



Minutes

Crime Prevention Committee Meeting
Date: Monday 20 June 2016
Venue: Hartley Building
Time: 4.00pm

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	BOCSAR Quarterly Recorded Crime Statistics
5	Local Media Crime Reports
6	Police Report
7	General Business

ITEM: 1 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

Present: Mayor Maree Statham, Councillor Frank Inzitari, Senior Constable Col Chrome, Simon Schmitzer and Danny Whitty

Apologies: Johan Nilsson, Councillor Wayne McAndrew, Inspector Chris Sammut, Wayne Turner and Juli-Ann Brozek

Officers: Matthew Johnson

Declaration of Interests: NIL

ACTION

THAT

The Present and Apologies and Declaration of Interests be noted.

MOVED: Simon Schmitzer **SECONDED:** Danny Whitty

ITEM: 2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the 14 March 2016 meeting were ratified by 3 committee members and were reported to Council on 18 April 2016.

THAT

The confirmation and reporting of the previous minutes be noted.

MOVED: Clr Inzitari **SECONDED:** Danny Whitty

ITEM: 3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM 14 MARCH 2016 MINUTES

1. Crime Incidents Queen Elizabeth Park

The Committee asked at the March 14 2016 meeting if staff could investigate the installation of movement sensor lighting and upgrade of CCTV cameras in Queen Elizabeth Park and that surrounding residents be letter box dropped to encourage them to report incidents to the Police.

Consideration is being given to the installation of CCTV cameras and improved lighting in 2016/17. Neighbouring residents will be letter-box dropped in the next few weeks.

2. Emora Park

Funding has been secured by Lithgow Police for basketball rings and a \$50,000 funding submission has been lodged by Council with the NSW Social Housing Improvement Program for playground and other park equipment.

ACTION

THAT

1. The discussion under Business Arising be noted
2. The Committee note that consideration is being given to the installation of CCTV cameras and improved lighting in 2016/17 and that neighbouring residents will be letter-box dropped in the next few weeks.
3. Thanks be given to Matthew Johnson for lodging the NSW Social Housing Improvement Program submission for playground and other park equipment at very short notice.

MOVED: Clr Inzitari

SECONDED: Simon Schmitzer

**ITEM: 4 BUREAU OF CRIME STATISTICS AND RESEARCH
QUARTERLY RECORDED CRIME STATISTICS**

SUMMARY

A copy of the most recent Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) Quarterly Crime Statistics report was provided for the Committee's consideration.

COMMENTARY

The BOCSAR Quarterly Crime Statistics report dated March 2016 provides details on crime rates for Lithgow local government area as follows:

1. Trends in recorded Criminal Incidents in Lithgow LGA for major offences over the 24 months to March 2016

There was a 41.7% decrease in Steal from Motor Vehicle offences during this period.

All other offences were stable.

3. Ratio to NSW rate (per 100,000 population) of recorded criminal incidents for major offences for 12 months to March 2016.

- Lithgow rates of Break And Enter Dwelling were 2.6 times the NSW rate
- Lithgow Murder rates were 5.5 times the NSW rate however there was only one murder.
- Lithgow rates of steal from dwelling and malicious damage to property were both 1.7 times the NSW rate.

4. Actual number of recorded criminal incidents in Lithgow LGA for major offences over 12 months to March 2016 compared to the 12 months to March 2015.

A comparison between the two years shows a trend down in most offences, significantly so for Break and Enter Dwelling; Break and Enter Non-Dwelling; Motor Vehicle Theft and Steal from Motor Vehicle.

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	Actual Number of Recorded Offences Lithgow	
	12 months to March 2016	12 months to March 2015
Murder	1	1
Break And Enter Dwelling	126	197
Break And Enter Non- Dwelling	86	200
Motor vehicle theft	42	63
Steal From Motor Vehicle	88	151
Steal From Dwelling	100	98
Malicious Damage	298	342
Assault (Domestic Violence Related)	89	100
Assault (Non- Domestic Violence Related)	104	102
Sexual assault	20	17

ACTION

THAT

The discussion on the March 2016 BOCSAR Quarterly Crime Statistics report be noted.

MOVED: Cllr Inzitari

SECONDED: Simon Schmitzer

ITEM: 5 LOCAL MEDIA CRIME REPORTS

SUMMARY

Copies of local media reports on crime incidents were provided for the Committee's consideration.

COMMENTARY

The Committee reviewed media reports from the Lithgow Mercury on local crime incidents for the period April-June 2016.

ACTION

THAT

That the review of media reports from the Lithgow Mercury on local crime incidents for the period April-June 2016 be noted.

MOVED: Clr Inzitari

SECONDED: Danny Whitty

ITEM: 6 POLICE REPORT

SUMMARY

The Police representative provided a report on local crime and policing activities for the period March-May 2016.

COMMENTARY

The report on local crime and policing activities for the period March-May 2016 showed generally low rates of crime across most categories. There was a spike of 48 fraud offences in May 2016, most likely associated with credit card and “pay wave” fraud. The other most common offences were “malicious damage” and “break and enter dwelling”.

ACTION

THAT

The Police report on local crime and policing activities for the period March-May 2016 be noted.

MOVED: Senior Constable Chrome

SECONDED: Clr Inzitari

ITEM: 7 GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 TEMPORARY LIQUOR LICENSES

SUMMARY

The Committee inquired about the process for supplying alcohol at not-for-profit events.

COMMENTARY

The Police representative outlined that for not-for-profit events of less than 250 people, application can be made to the Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing for an exemption to supply alcohol. One application only is required for multiple events. Staff/volunteers are still required to hold a Responsible Service of Alcohol qualification and the event operator must have appropriate procedures in place.

Applications are to be lodged a minimum of 28 days before the event.

7.2 DRINKING BEHAVIOUR AT CATHOLIC BALL

SUMMARY

Concerns were expressed about underage drinking and the smuggling of alcohol into the 2016 Catholic Ball event.

COMMENTARY

The Police representative noted that the event organiser was required to have an Alcohol and Security Management Plan in place for the 2016 ball and that

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in general, Police didn't consider that there were major problems with intoxication at this year's event.

It was suggested that part of the problem was the late service of food and that the event organiser be asked to include in its 2017 Alcohol and Security Management Plan, the provision food earlier in the evening to limit intoxication.

ACTION

THAT

The discussion under General Business be noted.

MOVED: Col Chrome

SECONDED: Clr Inzitari

Meeting finished 4.45pm