



Minutes

Crime Prevention Committee Meeting
Date: Monday 22 August 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	Local Media Crime Reports
5	Police Report
6	General Business

ITEM: 1 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

Present: Mayor Maree Stratham, Inspector Chris Sammut, Wayne Turner, Danny Whitty and Simon Schmitzer.

Apologies: Clr McAndrew, Clr Inzitari and Senior Constable Sue Rose

Officers: Matthew Johnson

Declaration of Interests: NIL

ACTION

THAT The list of present and apologies and declarations of interest be noted.

MOVED: Inspector Sammut

SECONDED: Danny Whitty

ITEM: 2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the 20 June 2016 meeting were ratified by 3 committee members and were reported to Council on 18 July 2016.

ACTION

THAT

The ratification and reporting to Council of the previous minutes be noted

MOVED: Simon Schmitzer

SECONDED: Danny Whitty

ITEM: 3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM 20 JUNE 2016 MINUTES

NIL

ITEM: 4 LOCAL MEDIA CRIME REPORTS

SUMMARY

Local media reports on crime incidents were provided for the Committee's consideration.

COMMENTARY

Copies of local crime reports from the Lithgow Mercury for the period July-August 2016 were provided for the committee's information.

ACTION

THAT

The local media reports on crime incidents be noted

MOVED: Wayne Turner

SECONDED: Simon Schmitzer

ITEM: 5 POLICE REPORT

SUMMARY

A report was provided by Inspector Sammut on local crime and policing activities.

COMMENTARY

A summary of local crime incidents for the period May-July 2016 was provided and showed a general downturn in most types of crime incidents.

- Assaults – (domestic violence and alcohol related): went down from 9 incidents in May to 2 in July.
- In the period May-July there were 101 incidents of domestic violence including 50 verbal assaults, 19 physical assaults, 10 AVO's were taken out and there were 22 other offences.
- Assault (non-domestic violence related): went up from 9 incidents in May to 12 in July.
- Break and enter dwelling: 14 incidents in July
- Break and enter non dwelling: 5 incidents in July
- Fraud including fail to pay: 48 incidents in May down to 8 in July
- Malicious damage: 22 incidents in May down to 17 in July.
- Steal from dwelling: 6 incidents in May and 8 in July

The number of Police searches went up from 13 in May to 30 in July.

A recent assault on Lithgow railway station staff was also reported. Station staff will be ensuring that all incidents are recorded to ensure appropriate levels of response by Transport NSW.

ACTION

THAT

The report was on local crime and policing activities be noted.

MOVED: Inspector Sammut

SECONDED: Wayne Turner

ITEM: 7 GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 HALLOWEEN 2016

SUMMARY

The committee discussed Policing arrangements for Halloween 2016.

COMMENTARY

The Police advised that extra Police numbers have been rostered during the event. Additional Police will also be rostered late into the night as there were a

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number of reported incidents last year of stolen equipment and other goods from stall holders during the closedown period.

It is also hoped that additional Transit Police will be rostered on the trains, especially the 10.00pm last train out of Lithgow.

7.2 BOWENFELS COMMUNITY BBQ's

SUMMARY

The Police reported on the receipt of funding to install basketball hoops in Emora Park.

COMMENTARY

Lithgow Health Service has received a \$15,000 grant to install basketball hoops in the Emora Park tennis courts. This is a great initiative that will build on the regular community engagement by the Police, Lithgow Health Service and other services in the Bowenfels area.

7.3 CCTV CAMERAS

SUMMARY

An update was provided on Council's CCTV network.

COMMENTARY

Council's IT Manager has advised that the last remaining analogue CCTV camera, located in the laneway near Woolworths is being replaced this week and quotes are being obtained to incorporate the current standalone camera in Queen Elizabeth Park Lithgow into the CCTV network.

7.4 THANKS BY THE MAYOR

SUMMARY

The Mayor expressed her thanks to the Committee for its work over the past three years during the current Council term.

COMMENTARY

The Mayor thanked Committee members for their hard work over the past three years.

ACTION

THAT

The discussion under General Business be noted.

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

Meeting Closed 4.40pm

Next Meeting to be advised following Council election