

Minutes

Crime Prevention Committee Meeting Date: Monday 16 September 2019 Venue: Committee Room Time: 4:00

Lithgow Crime Prevention Committee						
Item Number	Agenda					
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4	BOCSAR Crime Statistics					
5	Police Report					
6	General Business					

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ITEM: 1 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

Present: Clr Coleman, Danny Whitty, Jeff Smith, Kath Compton and Jill

Cusack.

Apologies: Inspector Chris Sammut and Clr Goodwin

Officers: Matthew Johnson

Declaration of Interests: NIL

ACTION

THAT Those present, apologies and Declarations of Interest be noted.

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

ITEM: 2 PREVIOUS MINUTES

SUMMARY

The previous minutes from 21 May 2018 were reported to Council on 25 June 2018.

ACTION

That the reporting of the previous minutes to Council on 25 June 2018.

MOVED: Jill Cusack SECONDED: Jeff Smith

ITEM: 3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Lighting and Public Safety from Wallerawang School to James Parade Wallerawang:

This matter was referred to Council's Infrastructure Division for attention.

Lighting and CCTV Lithgow Railway

Council wrote to the CEO of Sydney trains. No reply received

Liquor Accord

Contact made with Chifley Command Licensing Officer – the Liquor Accord has still not started meeting again.

Newnes Plateau

A joint media release was issued with the Police.

ACTION

THAT

The Business Arising from the Previous Minutes be noted

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MOVED: Jill Cusack SECONDED: Jeff Smith

ITEM: 4 BOCSAR CRIME STATISTICS

SUMMARY

The NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) Crime Statistics were provided for the committee's consideration.

COMMENTARY

The committee discussed the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) Crime Statistics reports titled:

Recorded Criminal Incidents of selected offences in the Lithgow LGA by month for the two years to June 2019

This report showed that the most common incidents were as follows:

	Assault - domestic violence related	Assault - non- domestic violence related	Break and enter - dwelling	Steal from dwelling	Fraud	Malicious damage to property
2017-18						
Total	85	123	78	72	153	203
2018-19						
Total	118	132	80	84	128	246
Two Year						
Total	203	255	158	156	281	449

It was noted that drink/drug affected driving and speeding offences are not included.

Recorded Incidents of selected offences in the Lithgow LGA by year and 2 year trend to June 2019

This report showed that the incidence of all selected offences was stable or not calculated, meaning there was no noticeable increase or decrease over the 2 year period.

The Committee noted that there is sometimes a disparity between actual criminal incidents and press reports on crime.

The Committee discussed some of the Council crime related initiatives and programs including:

Financial Assistance for White Ribbon Day Library cyber safety programs CCTV

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Improved lighting in public spaces

Danny Whitty passed on his compliments to Council staff for quickly repairing the vandalised flagpole in Wallerawang.

ACTION

THAT

The discussion on crime statistics be noted

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

ITEM: 5 POLICE REPORT

No Police report was provided

ITEM: 6 GENERAL BUSINESS

Clr Coleman informed the Committee of Simon Schmitzer's resignation from the Committee as he is no longer employed at Lithgow Railway Station, and a request from him that the committee consider strategies for supporting male victims of domestic violence.

ACTION

THAT

The discussion under General Business be noted

MOVED: SECONDED:

Meeting Closed 4.40pm

Next Meeting 4:00pm Monday 2 December 2019 in Council Committee Room