



MINUTES

Crime Prevention Committee

held at

Council Administration Centre
Committee Room

180 Mort Street, Lithgow

on

Monday 19 May 2025
at 4:00 PM

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2. Present

Councillors - Mayor Cassandra Coleman, Clr Tommy Evangelidis, Clr Elizabeth Fredericks

Members - Glenda Anthes, Nathan Mas-Stephens, Kathleen Compton, Jill Cusack, Sarah Arnold, Karla Priestly, Martin Cawley- Senior Constable, Arna Martin-Chifley Police District Crime Prevention Officer

Staff - Director People and Places, Manage Ccommunity and Culture, Cultural Development Officer

Presenters – Nathan Mas-Stephens LINC

3. Apologies

Chief Inspector Chris Sammut OIC Lithgow, Portland & Oberon Lithgow Police Station

MOVED: Clr Fredericks **SECONDED:** Glenda Anthes

CARRIED

4. Confirmation of Minutes

None

5. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

None

6. Presentations

6.1. Senior Constable Arna Martin provided a verbal presentation regarding Police operations in Lithgow and some analysis of current crime statistics. The committee asked several questions and participated in robust discussion.

ACTION: That the presentation and discussion following be noted.

MOVED: Clr Evangelidis **SECONDED:** Kathleen Compton

CARRIED

6.2. Nathan Mas-Stephens provided an overview of the services and programs offered by LINC, a local community service which provides a broad range of disability, aging, youth

and community services. Nathan highlighted aspects of this work which relate to crime prevention in terms of family support, preventing family and domestic violence and supporting vulnerable youth.

ACTION: That the presentation be noted.

MOVED: Nathan Mas-Stephens **SECONDED:** Karla Priestley

CARRIED

7. Staff Reports

7.1 Governance Documents

Heather Chaffey, Manager Community and Culture presented the governance documents pertaining to the Crime Prevention Committee to the group.

Mayor Coleman suggested that another Cllr might like to take on the role of Committee Chairperson. Cllr Fredericks accepted a nomination for this role.

Moved: Mayor Cassandra Coleman

Seconded: Martin Cawley

MOTION: That the committee note the governance documents provided.

Moved: Cllr Elizabeth Fredericks

Seconded: Sarah Arnold

7.2 Council Program Update

Heather Chaffey provided the committee with a verbal update on the development of a Homelessness protocol and current planning for local events celebrating NAIDOC in July 2025.

8. General Business

8.1. Finding balance and purpose as a committee

Cllr Evangelidis raised some suggestions regarding the purpose of the Crime Prevention Committee. While acknowledging the importance of programs which build social capital as a mechanism of crime prevention, Cllr Evangelidis suggested the committee also retain a focus on addressing the concerns and impacts of crime on all community stakeholders; including business owners, victims of crime, and front-line services such as Police and allied first responders.

Through discussion amongst committee members and staff regarding strategies to strike this balance, it was moved that staff will work with the Committee and other stakeholders to scope the development of a Community Safety Plan by the end of June 2026.

Moved: Clr Elizabeth Fredericks

Seconded: Clr Tommy Evangelidis

9. Meeting Close

Next Meeting: Monday 4 August 2025, 4-5.30pm. Venue To be confirmed.

There being no further business the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 5:35pm.