



# MINUTES

Crime Prevention Committee

held at

Council Administration Centre  
Committee Room  
180 Mort Street, Lithgow

on

Monday 5 September 2022

at 4:00 PM

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**1. Present**

Councillor Maree Statham, Mayor; Senior Constable Crime Prevention Arna Martin; Jill Cusack and Kath Compton, Lithgow Tidy Towns.

**Staff**

Matthew Johnson

**2. Apologies**

Inspector Chris Sammut; Danny Whitty; Councillor Cassandra Coleman and Jeff Smith,

**3. Declaration of Interest**

Nil

**ACTION**

THAT the Present, Apologies and Declarations of Interest be noted.

**Moved:** Kath Compton    **Seconded:** Jill Cusack

*Carried*

**4. Previous Minutes**

The Minutes of the previous meeting were ratified by the committee and reported to Council on 22 August 2022. There was no business arising.

**5. Staff and Police Reports**

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**5.1 Littering and Graffiti**

**Summary**

The committee discussed concerns about littering in Saville Park Portland and elsewhere and incidents of graffiti around the LGA.

**Commentary**

**Littering**

The Mayor reported that there has been a lot of littering around Saville Park which is giving a negative impression of the town to residents and visitors. With the upcoming Caravan Muster event bringing hundreds of visitors to Lithgow in October 2022, it is important that the town is presented in the best possible light.

## Graffiti

The Mayor reported incidents of graffiti that have recently appeared. This should be reported to Council as soon as possible so that Council staff can remove quickly.

### Action

THAT

1. The discussion on littering and graffiti be noted.
2. Signage to be installed in Saville Park to discourage littering.
3. Council will issue a media release asking the community to do what they can to clean up litter before the Caravan Muster event.

**Moved:** Jill Cusack **Seconded:** Kath Compton

*Carried*

## 5.2. Police Report

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### Summary

Senior Constable Crime Prevention Arna Martin provided a report on local crime and Policing matters.

### Commentary

Number of offences detected by Police in Lithgow during August 2022.

	August 2022
Assaults	20
Break and enter	4
Malicious damage	11
Stolen vehicles	
Steal offences	22
Street offences	
Fraud	8

Incidents of anti-social behaviour in the bus shelter outside Portland Central School on Wolgan Street have been reported to the Police. Council will investigate possible modifications to the shelter to make it more transparent.

### Action

THAT The discussion on the Police Report be noted.

**Moved:** Kath Compton

**Seconded:** Jill Cusack

*Carried*

## 6. General Business

### 61 Home Safety

The committee discussed strategies for disseminating information to residents on improving home security and the need for people to contact the Police whenever they witness a crime.

## **6.2 CCTV**

Senior Constable Crime Prevention Arna Martin asked about the extent of Council's CCTV program. Council has a number of cameras in the CBD and other areas and new ones are installed as budgets allow. Details to be provided to Police.

### **Action**

THAT

1. The discussion under General Business be noted.
2. Council send out information on home safety tips through media releases or inserts with rate notices.
3. Details on Council's CCTV program to be provided to the Police.

**Moved:** Jill Cusack      **Seconded:** Kath Compton

*Carried*

## **6. Meeting Close**

The meeting closed at 4.45pm

### **Next Meeting**

**4:00pm Monday 5 December 2022 in the Council Committee Room**