

## **MANLY COMMUNITY FORUM MEETING**

### **Minutes**

**19 APRIL 2021 4.30 - 6PM ZOOM**

Chair welcomed 41 participants on zoom

Trish Chaney and Council staff, Jeremy Smith - Manager Park Assets, Tony Walmsley Manager Waste Services, Cllr Candy Bingham (from 5pm) attended

Thanks to the team for the newsletter and the delivery teams

#### **Attendees**

Apologies Cllr Daley, Cllr Gratton

Previous minutes noted

#### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

Waster Services Manager advised that Council was aware of the changing types of takeaway packaging now filling the public place bins. More cardboard boxes than paper bags. There are adequate bins placed along the beachfront and in parks. There is no bin at the Bower lane. Previously the bin placed there led to litter in the area. The closest bin is at Shelly Beach.

#### **LOCAL WORKS UPDATE**

Jeremy Smith updated the meeting on the following local projects.  
Little Manly Point Reserve

- Toilets - Council received positive feedback on location of proposed toilets near the carpark. Now in detailed design stage with work to commence before the end of the year.
- Playground. RFQ for construction now out. Works to commence in October 2021 and will likely take three months. Community requested some temporary play equipment and park bench seating for families to be installed. Council will consider
- Community requested that the overgrown path from Stuart St (Jump Rock) to Collins Beach entry be trimmed. Council agreed to request.
- LM Beach bleachers and path in front of café now in detailed planning stage. Area in front of café requires careful consideration so as not to disturb the retaining wall.
- Boat ramp works progressing as Council determines the extent of the gabions and the damage.

## West Esplanade upgrade

- Detailed design work on ramp to the beach to improve access will be brought to the Forum in coming months.
- No news on Aquarium

## Shelly Beach and Marine Parade Works Update

- Large fig tree at rear of Shelly beach is being propped up with substantial work to save the tree.
- Plantings along the path from Marine Pde will not be trimmed or removed as they prevent the sand being blown on the path.
- Paving works completed along path to improve amenity around seating.
- Council considering options with Sydney Water about how best to ensure the Marine Parade sewer and stormwater infrastructure is not at risk of collapsing in the next 10 years. Infrastructure is not currently at imminent risk of failure. Community requests that Council write to the Local Member and request information on options to ensure this is fixed within the next 10 years.
- Toilet facilities on track to commence soon.

## SAFETY COMMITTEE UPDATE

Co Chair attended The Safety Committee meeting and briefed the meeting on statistic presented regarding callouts to attend to complaints about dogs and cats. Chair reminded meeting that dogs are not permitted on local beaches. New signage displayed.

Co chair reminded the community to report cats outside at night to the Council. They are a danger to the local wildlife, including birds and water dragons etc.

Draft Community Safety Plan on exhibition.

Winter is a quiet time for parks and beaches and bad behaviour and alcohol over consumption and underage drinking in Alcohol free areas is not a problem at this time of year.

LEP/DCP on exhibition for comment on your say page.

Chair attended council briefing on the possible changes and considerations for the new NB wide LEP/DCP. Many changes from the Manly LEP/DCP to be considered including the inclusion or not of 'floor space ratios'. This is a large document of over 300 pages.

## COUNCIL ELECTIONS

- 4 September 2021 Date confirmed - COVID safe elections

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

- AUSGRID have been requested to fix the light several times, however it is not a priority as it is not a 'road' light. Lights in parks are apparently Council responsibility and this is disputed. The community just wants its lights in public places fixed and operational.
- Community remains concerned about the continued use of the parking space on the beach side at the new pedestrian crossing at Ashburner St. Pedestrians cannot be seen by approaching cars behind a car parked there.

#### **Cllr Bingham updated the community**

- Hop Skip Jump bus will be continued and is considered an important asset in Manly.
- CEO remuneration should not be of concern in NB because we have an excellent CEO and senior staff.
- Manly Place Plan and Working Group will commence soon and is important for the future the area.
- Helping businesses during lockdown. Spend your dine and discover vouchers. Order takeaway but don't use delivery companies.