



Minutes

Crime Prevention Committee Meeting
Date: Monday 30 June 2014
Venue: Hartley Building
Time: 3.30pm

Lithgow Crime Prevention Committee	
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ITEM: 1 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

Present: Councillor Wayne McAndrew, Glenda Host (Housing), Anthony Beard (LBA), Heather Bell (UWS), Ray Smith (Liquor Accord), Constable Sue Rose (Bathurst Police).

Apologies: Mayor Maree Statham, Clr Frank Inzitari, Matthew Johnson (Manager Community and Culture), Inspector Chris Sammut (Police), Paul Phillips.

Officers: Juli-Ann Brozek (Group Manager Corporate and Community), Matthew Brewster (Economic Development Officer), Ally Shelton (IT Manager), Viktoria Gulabovski (Community Development Officer).

Clr Wayne McAndrew Chaired this meeting.

ITEM 2: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the 24 March 2014 meeting were ratified by email and reported to Council on 14 April 2014.

ACTION

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

MOVED: Clr McAndrew

SECONDED: Ray Smith

ITEM: 3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM 24 MARCH 2014 MINUTES

3.1 Register of Malicious Damage Incidents

No report was provided on this issue. The matter will be rolled over to the next Committee meeting. Malicious damage report: Not passed on to Constable - awaiting return of inspector.

3.2 Committee Attendance

Council has recently advertised seeking new members to the Committee with a closing date of 11 July 2014. Anthony Beard was also welcomed as the new Lithgow Business Association representative to the Committee. Council will be updating the Terms of Reference for the Committee in the near future.

ACTION

THAT the Business Arising from the previous minutes be noted.

MOVED: Heather Bell **SECONDED:** Glenda Host

ITEM : 4 CCTV

SUMMARY

A report was presented on training for police in use of CCTV system as well as a schedule of CCTV camera locations.

COMMENTARY

Ally Shelton reported on the status of the CCTV network. Several cameras have been upgraded to digital format which has improved picture quality and greater detail.

There was discussion about training for Police in use of the new CCTV system. The Police will advise whether additional training is needed.

Council is reviewing the need for more cameras to be installed along Main street and is happy to work with the LBA to determine the set-up of the new cameras to ensure best coverage for the retail sector.

No further comments on the topic of additional signage were made at this meeting.

ACTION

THAT the report on the CCTV system be noted.

MOVED: Heather Bell **SECONDED:** Glenda Host

ITEM : 5 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. Viktoria will contact Lithgow Community Projects and request a representative to attend the next meeting.

Sue Rose will invite the DVLO (Domestic violence Officer Belinda Cooper) to the next CPCM for overview of domestic violence in Lithgow LGA.

ITEM : 7 POLICE REPORT

SUMMARY

Representative from Bathurst Police provided a report on crime incidents for the three month period April 2014 to June 2014.

COMMENTARY

The Committee were provided with the crime incident data for the period April 2014 to June 2014.

The legal action rate for all domestic violence incidents is at the state average with 51%.

The report detailed an increase in break and enters for the June period compared to the previous months. Most of the crimes occurred in non-dwellings with 31 follow ups in the Main street area and surrounds.

The Police have invested in media activity and raising awareness to warn residents to secure premises and to not leave any windows open or valuables within sight. Police believe that have caught the young people responsible for these crimes and have notice the number of break-ins has been lower.

There were 37 incidents of malicious damage in April in the Lithgow town precinct. This dropped off to 23 incidences in May. The type of damages afflicted to properties includes graffiti, broken windows, smashed mail boxes. Police are being very proactive with regular bail compliance checks which have assisted in decreasing this kind of criminal activity.

There were 5 incidents in relation to motor vehicle theft in April and 32 incidences in May. Most of these crimes happened outside residential areas where public surveillance is low.

To assist in the decrease of break-ins Council and local businesses can work together to install cameras in shops and/or figure out how to set up the current cameras to ensure best coverage.

ACTION

THAT the Police report be received.

MOVED: Anthony Beard

SECONDED: Glenda Host

ITEM: 8 GENERAL BUSINESS

8.1 Main Street Revitalisation Strategy

Matthew Brewster, Council's Economic Development Officer will be developing a Revitalisation Strategy for Main Street, Lithgow. Part of the revitalisation strategy will aim to reduce the level of crime in the town centre. The Committee was asked to provide a snap shot of the issues in the CBD area. Viktoria will collate a report of issues using previous committee minutes and looking at the audit that was conducted in 2010. This report will be provided to Matthew and Committee members prior to the next meeting.

ACTION

THAT the report on the Main Street Revitalisation Strategy be noted.

MOVED: Anthony Beard

SECONDED: Glenda Host

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Crime Prevention Committee will be held on Monday 29 September 2014 from 3.30pm-4.30pm in the Hartley Building, Lithgow City Council.