requested to confirm the status of the 'laneways' project from Manly CBD and what elements of it have been abandoned.</p>	<p>Council will be developing the Manly Place Plan and will work with Manly Community Forum as well as other relevant stakeholders when in a position to do so.</p> <p>(Refer further action at this meeting)</p>
<p>Community consultation on this review is requested by the MCF. Clarification is requested as to the inclusion of DPI compliance signage and Cabbage Tree Bay interpretive signage. The wooden Cabbage Tree Bay sign at Bower lane needs cleaning or replacing.</p>	<p>As advised at the meeting once completed it will be brought back to the Forum.</p>
<p>The MCF requests that Council staff work with the Wharf Management to ensure the continuous opening and cleanliness of the public toilets in the carpark on the Wharf.</p> <p>Has Council actioned the request to establish a committee including RMS, Wharf Management, Council and community reps to discuss improvements to Manly Wharf and surrounding area?</p> <p>This concern is being driven by Councillor Bingham and Forum Chair. Local member James Griffin has agreed to participate and has committed to bring representatives from TMG (wharf lease holder) and NSW Transport</p>	<p>Cr Bingham is managing this request.</p> <p>(Refer further action at this meeting)</p>

<p>to a meeting. Councillor Bingham will request senior Council Management participation, preferably at Director or Executive level.</p>	
<p>8. Traffic Council to confirm if this is permanent or a trial. Forum has requested more information on the “trial” and exactly what triggered the trial. Several complaints have been received covering the need for the speed limit to be 24/7 rather than during the busy periods.</p>	<p>Response pending.</p>
<p>10. East Esplanade MCF requests confirmation that the path around the cafe be completed at the same time as the cafe is renovated, or before to allow access through the construction area.</p>	<p>Staff have advised that we will try to complete the path at the same time as the kiosk renovations. (Refer further action at this meeting)</p>
<p>11. Stormwater Council executive to liaise with Sydney Water for an immediate plan and the urgent implementation of that plan to secure the sewage system against storms. Cabbage Tree Bay is at risk.</p>	<p>Staff have been forwarded your request.</p>
<p>13. MCF requests that the Council obtain a copy of the Code of Conduct from the local Fliteboard riders for consideration and a meeting be arranged between the Council, MCF and the Fliteboard riders to discuss its application or not.</p>	<p>Manly Community Forum requested a Code of Conduct from the Flite board riders, once you have received this and wish to organise a meeting with Council staff, we can assist in arranging this.</p>
<p>16. MCF request Council provide information on the outcomes of these letters. - Spring Cove</p>	<p>Council received a small number of responses from residents to the letter sent in May 2020. This information was passed onto National Parks and Wildlife Services (NPWS). Residents added weight to suspicions that there is an issue with a cat regularly seen in</p>

	<p>roaming the area. This cat has previously been captured on NPWS cameras in the Park. NPWS Rangers door knocked in the area in June 2020 looking to identify the owners of this cat but were unsuccessful. Council officers have also been unable to locate the cat. In mid-June, NPWS began soft-jaw trapping in the area to attempt to catch both foxes and roaming cats. Staff are continuing to work with NPWS on this matter.</p> <p>(Refer further action at this meeting)</p>
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Response to other Minutes from the 20th July meeting:

ACTION REQUEST JULY 20

Many street lights in the CBD area out of action. Photos provided.

Response from Council

Street lights that are not working should be reported to Ausgrid. Here’s a link to their website -

<https://www.ausgrid.com.au/In-your-community/Our-services/Streetlights#!/map>

I can see on Ausgrid’s map that these lights have already been reported.

If it’s a Council matter you can report to customer service on 1300 434 434 or

<https://help.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/s/>

FURTHER ACTION REQUEST

An audit of street lighting is required for the CBD and surrounding area. There are so many street lights out of action that Council cannot rely upon the residents to monitor their suitability. This should be a function of Place Management.

