



Minutes

Crime Prevention Committee Meeting
Date: Monday 24 March 2014
Venue: Hartley Building
Time: 3.30pm

Lithgow Crime Prevention Committee	
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ITEM: 1 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

Present: Councillor Frank Inzitari, Councillor Wayne McAndrew, Inspector Chris Sammut (Lithgow Police), Glenda Anthes (Lithgow Business Association) and Glen Host (Housing NSW).

Apologies: Mayor Maree Statham and Ray Smith (Liquor Accord).

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

Declaration of Interests: Nil

Moved: Glenda Anthes

Seconded: Chris Sammut

ITEM 2: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the 16 December 2013 meeting were ratified by email and reported to Council on 10 February 2014.

ACTION

THAT the confirmation and reporting to Council of the previous minutes be noted.

MOVED: Chris Sammut

SECONDED: Clr Inzitari

ITEM: 3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

3.1 Queen Elizabeth Park

There was discussion on previous anti-social behaviours at the park and the patrols undertaken by Police and Council. Inspector Sammut advised that the park has been targeted for high visibility policing and that Police have been tasked to undertake regular patrols.

There have been few reported incidents recently of malicious damage or other anti-social behaviours in the park.

It was asked whether Council keeps a register of malicious damage to its assets to identify types of incidents by location and time, and if not, if the setting up of a register could be investigated.

3.2 Committee Attendance

Following discussion at the previous meeting, Council has written to committee members encouraging them to attend future meetings and has also written to two organisations which have not attended more than 3 consecutive meetings advising that they have been removed from the Committee.

Council has also recently advertised for new committee members asking that EOI's be submitted by 14 March 2014 however no EOI's have been received to date. Further advertising will be undertaken.

Action

THAT

- a. Investigations be undertaken into the setting up of a register of malicious damage incidents to Council assets to identify types of incidents by location and time.

- b. The Business Arising from the previous minutes be noted.

MOVED: Glenda Host **SECONDED:** Clr Inzitari

ITEM : 4 UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN SYDNEY

SUMMARY

Heather Bell of the UWS College Lithgow had been invited to attend to discuss any issues related to student/staff safety.

COMMENTARY

Heather was not in attendance so the report will be carried over to the next meeting.

ITEM : 5 CCTV

SUMMARY

A report was presented on the current status of CCTV systems in the Lithgow CBD and surrounding area.

COMMENTARY

A report from Council's IT Manager was presented:

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- All CCTV cameras are operational however some final work is needed to allow for full remote control by the Police.
- A new monitor has been provided to the Police and contractors are investigating software issues with the computer system at the Police station.
- Inspector Sammut asked if some training could be provided to Police in use of the system.
- The Committee asked if a schedule could be provided on the location of all current cameras as well as a list of proposed new cameras.
- The Committee also asked that signage be installed to advise the community that CCTV cameras are in place.

ACTION

THAT

A report be brought to the next Crime Prevention meeting on the location of all current cameras as well as a list of proposed new cameras.

Council's IT Manager to be asked to arrange training for Police in use of the system and to be asked to advise on the installation of signage to advise the community that CCTV cameras are in place.

MOVED: Clr Inzitari

SECONDED: Glenda Anthes

ITEM : 6 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INITIATIVES

SUMMARY

Report was to be provided by Lithgow Community Projects

COMMENTARY

The Lithgow Community Projects representative was not in attendance so the report will be carried over to the next meeting.

ITEM : 7 POLICE REPORT

SUMMARY

Inspector Sammut provided a report on crime incidents for the three month period December 2013 to February 2014.

COMMENTARY

Inspector Sammut provided the Committee with crime incident data for the period December 2013 to February 2014.

The report detailed a reduction compared to the previous three month period in reported crime incidents in most categories including assaults, break and enters to dwellings and non-dwellings, malicious damage, street offences and robbery.

There were increases in relation to shoplifting, steal from retail premises and stolen vehicle offences.

The Police are proactively targeting criminals have been undertaking an increased number of person and vehicle searches resulting in an increased level of drug detections.

An earlier report provided to the December 2013 Crime Prevention meeting for the three month period September – November 2013 also showed a significant reduction in crime incidents across most crime categories. The further reduction in the December 2013 to February 2014 period, is a positive development given that crime rates generally trend up in the warmer months.

ACTION

THAT The Police report be received.

MOVED: Glenda Anthes

SECONDED: Clr Inzitari

Councillor McAndrew left the meeting at 4.00pm following Item 7.

ITEM: 8 GENERAL BUSINESS

NIL

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Crime Prevention Committee will be held
on Monday 30 June 2014 from 4.00- 5.00 pm in the Hartley
Building, Lithgow City Council.