



Minutes

Crime Prevention Committee Meeting
Date: Monday 29 September 2014
Venue: Hartley Building
Time: 3.30pm

Lithgow Crime Prevention Committee	
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ITEM 1 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

Present: Mayor Maree Statham, Councillor Wayne McAndrew, Heather Bell (UWSCollege), Senior Constable Sue Rose (Bathurst Police), Danny Whitty (Community Representative), Simon Schmitzer (Lithgow Railway Station, Department of Transport).

Apologies: Clr Frank Inzitari, Matthew Johnson (Manager Community and Culture), Inspector Chris Sammut (Police), Ray Smith (Courthouse Hotel).

Officers: Juli-Ann Brozek (Group Manager Corporate and Community), Viktoria Gulabovski (Community Development Officer).

Moved: Clr McAndrew

Seconded: Heather Bell

ITEM 2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the 30 June 2014 meeting were ratified by email and reported to Council on 28 July 2014.

ACTION

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

MOVED: Clr McAndrew

SECONDED: Heather Bell

ITEM 3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM 30 JUNE 2014 MINUTES

3.1 Safety Audits – see item 5.

ITEM 4 RECENT CRIME STATISTICS

SUMMARY

A report was provided on recent crime statistics from the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) of relevance to the CBD area and wider community.

COMMENTARY

After reviewing the crime data from BOCSAR members expressed a desire to take action on the issue of domestic violence. There is potential to work with Lithgow Community Projects and possibly build on their current body of work. Council officers will contact the local Domestic Violence Committee based at Lithgow Community Projects and invite them to the next Crime Prevention Committee.

Members also agreed that the crime data from BOCSAR is useful as it provides an overview of trends and would like the quarterly reports and relevant media releases tabled at all future meetings.

ACTION

THAT The report on recent crime statistics be noted.

MOVED: Cllr McAndrew **SECONDED:** Senior Constable Rose

ITEM 5 SAFETY AUDITS

SUMMARY

A report was provided on previous safety audits undertaken in and around the Lithgow CBD area, including a summary of the 2010 Safety Audit and the CPTED Report on Queen Elizabeth Park in 2012.

COMMENTARY

Members agreed that some of the elements in the reports were still relevant and concluded that the following is required:

- Improving visibility around the toilet block at Queen Elizabeth Park
- Lighting installed around the gazebo of Queen Elizabeth Park
- Safety signage installed in public car parks

Council staff will explore options for improving visibility at Queen Elizabeth Park and installing signage in public car parks.

A copy of the Safety Audit and CPTED report will be emailed to members.

ACTION

THAT the report on safety audits be noted.

MOVED: Cllr McAndrew **SECONDED:** Senior Constable Rose

ITEM 6 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INITIATIVES

SUMMARY

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

COMMENTARY

Council staff will get in touch with Lithgow Community Projects and request a representative attend future crime prevention meetings.

Belinda Cooper DVLO (Domestic Violence Liaison Officer) from Bathurst Police to be invited to the next CPCM to provide an overview of DV in Lithgow LGA.

ACTION

THAT the report on domestic violence initiatives be noted.

MOVED: Cllr McAndrew

SECONDED: Senior Constable Rose

ITEM 7 POLICE REPORT

SUMMARY

Senior Constable Rose from Bathurst Police provided a report on crime incidents for the three month period July 2014 to September 2014.

COMMENTARY

The Committee was provided with crime incident data for the period July 2014 to September 2014:

- Malicious damage incidents were high in the first two months of the quarter, however they reduced in September.
- Break and enter to commercial property rates were extremely high in the last quarter however Police activity is reducing this.
- Steal from motor vehicle rates are increasing in the Lithgow LGA.
- Break and enter to residential properties rates are going down.
- There has been some criminal activity in Wallerawang and Portland.

ACTION

THAT the Police report be noted.

MOVED: Clr McAndrew

SECONDED: Heather Bell

ITEM 8 GENERAL BUSINESS

8.1 Council advertised for new committee members with Mr Dan Whitty and Mr Simon Schmitzer expressing an interest in becoming members of the Crime Prevention Committee.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Mr Dan Whitty and Mr Simon Schmitzer be appointed to the Crime Prevention Committee.

MOVED: Clr McAndrew

SECONDED: Heather Bell

NEXT MEETING

Committee members asked that the next meeting be moved from the scheduled 15 December 2014 meeting date. Council staff to contact Committee members to seek an alternative date.