



## Minutes

### Crime Prevention Committee Meeting

**Date: Monday 14 December 2015**

**Venue: Hartley Building**

**Time: 3.45pm**

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	Domestic Violence Initiatives Funding
5	Police Report
6	General Business

**ITEM 1: PRESENT AND APOLOGIES**

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**Present:** Mayor Maree Statham (from 4.05 pm during Item 4), Councillor Wayne McAndrew, Councillor Frank Inzitari, Inspector Chris Sammut, Senior Constable Sue Rose.

**Apologies:** Simon Schmitzer and Danny Whitty and Juli-Ann Brozek

**Officers:** Matthew Johnson

**Declaration of Interests:** NIL

**MOVED:** Clr Inzitari

**SECONDED:** Clr McAndrew

**ITEM 2: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

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The Minutes of the 28 September 2015 meeting were ratified by 3 members and reported to Council on 26 October 2015.

**ITEM 3: BUSINESS ARISING FROM 28 SEPTEMBER 2015 MINUTES**

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1. **Lighting in Burns Lane.** This matter is still under consideration in relation to the Main Street Revitalisation program. Tidy Towns has received funding for a sculpture installation on the Library wall which may also provide opportunities to improve lighting.
2. **Funding for domestic violence initiatives – see item 4.**

**ACTION**

**THAT** the Business arising from the previous minutes be noted.

**MOVED:** Clr McAndrew

**SECONDED:** Clr Inzitari

**ITEM 4: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INITIATIVES**

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The committee discussed current funding opportunities for domestic violence initiatives.

The National Plan to Reduce Violence Against Women and their Children (2010-2022) is a \$100 million package of measures to provide a safety net for women and children at a high risk of experiencing violence. The package aims to improve frontline support and services, leverage innovative technologies to keep women safe, and provide education resources to help change community attitudes towards violence and abuse.

It appears that the majority of funding will be available for direct service providers and government agencies. Council will monitor the program as it is rolled out to identify any potential local funding opportunities.

**ACTION**

**THAT** The discussion on funding for domestic violence initiatives be noted.

**MOVED:** Senior Constable Rose

**SECONDED:** Clr McAndrew

**ITEM 5: POLICE REPORT**

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

Police representatives provided information on Lithgow crime incidents for the period September – November 2015. Malicious damage to property was the most prevalent offence although numbers were not high, from 23 incidents in September falling to 16 in November.

Rates of break and enter dwelling, break and enter non- dwelling and steal from motor vehicle were also low.

**ACTION**

**THAT** The Police report be noted.

**MOVED:** Clr Inzitari

**SECONDED:** Clr McAndrew

**ITEM 6: GENERAL BUSINESS**

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**6.1. Crime Statistics Quarterly Report**

The Committee discussed the latest Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) Recorded Crime Statistics Quarterly Report to September 2015.

The BOCSAR Recorded Crime Statistics Quarterly Report to September 2015 showed the following crime trends:

- **Trends in Lithgow LGA recorded criminal incidents over 24 months to September 2015**

Over this two year period there has been a 31.3% fall in domestic violence related assaults and a 37.7% fall in malicious damage to property offences.

- **Ratio of Lithgow LGA crime rates to the NSW rate for the 12 months to September 2015.**

Lithgow LGA had 3.4 times the NSW rate of break and enter non-dwelling offences 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 LGA for the 12 months to September 2015 compared to the 12 months to September 2014**

<b>Offence Type</b>	<b>Actual number of incidents 12 months to September 2015</b>	<b>Actual number of incidents 12 months to September 2014</b>
Assault domestic violence related	84	102
Assault non- domestic violence related	92	134
Break and enter dwelling	137	199
Break and enter non-dwelling	120	150
Steal from motor vehicle	108	157
Steal from dwelling	93	115
Malicious damage to property	269	432

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The above table shows a significant fall in each category compared to the previous 12 months.

## **6.2 Graffiti**

The Committee discussed the incidence of graffiti in public places around Lithgow.

Graffiti incidents around town appear to be more prevalent lately including the Theatre royal, Marrangaroo railway siding, near the Donnybrook Hotel, squash court and Blast Furnace. It is difficult to know if the spray painters are locals or from out of town and their age group. The committee discussed the need to remind spray paint suppliers of their legal responsibilities.

## **6.3 Crime Prevention Committee 2016 meeting schedule**

The committee discussed the Crime Prevention Committee 2016 meeting schedule.

The Committee resolved to meet quarterly at 4.00pm on the following dates:

Monday 14 March 2016  
Monday 20 June 2016  
Monday 22 August 2016  
Monday 5 December 2016

## **ACTION**

**THAT** Council note:

1. The Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research Recorded Crime Statistics Quarterly Report to September 2015.
2. The discussion on graffiti incidents.
3. The Crime Prevention Committee 2016 meeting schedule.

**MOVED:** Senior Constable Rose

**SECONDED:** C/r McAndrew

**Meeting Closed 4.30pm**

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## **Next Meeting**

**Monday 14 March 2016 from 4.00- 5.00pm in the  
Hartley Building, Lithgow City Council**