

Minutes of the Community Safety Sub Committee

Held Thursday 16 June 2011
in Meeting Room 201

Meeting Commenced: 12.30pm

1. Acknowledgement of Land

An Acknowledgement of Land was presented by Gary Potts.

2. Attendance and Apologies

Attendance: Councillor Paul Hawker (Chairperson)
Councillor Mollie Thomas
Sharynne Freeman - Community Representative
Keith Kent - Community Representative
Mick Ward - Police Citizen Youth Club (PCYC)
Paul Albury - Crime Manager - Campbelltown Police
Sean Gersbach - Commander - Macquarie Fields Police
Ben Gilholme - Representative from Youth Advisory Sub Committee
Gary Potts - Representative from Aboriginal Advisory Sub Committee

Sub Committee Note: It was noted that Mr Russell Matheson MP, Federal Member for Macarthur asked Councillor Hawker to represent him at this meeting.

Also in Attendance: Kevan Harder - Local Controller of the Campbelltown State Emergency Service
Elise White - Campbelltown Main Street Association
Amanda Fisher - Community Safety Officer - Campbelltown City Council
Vanessa South - Main Street Ambassador - Campbelltown City Council
Lindy Deitz - Director Community Services - Campbelltown City Council
John Hely - Director City Works - Campbelltown City Council
John Dodd - Manager Emergency Management - Campbelltown City Council
Angela Lonergan - Coordinator Community Development Team - Campbelltown City Council
Kevin Lynch - Acting Manager Technical Services - Campbelltown City Council

Apologies: Greg Rolph - Commander - Campbelltown Police
Members Jorge Montano - Community Representative
Bob Timmis - Housing NSW

Other Mr Russell Matheson MP - Federal Member for Macarthur
Bill Hall - Ingleburn Chamber of Commerce and Industry
Bruce McCausland - Manager Community Resources and Development - Campbelltown City Council

Sub Committee's Recommendation (Freeman/Kent)

That the above apologies be accepted.

CARRIED

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest made at this meeting.

Welcome and Introduction

Councillor Hawker welcomed visitor Kevan Harder from the State Emergency Service, Paul Albury representing Campbelltown Police and all Sub Committee members to the Community Safety Sub Committee meeting.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Report

The minutes of the Community Safety Sub Committee meeting held 10 March 2011 copies of which have been circulated to each Sub Committee member were adopted by Council at its meeting held 12 April 2011.

Officer's Recommendation

That the information be noted.

Sub Committee's Recommendation (Freeman/Potts)

That the information be noted.

CARRIED

5. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Nil.

6. Correspondence

Nil.

7. Reports

7.1 Emergency Agency Briefing - State Emergency Service

Attachments

State Emergency Service Presentation - Community Safety

Purpose

To provide the Sub Committee with planning and preparedness information from Emergency Agencies.

Report

This is the second presentation in the series from Emergency Services. A representative of the State Emergency Service will discuss the role of the SES and the activities they undertake to ensure the safety of our community in times of storms and floods. A particular focus will be on the work the Campbelltown SES do in the local community and elsewhere.

Officer's Recommendation

That the information be noted.

Sub Committee Note: The Local Controller of the Campbelltown State Emergency Service presented to Sub Committee members regarding Community Safety. A copy of the presentation is attached.

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It was noted that the State Emergency Service have recently initiated a centralised call centre system that is available statewide on 13 25 00.

It was further noted that, in order to become a State Emergency Service volunteer there is only one intake each year in February and all applicants must be over 18 years of age. All equipment and training is provided to the volunteers including but not limited to:

- Induction
- Occupational Health and Safety training
- Basic communication and radio use
- First Aid
- General rescue
- Storm damage
- Air operations
- Logistics
- Vertical rescue

Sub Committee's Recommendation (Thomas/Gersbach)

That the information be noted.

CARRIED

7.2 Summary of Crime Statistics for the LGA

Purpose

To provide the Community Safety Sub Committee with an update of crime trends or issues that may be of concern.

Report

Representatives from the Local Area Commands will present a summary of crime trends for the LGA.

- (a) Campbelltown LAC
- (b) Macquarie Fields LAC

Officer's Recommendation

That the information be noted.

Sub Committee Note: The Sub Committee was presented with a summary of crime statistic results for the Campbelltown and Macquarie Fields Local Area Commands.

The majority of key crime statistics show a decrease in reported incidents as compared to the same period for the previous year.

It was noted that the Local Area Commands are engaging local businesses in discussions regarding criminal activity in the local area and encouraging them to ensure that their CCTV systems are of a high standard and that they are reporting any incident promptly in order to assist Police in gathering sufficient evidence when investigating crimes. A suggestion was made in regard to a representative of the Campbelltown Local Area Command attending the next Main Street Association meeting to promote this information to local businesses.

