

Minutes

Crime Prevention Committee Meeting Date: Monday 19 February 2018 Venue: Committee Room Time: 3:30pm

Lithgow Crime Prevention Committee			
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ITEM: 1 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

Present: Mayor Stephen Lesslie, Clr Coleman, Clr Goodwin, Danny Whitty, Kath Compton, Senior Constable Sue Rose and Sergeant Kathleen Stutsel (Police Chifley Command).

Apologies: Jill Cusack, Jeff Smith and Simon Schmitzer

Officers: Matthew Johnson

Declaration of Interests:

NIL

ACTION

THAT the present, apologies and declaration of interests be noted.

MOVED: Mayor Lesslie SECONDED: Danny Whitty

ITEM: 2 PREVIOUS MINUTES

SUMMARY

The previous minutes will be reported to Council on 26 February 2018.

ACTION

That the reporting of the previous minutes to Council on 26 February 2018 be noted.

MOVED: Mayor Lesslie SECONDED: Kath Compton

ITEM: 3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

SUMMARY

The following Business Arising was considered.

COMMENTARY

Meeting attendance: The previous minutes omitted that Danny Whitty was an apology. The minutes will be amended.

Crime Stoppers media release – This matter was overlooked and will be done shortly.

Transport to Halloween, Lithglo and Ironfest

Discussions are underway to develop options for alleviating any potential traffic issues that may arise during LithGlo at Blast Furnace. It was mentioned that meetings are being held with Ironfest to discuss traffic and parking matters and there may need to be further discussions with the Wallerawang New Year's Eve Fireworks committee as traffic numbers at the 2017 event exceeded expectations.

Improved lighting in Queen Elizabeth Park Lithgow

This matter has been referred to Council's Operations Committee for consideration.

ACTION

THAT

The discussion on Business Arising from the previous minutes be noted.

MOVED: Sue Rose SECONDED: Jeff Smith

ITEM: 4 BOCSAR QUARTERLY RECORDED CRIME STATISTICS

SUMMARY

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

COMMENTARY

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

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

There was a 31.5% reduction in Break and Enter Dwelling offences and a 56.1% reduction in Steal from Motor Vehicle offences in the 24 months to September 2017.

- 1. Ratio to NSW rate (per 100,000 population) of recorded criminal incidents for major offences for 12 months to September 2017.
 - Break And Enter Non- Dwelling were 2.0 times the NSW rate
 - Lithgow rates of Robbery with a weapon not a firearm were 2.2 times the NSW rate
- 2. Actual number of recorded criminal incidents in Lithgow LGA for major offences over 12 months to September 2017 compared to the 12 months to September 2016.

	Actual Number of Recorded Offences Lithgow		
	12 months to September 2017	12 months to September 2016	
Murder	0	2	
Assault (Domestic Violence Related)	110	88	

	Actual Number of Recorded Offences Lithgow		
	12 months to September 2017	12 months to September 2016	
Assault (Non-	117	128	
Domestic Violence			
Related)			
Sexual assault	23	21	
Indecent assault etc.	14	25	
Break And Enter	112	146	
Dwelling			
Break And Enter Non-	61	89	
Dwelling			
Motor vehicle theft	38	58	
Steal From Motor	87	76	
Vehicle			
Steal from retail store	29	66	
Steal From Dwelling	87	91	
Fraud	119	150	
Malicious Damage	297	299	

The committee asked if BOCSAR LGA level data is available for crime subcategories eg the individual offences within the fraud category. Council staff will investigate.

The committee also discussed the Tech Savvy Seniors training being run through the Library and if it could include cyber and financial security. Council staff will investigate.

ACTION

THAT

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

MOVED: Kath Compton SECONDED: Clr Goodwin

ITEM: 5 POLICE REPORT

SUMMARY

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

COMMENTARY

Senior Constable Sue Rose provided the following report:

Domestic Violence - An average of 74% of alleged offenders in Lithgow District are charged by Police compared to a NSW average of 60%. This reflects local policing policy to charge rather than release alleged offenders.

In the three month period November 2017 to January 2018 there were 111 reports of domestic violence – November 38, December 37 and January 36.

48% of these were found not to involve an offence, 15% involved physical assault and 15% a breach of AVO.

Many DV offences also involve damage to property.

In the three month period November 2017 to January 2018:

Break and Enter dwelling and non-dwelling offences were down.

Alcohol related assault – there were 9 offences, most being in the home.

Malicious Damage – there were 52 offences.

There was discussion on the Local Liquor Accord which has not met for some time. Council staff to contact Alan Beattie at Bathurst Police to discuss reforming the Accord.

Clr Goodwin spoke about policing policy in relation to homeless people. Homelessness is a social issue, not an offence and Police will only "move people on" when an offence is being committed.

ACTION

THAT The Police report be noted.

MOVED: Sue Rose **SECONDED:** Kath Compton

ITEM: 6 CCTV CAMERAS

SUMMARY

No update on current issues with CCTV cameras was available.

COMMENTARY

Council staff were asked to contact Lithgow Railway Station to see if CCTV in and around the station is working.

ACTION

THAT

The discussion on CCTV cameras be noted.

MOVED: Kath Compton **SECONDED:** Danny Whitty

ITEM: 7 GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Lighting in Wallerawang

Danny Whitty asked what could be done to improve the street lighting from Wallerawang School to James Parade and if bollards could be installed to prevent cars being parked on the footpath.

Council staff to investigate.

2. 2018 Meeting Schedule

The Committee resolved to meet during 2018 as follows from 3.30-4.30pm:

Monday 21 May 2018

Monday 20 August 2018

Monday 19 November 2018

ACTION

THAT

The discussion on General Business be noted.

MOVED: Danny Whitty **SECONDED:** Mayor Lesslie

Meeting Closed 4:30pm

Next Meeting

3.30pm Monday 21 May 2018