

Minutes of the Community Safety Sub Committee

Held Thursday 15 July 2010
in Committee Room 3

1. Acknowledgement of Land

An Acknowledgement of Land was presented by Gary Potts.

2. Attendance and Apologies

Attendance: Councillor Mollie Thomas (Chairperson)
Bryan Doyle - Chief Inspector - Campbelltown Police
Ben Gilholme - Representative from Youth Advisory Sub Committee
Keith Kent - Community Representative
Sharynne Freeman - Community Representative
Jorge Montano - Community Representative
Gary Potts - Representative from Aboriginal Advisory Sub Committee
Kylie Willis - Housing NSW
Patrick Paroz - Superintendent - Macquarie Fields Police

Also in Attendance Paul Kremer - Senior Sergeant - Campbelltown Police
John Hely - Director City Works - Campbelltown City Council
Lindy Deitz - Director Community Services - Campbelltown City Council
Bruce McCausland - Manager Community Resources and Development - Campbelltown City Council
Kevin Lynch - Acting Manager Technical Services - Campbelltown City Council
Amanda Fisher - Community Safety Officer - Campbelltown City Council
Deborah Taylor - Executive Support - Campbelltown City Council

Apologies: Councillor Fred Borg
Members Bill Hall - Ingleburn Chamber of Commerce
Maureen Fairless - Main Street Coordinator
Pat McGowen - Campbelltown Chamber of Commerce
Bob Timmis - Housing NSW
Sgt Mick Ward - Serving Officer from Police Citizens Youth Club

Apologies: Mr Geoff Corrigan MP - Member for Camden
Observers Ray James - Representing Mr Geoff Corrigan
Dr Andrew McDonald MP - Member for Macquarie Fields
Hon Chris Hayes MP - Federal Member for Werriwa
Hon Graeme West MP - Member for Campbelltown
Hon Pat Farmer MP - Federal Member for Macarthur

Sub Committee's Recommendation (Doyle/Freeman)

That the information be noted.

CARRIED

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest made at this meeting.

Welcome and Introduction

Councillor Thomas welcomed all Sub Committee members to the Community Safety Sub Committee meeting. All Sub Committee members gave a brief introduction.

4. Confirmation of the Notes of the Previous Meeting held 13 May 2010

Purpose

To provide the Community Safety Sub Committee with a copy of the notes from the Community Safety Sub Committee Meeting held 13 May 2010.

Report

Due to a lack of a quorum at the meeting scheduled for 13 May 2010 informal notes were recorded. The notes as outlined in the attached document are presented for the information of Community Safety Sub Committee members.

Officer's Recommendation

That the information be noted.

Sub Committee's Recommendation (Gilholme/Kent)

That the information be noted.

CARRIED

5. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Nil.

6. Correspondence

Nil.

7. Reports

7.1 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 Campbelltown and Macquarie Fields Local Area Commands will present a summary of crime trends for the LGA.

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 measures show a decrease. There have been some peaks for robberies and sexual assaults which have been responded to with some targeted policing of key suspects.

Sub Committee's Recommendation (Thomas/Potts)

That the information be noted.

CARRIED

7.2 Safety Audits conducted throughout the LGA

Purpose

To provide the Community Safety Sub Committee with an update of the results from the safety audit conducted at Minto on 6 May 2010 and Leumeah on 23 June 2010.

Report

Two safety audits were conducted during May and June 2010. Council along with representatives from Macquarie Fields and Campbelltown LAC and community members participated in the two audits.

The issues identified during the audits have been forwarded to the appropriate agencies for rectification.

Officer's Recommendation

That the information be noted.

Sub Committee Note: It was noted that further updates would be provided to the Community Safety Sub Committee regarding the finalisation of the recommendations contained within the Safety Audit Reports.

The Director City Works also noted that Council was in receipt of correspondence detailing some concerns regarding the Minto Safety Audit that he would forward to Macquarie Fields Police for investigation.

Sub Committee's Recommendation (Doyle/Montano)

That the information be noted.

CARRIED

7.3 Mobile Billboard - CaRS Trailers

Purpose

To provide the Community Safety Sub Committee with an update on the development of a purpose built trailer to promote safety messages throughout the LGA.

Report

As previously reported Council is currently undergoing a process of acquiring a new trailer to house billboard type signage. The information to be displayed on the trailer will include messages that promote Community Safety/Crime Prevention, Road Safety and Emergency Readiness and Response to the Community.

The objectives of the project are to:

- Increase awareness of Community Safety issues.
- Increase awareness of Crime Prevention strategies.
- Promote Road Safety Information and Programs.
- Promote Emergency Readiness and Response messages.

Funds have been allocated to purchase the Community and Road Safety (CaRS) trailers through Council's Operation Bounce Back grants. It is anticipated that these trailers will be operational in August 2010.