Recent media publicity reported that motor vehicle theft is on the increase however statistics from the Local Area Commands indicate that motor vehicle theft is on the decrease.

The representative for the Police Citizen Youth Club advised the Sub Committee that they have recently secured funding for a spray gun to assist in targeting graffiti in the Local Government Area.

It was suggested that if any Sub Committee members are involved in media photos regarding graffiti that care should be taken to ensure that the artists profile is not increased by the inclusion of their tag in the photo.

Sub Committee's Recommendation (Gilholme/Freeman)

That the information be noted.

CARRIED

7.3 Graffiti Action Day

Purpose

To provide the Sub Committee with an update on the Graffiti Action Day event.

History

"Graffiti Action Day" is a Keep Australia Beautiful NSW initiative that promotes a community approach to tackling graffiti crime, which has negative financial and social impacts on communities. The day raises awareness of the best ways to combat graffiti crime by encouraging participation of volunteers with cleaning, painting and planting activities.

Report

Graffiti Action Day was held on Sunday 15 May 2011. Council hosted an event at Treelands Walk, Ingleburn from 8am to 11am. The event attracted 25 volunteers from the community that were involved in various graffiti removal and reduction activities including, use of graffiti removal kits, painting, planting and utilising the Operation Blockout trailer to 'paint out' a brick wall.

The event successfully removed approximately 360m² of graffiti from the area and planted twelve Callistemon Kings Park Special (i.e. Bottlebrush) trees at the end of the walkway in Oriole Place, Ingleburn.

Inspections of the area two weeks after the event show that Treelands Walk, Ingleburn is still graffiti free.

Officer's Recommendation

That the information be noted.

Sub Committee's Recommendation (Gilholme/Freeman)

That the information be noted.

CARRIED

7.4 Property Marking Information

Purpose

To provide the Sub Committee with an update on promotional activities with regards to property marking information for the community.

Report

Council has developed a Property Marking Factsheet which provides residents with information regarding the benefits of marking household valuables and contains an inventory list to record item descriptions, serial numbers and value of the property.

An article was placed in the May edition of Compass promoting the factsheet and its availability on Council's website. Council staff have distributed copies to residents at local events.

Copies of the factsheet are available on Council's website and Customer Service Centre of Council. Copies will continue to be distributed through Council events.

Officer's Recommendation

That the information be noted.

Sub Committee's Recommendation (Gilholme/Potts)

That the information be noted.

CARRIED

7.5 Farrow Road Commuter Carpark Update

Purpose

To update the Council on the status of the CCTV at extension of the Farrow Road Carpark (west side of Campbelltown Railway Station).

History

Council received funding from the State Government to extend the existing carpark in Farrow Road which provided an additional 350 parking spaces. Part of this project was the installation of CCTV cameras.

Report

Although the carpark extension was opened over twelve months ago there were a number of issues with cabling and access to RailCorp CCTV network which prevented the extension of the existing CCTV network within the carpark.

Council staff have constructed the car park utilising recycled road materials for the lower layers.

The additional 350 spaces, together with the 450 spaces of the initial carpark, are noted to be well utilised by the community.

Council is advised that these issues have now been resolved and the existing and the extended carpark now have updated CCTV functioning throughout the whole carpark area.

Officer's Recommendation

That the information be noted.

Sub Committee's Recommendation (Albury/Kent)

That the information be noted.

CARRIED

8. General Business

8.1 NAIDOC Week

Gary Potts encouraged all Sub Committee members to attend the upcoming NAIDOC week celebrations commencing on 4 July at 10.00am with a flag raising followed by a Street March down Queen Street, Campbelltown and festivities in Koshigaya park. The event will conclude on 6 July with a touch football match at Minto.

Sub Committee's Recommendation (Potts/Gersbach)

That the information be noted.

CARRIED

8.2 Responses to Earthquakes

Councillor Thomas asked which Agency would be responsible should an earthquake occur in the Local Government Area.

Council's Manager Emergency Management advised that in the event of an earthquake, the various Agencies involved in the Local Emergency Management Committee all had various tasks and actions to complete in line with the Local Disaster Plan.

Sub Committee's Recommendation (Thomas/Ward)

That the information be noted.

CARRIED

2011 Meetings of the Community Safety Sub Committee

Council at its meeting held 16 November 2010 determined meeting dates for all of its Sub Committee's.

The remaining meetings of the Community Safety Sub Committee for 2011 are as follows:

- 29 September
- 24 November

Meetings will commence at 12.30pm in Councils Administrative Building.

Next meeting of the committee will be held on Thursday 29 September 2011 at 12.30pm in Meeting Room 201.

Councillor Hawker

Chairperson

Meeting concluded: 1.32pm