

Crime Prevention Committee Meeting
Date: Monday 16 January 2012
Venue: Hartley Building
Time: 4.00pm

ITEM: 1 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

Present: Councillor Wayne Marshall (Lithgow City Council); John Dauth (Housing NSW); Sally Taylor (Lithgow Business Association); Inspector Richard Maddox (Police) Michael Alexander (Lithgow Workies)

Apologies: Mayor Neville Castle (Lithgow City Council); Councillor Wayne McAndrew (Lithgow City Council); Senior Constable Sue Rose (Police); Suzanne McNamara (PCYC);

Officers: Matthew Johnson and Viktoria Gulabovski

Declaration of Interests: Nil

ITEM: 2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the 12 December 2011 meeting were moved by John Dauth and seconded by Sally Taylor.

ITEM: 3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

3.1 CCTV Cameras

Councillor Wayne Marshall has spoken with Andrew Muir, Council's Environment and Development Group Manager, regarding the camera on Main Street. After some testing it was confirmed that the camera was not faulty and is in working order.

ITEM : 4 CRIME PREVENTION PLAN

SUMMARY

An update was provided on funding for the Crime Prevention Plan.

COMMENTARY

Matthew Johnson advised that the crime prevention grant that Council applied for in December 2011 has been approved. The NSW Attorney General's Department will be providing Lithgow City Council with \$50,000 for one year to implement a late night transport scheme. Council will employ a part-time project officer to implement the scheme. The scheme will initially be trialled for a period of three to four months on Friday and Saturday nights. Council is eligible to apply for a further \$50,000 next year and the year after to continue the scheme.

**RECOMMENDATION
THAT**

A detailed plan outlining development and implementation of a late night transport scheme be drafted and forwarded to Council in February 2012.

MOVED: Michael Alexander **SECONDED:** Sally Taylor
Carried

ITEM : 5 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INITIATIVES

SUMMARY

Due to the absence of a representative from Lithgow Community Projects, a progress report was not provided.

COMMENTARY

**RECOMMENDATION
THAT**

MOVED: **SECONDED:**

ITEM : 6 TRANSPORT

SUMMARY

As per Item 4.

COMMENTARY

**RECOMMENDATION
THAT**

MOVED: **SECONDED:**

ITEM : 7 POLICE REPORT

SUMMARY

Inspector Richard Maddox provided a current crime report.

COMMENTARY

Lithgow has generally seen a steady decline in crime over the last two (2) years, however, there is a current surge in assaults and malicious damage. This is generally a seasonal experience for Lithgow during the warmer months. Malicious damage tends to occur along corridors radiating out from the CBD and includes Main Street, and Railway to Mort Street.

Inspector Maddox supports the implementation of the late night transport service which he thinks will help address the problems that are occurring late at night on weekends.

The Police have noticed a turnaround in licensee attitudes towards serving drinks to intoxicated patrons. This has contributed to less public order issues and has calmed things down in Main street.

Furthermore, the Alcohol Licensing Enforcement Command conducts regular checks of licensed premises. This, together with CCTV cameras and police presence in Main Street has also settled crime rates.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT

The Police Report be received.

MOVED: John Dauth **SECONDED:** Sally Taylor

ITEM : 8 GENERAL BUSINESS

8.1 Meeting Schedule

It was confirmed that the Meeting Schedule for the remainder of 2012 be as follows:

- Monday 13 February 2012
- Monday 26 March 2012
- Monday 14 May 2012
- Tuesday 25 June 2012
- Monday 13 August 2012
- Monday 8 October 2012
- Monday 19 November 2012

Meeting Closed 4.45 pm

Next Meeting
Monday 13th February 2012 at 4.00pm in the
Hartley Building Meeting Room.