

Minutes of Crime Prevention Committee Meeting
Date: Monday 13 August 2012
Venue: Hartley Building
Time: 4.00pm

ITEM: 1 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

Present: Mayor Neville Castle (Lithgow City Council); Cr Wayne McAndrew (Lithgow City Council); Natalie Radburn (Lithgow Community Projects); Sergeant Jason Howe (Lithgow Police); Ray Smith (Lithgow Liquor Accord) and Suzanne McNamara (Lithgow PCYC).

Apologies: Inspector Chris Sammut (Lithgow Police); Sally Taylor (Lithgow Business Association); John Dauth (Housing NSW); Sue Rose (Police); and Kylie Druett (Western Sydney & Nepean Blue Mountains Local Health Districts).

Officers: Matthew Johnson and Viktoria Gulabovski

Declaration of Interests: Nil

ITEM: 2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the 25 June 2012 meeting were endorsed by email by three members and reported to Council on 23 July 2012.

ITEM: 3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Items from 25 June 2012 meeting
NIL

ITEM : 4 CRIME PREVENTION PLAN

SUMMARY

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

COMMENTARY

Council will be interviewing candidates for the Crime Prevention officer position this week.

RECOMMENDATION THAT

The Report on recruitment of a Crime Prevention Officer be received.

MOVED: Wayne McAndrew **SECONDED:** Suzanne McNamara

ITEM : 5 LATE NIGHT TRANSPORT

SUMMARY

There was discussion on planning for stage 2 of the late night transport trial funded by the NSW Attorney General's Department.

COMMENTARY

Stage 1 of the Late Night Transport trial ran from 30/31 March 2012 for a 7 week period until early May 2012.

The second part of the pilot is set to commence later in 2012 to coincide with the warmer weather. It was resolved by the Committee that Stage 2 of the trial should run from November to Christmas. .

RECOMMENDATION

THAT

The report on the planning for stage 2 of late night transport scheme trial and its scheduling for November / December 2012 be received.

MOVED: Wayne McAndrew

SECONDED: Suzanne McNamara

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 received additional funding for an Aboriginal Liaison Worker (Domestic Violence) and had hoped to employ someone by the end of July 2012 however they were unsuccessful first time round and will be re-advertising shortly.

As reported at the June meeting, as part of the "Lithgow Cares" initiative, the Domestic Violence Committee recently received additional funding to manufacture more decals that raise awareness about domestic violence. These have now arrived and will be distributed to shops and services etc.

The Domestic Violence contact booklet has been updated.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT

The report on domestic violence initiatives be received.

MOVED: Suzanne McNamara
McAndrew

SECONDED: Wayne

ITEM : 7 POLICE REPORT

SUMMARY

Sergeant Howes provided an update on recent Police activity in Lithgow.

COMMENTARY

- Further to discussion at the June meeting, the Police have continued their focus on targeting malicious damage. It appears to be random and includes Main Street shopfronts, fences and motor vehicles.
- There has been an increase in house burglaries, without violence, over recent months.
- There has been a spike in box trailer thefts in recent months. Box trailers are classified in crime statistics as motor vehicles so the next set of official crime data for Lithgow may show a spike in motor vehicle theft. Reasons for the spike may be that box trailers are easy to sell-on as, unlike other motor vehicles, once the number and registration plates are removed, there is no way of identifying a box trailer.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT

The Police report on Police activity be received.

MOVED: Ray Smith

SECONDED: Natalie Radburn

ITEM : 8 GENERAL BUSINESS

SUMMARY

There was discussion on the location and operation of CCTV cameras in Main Street Lithgow.

COMMENTARY

There was further discussion following on from the June meeting. Matthew to find out where things are up to with installation of new cameras and the operation of existing cameras, including the camera outside the Courthouse Hotel.

Postscript: the following information was provided to members after the meeting.

- *A new CCTV camera has recently been installed on the corner of Eskbank and Main Streets under the Grand Central Hotel awning. It is not yet operational but should be finalised within 2 weeks.*
- *A second CCTV camera is to be installed at Cook Street Plaza and should be finalised in September 2012.*
- *This brings the number of cameras to seven (7) - Cook Street Plaza two (2), Grand Central Hotel one (1), Courthouse Hotel one (1), Library one (1) and Woolworths Laneway two (2).*

- *There have been occasional problems reported by the Police with accessing recorded footage due to issues with the wireless aerial that allows the Police to remotely access the Council hard-drive. Steps are being taken to address this including a larger hard-drive, improved wireless links and software upgrade. The larger hard-drive will also extend the period that footage can be retained.*
- *It was also reported at the 13 August Crime Prevention meeting that the CCTV camera at the Courthouse Hotel may not have been working at the time of a recent malicious damage incident. It has been confirmed that this camera was working however it was not directed towards the site of the incident.*

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the discussion on the CCTV system be received.

MOVED: Natalie Radburn

SECONDED: Suzanne McNamara

Meeting Closed 4.30 pm

Next Meeting
Monday 8 October 2012 at 4.00pm in the Hartley
Building Meeting Room.