6.0 AGENDA ITEMS

6.1 IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW MANLY RESIDENT PARKING SCHEME

DISCUSSED

Michelle Carter, Strategic Transport Coordinator presented the new Manly Resident Parking Scheme. When the particular scheme for their area is on line Residents in permit areas can apply and pay for permits online if they meet the new criteria. Three permits are available, including one visitors permit. Detailed information is now available on the Council website.

The scheme will be monitored over the next 12 months and it is hoped that residents use the permits in good faith and how the permits are intended for application.

Questions can be directed through the Customer Service Line 13400434434

ACTION

Several issues were raised with the Council rep. including the fact that although trailers, boats and

caravans cannot obtain a permit there is confusion over the status of campervans and motor homes. Refer to Customer Service. What is the criteria ?

Also, Chairman expressed concern that the multi-purpose permit may be misused and become the only permit for some residents and/or another permanent vehicle permit for others. Originally Council was to either restrict the area of the permit or issue via booklet vouchers. We assume that we will monitor and then take action as necessary..?

6.2 MANLY LIBRARY RENOVATIONS

DISCUSSED

Residents expressed concerned that there was no community consultation regarding the substantial changes to the Manly Library premises. Disquiet was expressed regarding the removal of the childrens reading area. Cllr Bingham explained that the changes were proposed pre COVID and have not been completed and additional furniture will be installed. The local studies area has been moved to Dee Why increasing the 'size' of the Manly Library. Borrowings of both adult and childrens books has increased during the COVID period. There is a petition circulating that residents should consider. It does seem unlikely that the previous theatre style children's area will be reinstated.

ACTION. Council to provide more detail on the changes and proposed changes and communicate directly with users

6.3 MANLY OVAL MASTERPLAN

DISCUSSED

Cllr Bingham advised that the Council was preparing a Masterplan for the recently heritage listed Manly Oval. All the sporting clubs withing the vicinity are on board and keen to work together with Council.

6.4 MANLY TOWN HALL

DISCUSSED

Cllr Bingham advised that a motion for the future of Manly Town Hall was to be discussed at the upcoming Council meeting. A multi-use area that could support over 400 attendees was well received, especially given that it could be utilised as a picture theatre

ACTION. Council please note the support for a multi-purpose facility within the Town Hall structure..

6.5 LIGHTS ON EAST AND WEST ESPLANDE

DISCUSSED

Residents expressed concerned that there is no working lighting on East Esplanade and that the Council was previously considering to replace the current lights with a light from a standard public lighting provider similar to the one recently installed on the pathway leading to the pedestrian crossing. It was unanimous that these lights be replaced like for like and the iconic individual 'Manly look' be retained.

ACTION Matter is being addressed by MCF with Manager Park Assets who understands the need

for maintaining the present look and lighting style. This Forum believes that the replacement lights should be very similar to the current lights (double ball yellowish lighting on a double stem and if possible within a similar plinth with repair access.) The current lights that have been removed near to the Wharf Hotel should be included in the rebuild.

6.6 30kph TRIAL IN MANLY CBD

DISCUSSED

Council staff explained the rationale behind the 30kph trial and how they are collecting data for the RMS to consider. Forum is receiving just as many concerns with the lower speed limit as support for the change. Most of the objections relate to a lack of understanding on why the change was necessary. Council staff advised that there had been 90 accidents over a five year term, involving cars, pedestrians and bikes. Council is monitoring and continuing to discuss the trial with the RMS.

6.7 RANGER PATROLS

DISCUSSED

Chairman discussed the opportunities for changes and variations to the Ranger patrols in the winter months. Residents are requested to forward any incidents to the MCF and the Chair will raise these at the Safety Committee meeting.

ACTION Response from Council to the July Minute asking why not vary the patrols during Winter suggested that Council doesn't have the resource to cover day patrols and concerned residents should direct their concerns to the Police. Part of the concern is that there is still a large illuminated sign as you enter East Espl Park, as well as other signage, stating that it is an alcohol free zone. Most of the alcohol is consumed during the day and nobody is monitoring, resulting in the users determining that there is no action and they can drink whenever and how much they like.

