



Minutes

Crime Prevention Committee Meeting
Date: Monday 20 November 2017
Venue: Committee Room
Time: 3:30pm

Lithgow Crime Prevention Committee	
Item Number	Agenda
1	Present and Apologies
2	Previous Minutes
3	Business Arising from Previous Minutes
4	BOCSAR Quarterly Recorded Crime Statistics
5	Police Report
6	CCTV
7	General Business

ITEM: 1 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

Present: Mayor Lesslie; Councillor Coleman; Councillor Goodwin; Jill Cusack and Kath Compton (Lithgow Tidy Towns); Senior Constable Sue Rose (Lithgow Police); and Jeff Smith.

Apologies: Sonia Cox, Simon Schmitzer and Danny Whitty.

Officers: Matthew Johnson

Declaration of Interests: NIL

ACTION

THAT the present and apologies and Declarations of Interest be noted.

MOVED: Mayor Lesslie **SECONDED:** Cllr Goodwin
Carried

ITEM: 2 PREVIOUS MINUTES

SUMMARY

The previous minutes incorrectly showed Sue Graves in attendance and omitted to show Jill Cusack.

ACTION

That the previous minutes be amended to show that Sue Graves was an apology, that Jill Cusack was in attendance and that any items moved by Sue Graves were in fact moved by Jill Cusack.

MOVED: Mayor Lesslie **SECONDED:** Kath Compton
Carried

ITEM: 3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

1. CCTV Cameras

Council wrote a letter of support for the proposal to install CCTV in the Railway Parade bus interchange.

ACTION

THAT the Business Arising from the Previous Minutes be noted.

MOVED: Cllr Goodwin **SECONDED:** Jill Cusack
Carried

ITEM: 4 BOCSAR QUARTERLY RECORDED CRIME STATISTICS

SUMMARY

The latest NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) Recorded Crime Statistics Quarterly Report to June 2017 was provided for the committee's consideration.

COMMENTARY

The BOCSAR Quarterly Crime Statistics report dated June 2017 gives the following data on Lithgow.

1. Trends in recorded Criminal Incidents in Lithgow LGA for major offences over the 24 months to June 2017

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 June 2017.

- Lithgow Murder rates were 10.6 times the NSW rate - there were two murders
- Lithgow rates of Break And Enter Non- Dwelling were 2.2 times the NSW rate
- Lithgow rates of Robbery with a weapon (including a knife) or firearm were 1.8 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 June 2017 compared to the 12 months to June 2016.

	Actual Number of Recorded Offences Lithgow	
	12 months to June 2017	12 months to June 2016
Murder	2	1
Assault (Domestic Violence Related)	95	94
Assault (Non-Domestic Violence Related)	117	115
Sexual assault	23	20
Indecent assault etc.	19	20
Break And Enter Dwelling	132	141
Break And Enter Non-Dwelling	89	87

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	Actual Number of Recorded Offences Lithgow	
	12 months to June 2017	12 months to June 2016
Motor vehicle theft	46	54
Steal From Motor Vehicle	92	85
Steal from retail store	38	61
Steal From Dwelling	89	89
Fraud	117	139
Malicious Damage	315	312

The Police representatives were asked if the higher Lithgow rates of Break And Enter Non- Dwelling, Robbery with a Weapon and Malicious Damage to Property offences (compared to NSW rates) raised any issues of concern. The Police advised that while Police are targeting particular offences and offenders, rates of crime in Lithgow are not of concern.

ACTION

THAT

The NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) Recorded Crime Statistics Quarterly Report to June 2017 be noted.

MOVED: Jeff Smith
Carried

SECONDED: Jill Cusack

ITEM: 5 POLICE REPORT

SUMMARY

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

COMMENTARY

A couple of recent incidents were mentioned including: damage to the Lithgow Showground toilets; the number of assaults was up in October; one assault and three malicious damage offences on public transport in past three months, and; a "one punch assault" offence on Halloween Night following an incident in a licensed premise.

A White Ribbon Day event will be held on Friday 24 November with a walk from Queen Elizabeth Park to Lithgow Workies followed by a Trivia Night.

ACTION

THAT The Police report be noted.

MOVED: Jeff Smith
Carried

SECONDED: Jill Cusack

ITEM: 6 CCTV CAMERAS

SUMMARY

Current issues with CCTV cameras were discussed.

COMMENTARY

Clr Goodwin advised that he has been assisting Wallerawang Mens Shed with a grant application for CCTV cameras. A CCTV camera will also be installed at Blast Furnace once works are completed.

ACTION

THAT The discussion on CCTV cameras be noted.

MOVED: Clr Goodwin
Carried

SECONDED: Senior Constable Sue Rose

ITEM: 7 GENERAL BUSINESS

Crime Stoppers

It was noted that the community needs to be encouraged to report crime, as this can lead to improved targeting by Police and additional Policing resources to the area.

Transport

There was discussion on the need for transport to get people home from licensed premises and community events. It was noted that The Tattersalls, Grand Central and Lansdowne hotels share a mini bus for this purpose.

Public Lighting: the need for improved lighting in Queen Elizabeth Park was discussed.

Public Image: The importance of an attractive public space in reducing vandalism and increasing public perceptions of safety was discussed. It was noted that the recent Great War installation in Library Lane by Tidy Towns was in place for 2 weeks with minimal vandalism. The current Main Street revitalisation will contribute to Lithgow having an attractive public domain.

ACTION

THAT

1. **Crime Stoppers:** Council issue a media release encouraging the community to report crime to Crime Stoppers.
2. **Transport:** Council investigate the provision of transport for events like Halloween, LithGlo and Ironfest.
3. **Lighting:** Options for improved lighting in Queen Elizabeth park be investigated.

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MOVED: Jill Cusack
Carried

SECONDED: Jeff Smith

Meeting Closed 4:12pm

**Next Meeting 3:30-4:30pm Monday 19 February 2018 in Council
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