



Minutes

Crime Prevention Committee Meeting
Date: Monday 28 September 2015
Venue: Hartley Building
Time: 3.30pm

Lithgow Crime Prevention Committee	
Item Number	Agenda
1	Present and Apologies
2	Confirmation of the Minutes of the previous meeting
3	Business Arising from Previous Minutes
4	Recent Crime Statistics
5	Crime Prevention Plan
6	Domestic Violence Initiatives
7	Police Report
8	CCTV Update
9	General Business

ITEM 1: PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

Present: Mayor Maree Statham (from 4.05 pm during Item 4), Councillor Frank Inzitari, Inspector Chris Sammut, Senior Constable Sue Rose, Simon Schmitzer and Danny Whitty.

Apologies: Councillor McAndrew

Officers: Matthew Johnson

Declaration of Interests: NIL

MOVED: Clr Inzitari

SECONDED: Danny Whitty

ITEM 2: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the 24 November 2014 meeting were ratified by 3 members and reported to Council on 15 December 2014.

The 23 March and 29 June 2015 meetings did not proceed as there was no quorum.

ITEM 3: BUSINESS ARISING FROM 24 NOVEMBER 2014 MINUTES

3.1 Lighting in Burns Lane. There is no lighting between Main Street and the Woolworths carpark. The Committee asked that as Endeavour Energy is unwilling to install street lighting, Council install floodlighting from the adjoining Library wall.

ACTION

THAT Council staff arrange for installation of floodlighting in Burns Lane from the adjoining Library wall.

MOVED: Clr Inzitari

SECONDED: Danny Whitty

ITEM 4: RECENT CRIME STATISTICS

The Mayor joined the meeting at 4.05m during Item 4.

A report was provided on the latest NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) Recorded Crime Statistics Quarterly Report to June 2015.

The Committee discussed the latest BOCSAR Recorded Crime Statistics Quarterly Report to June 2015. This showed:

- **Trends in recorded criminal incidents over 24 months to June 2015**
There were significant falls in assault (non-domestic violence), steal from dwelling and malicious damage to property offences.
- **Ratio of Lithgow crime rates to the NSW rate for the 12 months to June 2015.**
Lithgow had 4.1 times the NSW rate of break and enter non- dwelling offences; 1.8 times the NSW rate of break and enter dwelling offences; 1.5 times the NSW rate of steal from dwelling and 1.5 times the NSW rate of malicious damage to property offences. All other offence types were at or below the NSW rate.
- **Actual number of recorded criminal incidents in Lithgow for the 12 months to June 2015 compared to the 12 months to June 2014**

Offence Type	Actual number of incidents 12 months to June 2015	Actual number of incidents 12 months to June 2014
Assault domestic violence related	101	90
Assault non- domestic violence related	96	153
Break and enter dwelling	163	178
Break and enter non-dwelling	151	136
Motor vehicle theft	46	51
Steal from motor vehicle	112	174
Steal from retail store	63	38
Steal from dwelling	93	122

Fraud	98	64
Malicious damage to property	283	452

The above table shows a fall in the number of most criminal incident types other than Assault domestic violence related, Break and enter non- dwelling, Steal from retail store and Fraud. There was discussion on falling rates over time of alcohol related street violence compared to past years. An increased focus on responsible service of alcohol practices by licensees, Police enforcement and monitoring of compliance as well as changes in drinking behaviour appear to have made a considerable impact.

ACTION

THAT The report on the latest NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) Recorded Crime Statistics Quarterly Report to June 2015 be noted.

MOVED: Sue Rose

SECONDED: Simon Schmitzer

ITEM 5: CRIME PREVENTION PLAN

In light of recent crime prevention statistics, the committee discussed any required changes to the current Crime Prevention plan.

No changes were proposed to the current Crime Prevention plan.

ACTION

THAT The discussion on the current Crime Prevention plan be noted.

MOVED: Clr Inzitari

SECONDED: Simon Schmitzer

ITEM 6: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INITIATIVES

The committee discussed domestic violence issues in Lithgow.

It was agreed that with the current Commonwealth government focus on domestic violence, Council staff investigate any programs that may be useful to pursue in Lithgow.

ACTION

THAT the discussion on domestic violence be noted.

MOVED: Sue Rose

SECONDED: Danny Whitty

ITEM 7: POLICE REPORT

A report was provided by the Police on local crime and policing activities.

Police representatives provided information on Lithgow crime incidents for the period June – August, which were low in almost all incident types, including rates of domestic violence.

There was also discussion on NSW Trainlink's Vandal Track program.

Police representatives advised of some very successful community engagement meetings that the Police have held in the Landa Street area. Council staff were asked to investigate the provision of basketball rings in Emora Park to provide recreational opportunities for young people in that area.

ACTION

THAT:

1. The Police report be noted.
2. The possible provision of basketball rings in Emora Park be discussed with Housing NSW and community organisations that work in the Landa Street area.

MOVED: Clr Inzitari

SECONDED: Danny Whitty

ITEM 8: CCTV UPDATE

An update was provided on Council's CCTV network.

The Committee was advised that:

- The CCTV camera near the community cinema on Main Street has been upgraded to digital.
- Planning is underway for a second camera in Cook Street Plaza
- A new CCTV camera has been installed at the Lithgow Visitor Information Centre

- There have been problems with the Police being able to access video feed at the Police station. This is under investigation by Council's contractor. Video feed is still available at Council.

ACTION

THAT The update on Council's CCTV network be noted.

MOVED: Cllr Inzitari

SECONDED: Sue Rose

ITEM 9: GENERAL BUSINESS

Halloween Policing

Police representatives advised that an additional 4 Police will be rostered for the Halloween event in addition to existing Police numbers.

ACTION

THAT Police rostering for Halloween be noted.

MOVED: Danny Whitty

SECONDED: Simon Schmitzer

Meeting Closed 4.30pm

Next Meeting

**Monday 14 December 2015 from 3.30- 4.30pm in the
Hartley Building, Lithgow City Council**