If we do not police the issue now it will get out of hand as we move into Spring.

6.8 LITTLE MANLY KIOSK

DISCUSSED

Residents continue to be concerned about extent and nature of the renovations to the LM Kiosk and the lack of consultation regarding the public areas that maybe affected by any proposed works, such as the access around the café to the eastern steps and both the toilets as well as the apparent increase in the 'hard standing' areas and including the installation of permanent umbrellas and how this will impact on public amenity and Council's future plans for the area.

ACTION We are still awaiting the submitted Development Application for resident consideration. The matter has been discussed with Councillors, now we ask that Council make it available to residents as soon as possible.

6.9 STORMWATER AND SEWAGE LINES AT BOWER LANE

DISCUSSED

Residents expressed concern regarding the increasingly urgent need to renew and repair these pipe/lines along Marine Pde at the Bower pool area and beyond.

ACTION We await the details of the Council project timeline to renew and reinvigorate the stormwater system near the pool edge. Council has advised that Sydney Water is drawing plans

for renewal of their sewerage pipes, but the situation appears urgent. We ask that Council makes urgent submissions to the NSW Govt directly and via the Local member.

6.10 FORMER MANLY HOSPITAL SITE

DISCUSSED

The Chair will be participating in a site inspection later this week and urged residents to comment of the project proposal on the www.property.nsw.gov.au website. Comment close 31 Aug 2020. An announcement by the Government is due soon regarding the funding for the hospice.

6.11 FLITEBOARD IN CABBAGE TREE BAY

DISCUSSED

Residents expressed concerned that Fliteboards are permitted in the Aquatic Reserve and the proposal for the Fliteborad to enter the area at Bower lane is not supported. The noise from the motor can be heard by swimmers and divers who are in the water in any location. The proposed line for the fliteboards to commence riding is over a busy diving area at the extent of the rock shelf.

ACTION MCF to write back to the Bower St residents who have submitted the self-governance outline and who seek support from Council to continue, possibly with signage, stating the results of our discussions.. It is clear that there is little support at Council and certainly very little at the MCF meetings and we will be suggesting that the Council seek a ban on these motorised boards..

6.12 MANLY WHARF COMPLEX

DISCUSSED

A committee consisting of TMG executive, RMS, TPT for NSW, Local Member James Griffin community representation and Council representative will meet to discuss the state of the Manly Wharf. The community listed the following for consideration by this group. Public toilets on the ground floor, no smoking on the wharf or in the vicinity of the exits, less clutter, wharf is tatty and run down, repair and maintain the art deco lights on the outside water front of the wharf where the ferries approach, ensure all lighting is working, repair the wayfinding signs and the forecourt area. Forum also asks that Council consider the state of the area that they are responsible for, which is clearly marked on the forecourt.

ACTION It also appears that the marked area of Council responsibility is now part of the allocated Bavarian Beer Hall/Restaurant. Who is paying for this?

6.13 MANLY FOOTPATHS

DISCUSSED

Residents expressed concerns about the poor state of the footpaths in the CBD and surrounds, particularly after other contractors have dug them up and filled the area with asphalt. Residents are urged to send photographs to Council via customer service requests.

ACTION

That: Council respond quickly to reinstate the footpaths in the Manly CBD and surrounds. As well as our call to action on the footpaths we wish to commend the Council on their current guttering upgrade and roadway renewal program within the CBD area.

6.14 **Telstra/Vodafone ? Base Station “Carrilon” 25 Marshall St**

Meeting was advised of the replacement tower for communication from the Manly Hospital Site to the top of the Carillon tower in Marshall St. Matter has been agreed with Body Corporate of the Carrilon building. Nearby residents have asked a question about the emissions. Details were not available from the developer, but given the position it would seem that the emissions would be less than for the previous site.

ACTION. The only question remains is “ will the current tower be removed from the Manly Hospital site or is this another tower for another communication provider.” Council to seek an answer to this question through the Property group of NSW Government who are managing the redevelopment of this site.

The meeting concluded at 6:30pm

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held on Monday 17 August 2020