



Minutes

Crime Prevention Committee Meeting
Date: Monday 15 May 2017
Venue: Committee Room
Time: 4.00pm

Lithgow Crime Prevention Committee	
Item Number	Agenda
1	Present and Apologies
2	Election of Chair and Deputy Chair
3	Terms of Reference
4	BOCSAR Quarterly Recorded Crime Statistics
5	Police Report
6	Committee Work Plan
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8	General Business

THAT Council appoint a Councillor to the Committee to fill the current vacancy.

MOVED: Danny Whitty
Carried

SECONDED: Sue Rose

ITEM: 4 BOCSAR QUARTERLY RECORDED CRIME STATISTICS

SUMMARY

The latest NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) Recorded Crime Statistics Quarterly Report to December 2016 were provided for the committee's consideration.

COMMENTARY

The BOCSAR Quarterly Crime Statistics report dated December 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 December 2016

There were no significant trends over the 24 month period.

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

- Lithgow Murder rates were 11.3 times the NSW rate - there were two murders
- Lithgow rates of Break And Enter Non- Dwelling were 2.8 times the NSW rate
- Lithgow rates of malicious damage to property were 1.8 times the NSW rate.

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

A comparison between the two years shows a trend up in Assault (Non-Domestic Violence Related), Fraud and Malicious Damage offences. It was noted that Fraud include a range of offences such as pay-wave fraud, scams and "fail to pay for fuel". This is generally a growing area of crime across the country.

	Actual Number of Recorded Offences Lithgow	
	12 months to December 2016	12 months to December 2015
Murder	2	1
Assault (Domestic Violence Related)	85	94

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	Actual Number of Recorded Offences Lithgow	
	12 months to December 2016	12 months to December 2015
Assault (Non-Domestic Violence Related)	124	89
Sexual assault	15	18
Indecent assault etc.	20	18
Break And Enter Dwelling	129	115
Break And Enter Non-Dwelling	92	75
Motor vehicle theft	52	40
Steal From Motor Vehicle	91	91
Steal from retail store	45	61
Steal From Dwelling	94	90
Fraud	148	86
Malicious Damage	316	258

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council note the information provided in the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) Recorded Crime Statistics Quarterly Report to December 2016

MOVED: Danny Whitty
Carried

SECONDED: Jeff Smith

ITEM: 5 POLICE REPORT

SUMMARY

Senior Constable Sue Rose provided a report on local crime and policing activities.

COMMENTARY

Data was provided on recorded instances of domestic violence related assault for the first four months of 2017 compared to the same period in 2016.

	Offences January – April 2017	Offences January – April 2016
DV - verbal	118	79
DV - assaults	35	19
Breach apprehended violence order	16	7
Other (intimidation,	31	32

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	Offences January – April 2017	Offences January – April 2016
stalking, harassment)		
Total offences	200	137

It was also reported that there were 73 reports of malicious damage during the period 1/1/17 to 30/4/17.

RECOMMENDATION

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

MOVED: Jeff Smith
Carried

SECONDED: Danny Whitty

ITEM: 6 COMMITTEE WORK PLAN

SUMMARY

The Committee was asked to consider priority areas that it wishes to focus on during 2017.

COMMENTARY

The Committee resolved to re-invite a number of agencies that previously sat on the Committee as well as Progress Associations and Sonia Cox from Lithgow Community Health to the next meeting to help identify priority areas for the Committee to focus on:

The Committee also asked that Inspector Sammut be requested to nominate a Police representative on the Committee during his coming absence.

The Committee further asked that Council staff investigate initiatives undertaken by other Councils in relation to crime prevention and circulate these before the next meeting. It was pointed out that Bathurst Council has a "Don't Invite Crime" brochure that may be useful.

ACTION

THAT The discussion on the Committee's work program and membership be noted.

MOVED: Jeff Smith
Carried

SECONDED: Sue Rose

ITEM: 7 COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

SUMMARY

The Committee was asked to determine a suitable frequency, time and date for future meetings.

COMMENTARY

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The Committee resolved to meet 3 monthly on the 3rd Monday of that month from 3:30 to 4:30pm with the next meeting being on Monday 21 August 2017.

ACTION

THAT The Crime Prevention Committee meet 3 monthly on the 3rd Monday of that month from 3:30 to 4:30pm.

MOVED: Jeff smith
Carried

SECONDED: sue Rose

ITEM: 8 GENERAL BUSINESS

NIL

Meeting Closed 4:59pm

**NEXT MEETING
MONDAY 21 AUGUST 2017
3:30 – 4:30PM
COUNCIL COMMITTEE ROOM**