



Minutes

Crime Prevention Committee Meeting
Date: Monday 29 July 2013
Venue: Hartley Building
Time: 4.00pm

| Lithgow Crime Prevention Committee | |
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ITEM: 1 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

Present: Mayor Maree Statham, Sally Taylor (Lithgow Business Association), Ray Smith (Licensee Courthouse Hotel), Clr Frank Inzitari and Clr Wayne McAndrew.

Apologies: Sue Rose and Chris Sammut (Lithgow Police) and John Dauth (Housing NSW).

Officers: Matthew Johnson (Manager Community and Culture) and melanie Jones

ITEM 2: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

There was no confirmation of the minutes from the 17 June 2013 meeting as there was no quorum.

ITEM: 3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES (6 May 2013)

3.1 Secure Taxi rank

Lithgow Taxi Coop has not yet provided Council with the results of the independent audit of the Taxi rank. **Matthew Johnson to follow up again.**

3.2 Shopfront CCTV

See item 4

3.3 Emora Park Maintenance

The need for further safety improvements has been identified, particularly to the steps. The park suffers from neglect and damage. John Dauth reported at the last meeting that it appears the agreement for Housing NSW to deed the park to Council was never formalised. There is a need to determine who will be responsible and where the duty of care lies. **Matthew Johnson to look into this issue.**

3.4 Anti-social behaviour in Queen Elizabeth Park

Following concern expressed at the previous meeting regarding drug and alcohol use and other anti-social behaviours in Queen Elizabeth Park and a subsequent safety audit by Jennifer Randall, a meeting was held between Council and Lithgow Police where it was agreed that the Police and Council Rangers will increase patrols of the park. Lighting was also identified as an issue and while it will be difficult to improve lighting in all areas of the park due to the trees, priority will be given to lighting the children's playground. Chris Sammut also supported the installation of CCTV if possible.

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Council Rangers have since increased patrols of the park and there have not been any further reports or complaints made to Council at this stage.

3.5 Roadside Maintenance

Concern was expressed about overgrown grass on the medium strip of the Great Western Highway and Barton Avenue intersection at Wallerawang.
Council to write to the Roads and Maritime Authority asking them to address this issue.

Concerns were also raised about large amounts of litter being left on the Great Western Highway out of Lithgow, particularly around the twin bridges. Bins are also overflowing in some areas. It was asked whether McDonalds/Red Rooster and other fast food outlets are required to do daily clean ups surrounding their stores. **Matthew Johnson to follow up.**

3.6 Lighting in Bridge St and Around the Hoskins Building

A meeting was held with the Provost of the UWS campus to discuss ideas for maintaining student safety when leaving the campus including walking to car parks and transport hubs. This is to be further followed up. There may need to be an assessment of lighting in this area to determine if it is adequate.

ACTION

THAT Business Arising from the previous minutes be noted.

MOVED: Cllr McAndrew **SECONDED:** Sally Taylor

ITEM : 4 CCTV SURVEY

SUMMARY

Discussion was held about the CCTV surveys.

COMMENTARY

There was discussion on the results of the CCTV survey that was distributed, indicating that responses were quite good. Council will now keep a record of the locations of CCTV in the CBD. Cllr McAndrew asked whether the locations of the CCTV could be reported to the committee. **Matthew Johnson to look into this and report back.**

ACTION

THAT the report on the CCTV Survey be noted.

MOVED: Cllr McAndrew **SECONDED:** Sally Taylor

ITEM : 5 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INITIATIVES

SUMMARY

As there was no one present from Lithgow Community Projects, therefore the item will be moved to the next agenda.

ITEM : 6 POLICE REPORT

SUMMARY

As there was no one present from the Police, the item will be moved to the next agenda.

COMMENTARY

The committee discussed the importance of having a presentation on crime data and crime issues by the Police at each meeting, and request that the report be emailed through if Police are unable to attend.

ACTION

THAT the Police report be moved to the next agenda and the Police be asked to email a report beforehand to future meetings if they are unable to attend.

MOVED: Clr McAndrew

SECONDED: Clr Inzitari

ITEM: 7 GENERAL BUSINESS

SUMMARY

Red light camera at Dunns Corner

COMMENTARY

The committee raised concerns that there are no red light cameras at the Dunns Corner traffic lights and trucks have been reportedly been running red lights. **The committee asked that Council write to the RMS for consideration of this matter.**

ACTION

THAT Council write to the RMS expressing concerns about the lack of a red light camera at Dunns corner.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Crime prevention Committee will be held on Monday 9 September 2013 from 4.00- 5.00 pm in the Hartley Building, Lithgow City Council.