

Minutes of Crime Prevention Committee Meeting
Date: Monday 26 March 2012
Venue: Hartley Building
Time: 4.00pm

ITEM: 1 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

Present: Cr Wayne McAndrew (Lithgow City Council); Sally Taylor (Lithgow Business Association); Natalie Radburn (Lithgow Community Projects); Senior Constable Sue Rose (Lithgow Police); Inspector Richard Maddox (Lithgow Police); Suzanne McNamara (Lithgow PCYC) and Kylie Druett (Western Sydney & Nepean Blue Mountains Local Health Districts).

Apologies: Mayor Neville Castle (Lithgow City Council); Heath Zorz (LINC)

Officers: Matthew Johnson and Viktoria Gulabovski

Declaration of Interests: Nil

ITEM: 2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the 13 February 2012 Crime prevention Meeting were ratified by email and reported to Council on 5 March 2012.

ITEM: 3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

ITEM : 4 CRIME PREVENTION PLAN

SUMMARY

An update was provided on implementation of the Crime Prevention Plan.

COMMENTARY

Council recently interviewed an applicant for the Crime Prevention Project Officer however the offer was declined. Council has readvertised the position and is hoping to interview new applicants shortly.

RECOMMENDATION THAT

The Report on the Crime Prevention Plan be received.

MOVED: Kylie Druett **SECONDED:** Suzanne McNamara
Carried

ITEM : 5 LATE NIGHT TRANSPORT

SUMMARY

A progress report was provided on the late night transport scheme funded by the NSW Attorney General's Department.

COMMENTARY

The Late Night Transport Service trial is scheduled to start on the weekend of Friday 30 and Saturday 31 March (Thursday and Saturday nights over Easter) and continue for an initial 7 week period. The service will be operated by Lithgow Radio Cabs Cooperative using an 11 seater Maxi-Taxi and will operate between 12 midnights and 4 am.

Patrons will be picked up from late night liquor venues only and transported home within the Lithgow urban area, not to other liquor venues or other destinations. Patrons must first obtain a travel voucher from the liquor venue, on provision of photo ID, and make a gold coin donation to the taxi driver.

The initial 7 week trial is timed to coincide with the remaining warmer weather with the trial set to resume later in 2012 after an evaluation and once warmer weather returns. The Attorney General's funding is sufficient for a 13 week trial in total, with contributions from Lithgow City Council, the Liquor Accord and participating venues.

RECOMMENDATION THAT

The report on the late night transport scheme trial be received.

MOVED: Sue Rose
Carried

SECONDED: Sally Taylor

ITEM : 6 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INITIATIVES

SUMMARY

Natalie Radburn from Lithgow Community Projects, provided a progress report on domestic violence initiatives.

COMMENTARY

Lithgow Community Projects have developed an informative referral card for local support services to assist people who are likely to experience domestic violence. The card will provide local services with a local referral point to contact which it is hoped will assist in providing appropriate and timely support to victims of domestic violence.

In addition, as part of the "Lithgow Cares" initiative, the Domestic Violence Committee recently received funding to create decals that raise awareness about domestic violence. The decals will also be distributed to services for display in their organisations. Lithgow Community Projects will be applying for further funding in the future to allow the decals to be developed for the whole community and displayed in shop fronts.

RECOMMENDATION THAT

The report on the domestic violence initiatives be received.

MOVED: Natalie Radburn
Carried

SECONDED: Kylie Druett

ITEM : 7 POLICE REPORT

SUMMARY

A police report for the period January – March 2012 was provided by Inspector Richard Maddox and Senior Constable Sue Rose.

COMMENTARY

- There have been 11 less reported incidents of domestic violence compared to the same period last year.
- There is a higher rate of charges being laid for street behaviours including malicious damage and swearing.
- Police are engaging in greater stop and search, including people walking around at night, and school inspection activities.
- There are approximately 2-4 cars on a Friday and Saturday night.
- With current police restructure Lithgow Police Station may soon have a full compliment of staff.
- Senior Constable Bree Longley has been appointed as Chifley Command Licensing Officer. She is based in Bathurst.

**RECOMMENDATION
THAT**

The Police report on crime statistics and Police activity be received.

MOVED: Suzanne McNamara
Carried

SECONDED: Kylie Druett

ITEM : 7 GENERAL BUSINESS

SUMMARY

There was discussion on the CCTV cameras in Main Street Lithgow.

COMMENTARY

Cr McAndrew advised that Council's CCTV program is being further developed. Another extra camera is being built into this year's budget to be placed near the taxi rank.

Inspector Richard Maddox mentioned that there are problems with operation of the current CCTV system including resolution quality and signal problems.

Cr McAndrew advised that this is a priority and needs to go to Council. He will bring this issue up at tonight's Council meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the discussion on the CCTV system be received.

MOVED: Sally Taylor
Carried

SECONDED: Natalie Radburn

Meeting Closed 4.40 pm

Next Meeting
Monday 14 May 2012 at 4.00pm in the Hartley
Building Meeting Room.