Council was unsuccessful in its application for funding through the NRMA Community Grants program to manufacture the community education signage for the CaRS trailers.

Officer's Recommendation

That the information be noted.

Sub Committee Note: Council's Acting Manager Technical Services advised that the first of the trailers were received but due to some technical errors they were not available for the Committee members to observe at the meeting. It was noted that the new trailers should be available for the next Community Safety Sub Committee Meeting.

Sub Committee's Recommendation (Potts/Willis)

That the information be noted.

CARRIED

7.4 Operation Bounce Back

Purpose

To provide the Community Safety Sub Committee with an update on the Operation Bounce Back project.

Report

Council has received funding from the National Motor Vehicle Theft Reduction Council (NMVTRC) to run the Operation Bounce Back Program from July to December 2010. The total value of the funding provided by the NMVTRC is \$35,000. This includes \$20,000 worth in engine immobiliser vouchers, \$5,000 worth in NMVTRC education resources and \$10,000 for the actual implementation of the project.

Council will co-ordinate efforts to minimise motor vehicle theft through the installation of immobilisers (supplied by NMVTRC) to owners of 'high risk' vehicles and also educate the community about theft prevention.

The project will consist of the following activities:

- Project launch
- Promotion of project
- Community education campaign
- Development of promotional resource
- Offer and installation of immobilisers
- Evaluation of project

Council will directly distribute the vouchers to the community. This will be done through a media campaign identifying previous victims of crime or owners of high risk vehicles. Members of the community will be required to attend Council with their proof of ownership (registration papers) in order to claim a voucher for an Australian Standard approved engine immobiliser to the value of \$200 supplied by NMVTRC.

The program will be evaluated using performance indicators as well as success measures identified in the application process.

Officer's Recommendation

That the information be noted.

Sub Committee's Recommendation (Doyle/Gilholme)

That the information be noted.

CARRIED

7.5 Anti-Social Issues at Council's Playing Fields

Purpose

To provide the Community Safety Sub Committee with advice regarding reported anti-social issues at Council's playing fields.

Report

At Council's meeting on 25 May 2010 it was advised that residents have reported that there have been a number of syringes found at Hurley Park. Council staff contacted the Soccer Club who plays out of Hurley Park, the Club reported that while doing inspections before games on the weekends they have found 12 needles and a number of spoons in the bushes.

Council's Maintenance Teams have been made aware of the issue and staff will continue to monitor the area.

It was requested by Council that this information be brought to the attention of Police through the Community Safety Sub Committee.

Officer's Recommendation

That the information be noted.

Sub Committee's Recommendation (Potts/Freeman)

That the information be noted.

CARRIED

8. General Business

8.1 Community Safety Sub Committee Membership

Information was provided to the Sub Committee noting the attendance of Members from 12 March 2009 to 13 May 2010 inclusive. It was noted that there has been no representation from the Ingleburn Chamber of Commerce, Campbelltown Chamber of Commerce and the Mainstreet Association. In accordance with the Sub Committee guidelines, follow up letters will be forwarded to these members regarding their continued membership on the Community Safety Sub Committee.

Sub Committee's Recommendation (Thomas/Kent)

That the information be noted.

CARRIED

8.2 Position Vacant - Macquarie Fields Police

Patrick Paroz advised that the Macquarie Fields Command are currently advertising for a Multicultural Community Liaison Officer.

Sub Committee's Recommendation (Paroz/Montano)

That the information be noted.

CARRIED

8.3 Campbelltown Police

Bryan Doyle advised that there have been recent changes to the South West Region Police and that Campbelltown now has a new Commander, Supt Brett Henderson.

Sub Committee's Recommendation (Doyle/Willis)

That the information be noted.

CARRIED

8.4 Treelands Walk, Ingleburn

Ben Gilholme advised that the lighting is poor along Treelands Walk in Ingleburn and asked whether there has been an increase in criminal activity in the area.

Patrick Paroz advised that the area had been an ongoing issue for some time however had recently improved due to extra patrols and neighbourhood door knocking.

Council's Acting Manager Technical Services advised that this area would be the subject of a future safety audit.

Sub Committee's Recommendation (Gilholme/Kent)

That the information be noted.

CARRIED

8.5 Motorised Pushbikes

Jorge Montano requested an update on the issue of motorised pushbikes with the Local Government Area.

The Director City Works advised that this would be the subject of a report at the next Community Safety Sub Committee meeting.

Sub Committee's Recommendation (Montano/Freeman)

That the information be noted.

CARRIED

Next meeting of the committee will be held on 16 September 2010 at 12.30pm in Committee Room 3.

Councillor Mollie Thomas
Chairperson