



Minutes

Crime Prevention Committee Meeting
Date: Monday 16 December 2013
Venue: Hartley Building
Time: 4.00pm

Lithgow Crime Prevention Committee	
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ITEM: 1 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

Present: Mayor Maree Statham, Clr Frank Inzitari, Clr Wayne McAndrew, Inspector Chris Sammut (Lithgow Police) and Ray Smith (Licensee Courthouse Hotel).

Apologies: Sally Taylor (Lithgow Business Association), Colin Crome (Lithgow Police), Paul Phillips (Community representative), Natalie Radburn (Lithgow Community Projects) and Kylie Druett (Area Health Service).

Officers: Juli-Ann Brozek (Group Manager Corporate and Community) and Matthew Johnson (Manager Community and Culture).

Declaration of Interests: Nil

Moved: Clr Inzitari

Seconded: Ray Smith

ITEM 2: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the 29 July 2013 meeting were ratified by email and reported to Council on 19 August 2013. There have been no subsequent meetings.

ITEM: 3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

3.1 Secure Taxi rank

There has still been no response from Lithgow Taxi Coop on the results of the independent audit of the taxi rank. Council staff to follow up again to see if Council can get an Executive Summary at least and to also follow up again on a request by the Taxis that went to Council's Traffic Committee earlier in 2013 requesting the addition of one extra car space after hours at the Main Street rank and improvements to lighting at the rank.

3.3 Emora Park Maintenance

It was advised that Council continues to mow grass at the park and Housing NSW have removed some structures that pose a public safety risk. Housing NSW is proposing to provide Council with a draft Deed of Agreement for future management of the park.

3.4 Anti-social behaviour in Queen Elizabeth Park

Night security patrols have been in place and the Police also patrol the park. CCTV has also been installed near the public toilets. Staff to follow up on needed improvements to lighting.

3.6 Lighting in Bridge St and Around the Hoskins Building

Council has had discussions with UWS regarding the need for an assessment of lighting in the vicinity of the campus including to nearby car parks.

Action

THAT Business Arising from the previous minutes be noted.

MOVED: Clr McAndrew **SECONDED:** Clr Inzitari
Carried

ITEM : 4 Crime Prevention Grant Application

SUMMARY

A grant application has been lodged with the Crime Prevention Division for further crime prevention funding targeting malicious damage.

COMMENTARY

Council was recently advised that this grant application was unsuccessful however Council has been invited to resubmit in the next funding round which opens in February 2014.

Action

THAT The report on crime prevention funding be noted.

MOVED: Ray Smith **SECONDED:** Chris Sammutt
Carried

ITEM : 5 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INITIATIVES

SUMMARY

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

ITEM : 6 POLICE REPORT

SUMMARY

Inspector Sammutt provided a report on crime incidents for the three month period September, October and November 2013.

COMMENTARY

Inspector Sammutt provided the Committee with crime incident data for the period September-November 2013. While these are for a three month period only, there appears to be a significant reduction in crime incidents across most crime categories. Incident numbers in many crime categories are weather related and therefore increase during the warmer months.

Crime Category	September	October	November
Break and enter non-dwelling	10	8	2
Steal dwelling	8	12	5
Malicious damage	34	31	37
Steal from motor	13	6	6

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Crime Category	September	October	November
vehicle			
Steal from person	0	1	2
Steal from retail store	4	5	0
Stolen motor vehicle	5	2	2
Assaults - Alcohol related	3	4	6
Assaults non-domestic violence	10	12	12
Assaults – alcohol related domestic violence	3	3	2

ACTION

THAT The Police report be received.

MOVED: Clr McAndrew
Carried

SECONDED: Clr Inzitari

ITEM: 7 GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 2014 meetings

SUMMARY

There was discussion on a meeting schedule for 2014.

COMMENTARY

In view of a number of 2013 meetings not proceeding due to lack of a quorum, the Committee considered ways of ensuring that the work of the Committee can continue in an effective way. The committee therefore agreed to hold future meetings every 3 months (as permissible under the current Terms of Reference) in place of the current 6 week cycle on the following dates with all meetings to be from 3.30- 4.30 pm in the Hartley Building, Lithgow City Council.

2014 meetings will be held on the following dates:

- 24 March 2013
- 30 June 2013
- 29 September 2013
- 15 December 2013

The Committee further agreed that Committee members who have not attended for 3 consecutive meetings be written to advising that they have been removed from the Committee; that all other Committee members be written to encouraging them to attend regularly, and; that replacement representatives to the Committee be advertised for.

ACTIONS

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The Committee agreed that:

1. Committee members who have not attended for 3 consecutive meetings be written to advising that they have been removed from the Committee.
2. All other Committee members be written to, encouraging them to attend regularly.
3. Advertising for replacement representatives to the Committee be undertaken.
4. Crime Prevention Committee meetings be held every 3 months during 2014.

MOVED: Chris Sammut
Carried

SECONDED: Ray Smith

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Crime Prevention Committee will be held
on Monday 24 March 2014 from 4.00- 5.00 pm in the Hartley
Building, Lithgow City Council.