



Minutes

Crime Prevention Committee Meeting
Date: Monday 10 May 2021
Venue: Committee Room
Time: 4:00 pm

Lithgow Crime Prevention Committee	
Item Number	Agenda
1	Present and Apologies
2	Previous Minutes
3	Business Arising from Previous Minutes
4	Police Report
5	General Business

ITEM: 1 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

Present: Clr Coleman, Inspector Chris Sammut, Senior Constable Sue Rose, Danny Whitty, Kath Compton, and Jeff Smith

Apologies: Sonia Cox, Clr Goodwin and Jill Cusack.

Officers: Matthew Johnson

Declaration of Interests: Nil

ACTION THAT

The recording of Present and Apologies and Declarations of Interest be noted

MOVED: Danny Whitty **SECONDED:** Jeff Smith

ITEM: 2 PREVIOUS MINUTES

SUMMARY

The previous minutes from 8 February 2021 were endorsed by three members present and were reported to Council on 22 February 2021.

ACTION

That the reporting of the previous minutes to Council on 22 February 2021 be noted.

MOVED: Kath Compton **SECONDED:** Inspector Sammut

ITEM: 3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

1. Alcohol Free Zones

Following a public exhibition period, Council resolved to establish Alcohol Free Zones in the Lithgow, Portland and Wallerawang CBD's for a further 4 years until April 2025. Signage will soon be updated to reflect the 4 year extension.

The Committee discussed the current status of the Liquor Accord which hasn't met for some time. Its functioning is primarily the responsibility of licensees. Inspector Sammut commented that compared to the past, there have been considerably fewer matters of concerns with licensed premises.

2. Park Smarter

A media release has been prepared using information from the Police on how to park smarter.

ACTION

That the discussion under Business Arising be noted.

MOVED: Kath Compton **SECONDED:** Jeff Smith

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ITEM: 4 POLICE REPORT

SUMMARY

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

COMMENTARY

Incident numbers were provided for the February to April 2021 period:

	Incident Numbers		
	February	March	April
Domestic Violence incidents (including where no offence recorded)	55	49	48
Domestic Violence Assaults	4	12	14
Breach AVO	9	7	12
Alcohol related Assaults	0	1	3
Non-Alcohol Related Assaults	8	6	8
Break and Enter Dwelling	0	0	4
Break and Enter Non- Dwelling	2	1	4
Motor Vehicle Injuries	1	7	3
Malicious Damage	19	10	11
Robbery	1	0	0
Steal from Dwelling	2	6	8
Steal from Motor Vehicle	3	6	4
Shoplifting	0	5	0
Stolen Motor Vehicle	1	2	5
Drug Detections		18	4
Drug Supply		3	0

ACTION

THAT The Police report be noted.

MOVED: Inspector Sammut

SECONDED: Kath Compton

ITEM: 5 GENERAL BUSINESS

5.1 Bureau of Crime Statistics Report

The Bureau of Crime Statistics (BOCSAR) Report to December 2020 was provided for the Committee's consideration.

The report shows the incidence of various offences as follows:

Lithgow Trends in violent and property offences over the 60 months to December 2020

- **Violent offences:** 7.1% average annual percentage change over last 5 years (1.6 times NSW rate)
- **Property offences:** -7.6% average annual percentage change over last 5 years (1.3 times NSW rate)

Lithgow Trends in recorded criminal incidents for major offences over the 24 months to December 2020

- No significant trends across all crime categories

Ratio of Lithgow rate to NSW rate of recorded criminal incidents per 100,000 population over 12 months to December 2020. Only incidents with significant variations shown.

Offence	Lithgow rate compared to the NSW rate
Domestic Violence Related assault	1.5 times
Non - Domestic Violence Related assault	1.5 times
Sexual Assault	1.8 times
Indecent assault	2.1 times
Robbery with a firearm	3.6 times
Break and enter dwelling	1.4 times
Break and enter non-dwelling	1.9 times
Steal from Motor Vehicle	1.2 times
Steal from dwelling	1.7 times
Malicious damage to property	1.7 times

Actual Number of recorded criminal incidents for major offences over 12 months to December 2020 and also December 2019

Criminal incident	Actual number 12 months to June 2020	Actual number 12 months to December 2019
Domestic violence related assault	130	114

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Criminal incident	Actual number 12 months to June 2020	Actual number 12 months to December 2019
Non- Domestic violence related assault	121	127
Sexual assault	34	31
Indecent assault	44	31
Robbery without a weapon	3	1
Robbery with a firearm	1	0
Robbery with a weapon not a firearm	0	2
Break and enter dwelling	74	66
Break and enter non dwelling	38	59
Motor vehicle theft	25	54
Steal from motor vehicle	92	75
Steal from retail store	49	66
Steal from dwelling	78	103
Steal from person	4	8
Fraud	106	143
Malicious damage to property	235	231

2. Concerns about lighting in Main Street Lithgow and Queen Elizabeth Park were raised and will be forwarded to Council's Operations Committee for consideration.

ACTION

THAT

1. The Bureau of Crime Statistics (BOCSAR) Report to December 2020 be noted.

MOVED: Danny Whitty **SECONDED:** Jeff Smith