

# Minutes of the Community Safety Sub Committee

Held Thursday 11 March 2010 in Civic Hall

## 1. Acknowledgement of Land

An Acknowledgement of Land was presented by Gary Potts.

## 2. Attendance and Apologies

**Attendance:** Councillor Fred Borg (Chairperson)  
Councillor Mollie Thomas (Acting Chairperson)  
Ben Gilholme - Youth Advisory Sub Committee Representative  
Gary Potts - Aboriginal Advisory Sub Committee Representative  
Keith Kent - Community Representative  
Sharynne Freeman - Community Representative  
Mark Brett - Macquarie Fields Police  
Con Galea - Campbelltown Police  
Jorge Montana - CALD Community

**Also in Attendance:** John Hely - Director City Works  
Kevin Lynch - Manager Technical Services  
Bruce McCausland - Manager Community Resources and Development  
Paul Nunnari - Representing Graham West MP  
Vanessa South - Main Street Ambassador  
Kiera Grierson - Campbelltown Performing Arts High School  
Kristy Peters - Executive Support

**Apologies:** Lindy Deitz - Director Community Services  
Amanda Fisher - Community Safety Officer  
Mick Ward - PCYC

**Note:** Councillor Borg left the meeting due to other commitments part through item 7.3 when Councillor Mollie Thomas acted as Chairperson.

## Sub Committee's Recommendation (Brett/Thomas)

That the above apologies be accepted.

## CARRIED

## 3. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest made at this meeting.

## 4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

### Report

The minutes of the Community Safety Sub Committee meeting held 12 November 2009 copies of which have been circulated to each Sub Committee member were adopted by Council at its meeting held 15 December 2009.

### Officer's Recommendation

That the information be noted.

**Sub Committee Note:**

It was noted that at the previous meeting Keith Kent should have been noted as an apology.

**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

**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 slight decrease. There have been some peaks for break and enter dwellings/non dwellings and stolen motor vehicle, which have been responded to with some targeted policing of key suspects.

**Sub Committee's Recommendation (Gilholme/Thomas)**

That the information be noted.

**CARRIED**

## **7.2 Campbelltown City Crime Prevention Plan 2009 - 2012**

### **Purpose**

To provide the Community Safety Sub Committee with an update of the Campbelltown City Crime Prevention Plan 2009 - 2012.

### **Report**

As previously reported to the Sub Committee, Council has developed a Crime Prevention Plan for the Local Government Area (LGA). The plan is in the final stages of the endorsement process. Council has received positive remarks from the Crime Prevention Division of the Department of Justice and Attorney General with regards to the Campbelltown City Crime Prevention Plan 2009 - 2012. The plan was placed on public exhibition during the period of December 2009 to February 2010 to allow the community to opportunity to comment on the plan. No comments were received by Council. The plan can now be presented to Council for formal endorsement. Once endorsed by Council the plan can be forwarded to the Crime Prevention Division for endorsement by the Attorney General. After the plan has been endorsed Council is eligible to submit applications for funding under the Community Safety Compact scheme.

### **Officer's Recommendation**

That the Campbelltown City Crime Prevention Plan 2009 - 2012 be submitted to Council for adoption.

### **Sub Committee's Recommendation (Gilholme/Brett)**

That the Campbelltown City Crime Prevention Plan 2009 - 2012 be submitted to Council for adoption.

### **CARRIED**

## **7.3 Local Issues Raised by the Community**

### **Purpose**

To provide the Community Safety Sub Committee with an update on local issues raised by the community.

### **Report**

The community has raised concerns regarding issues arising at the specific locations listed below:

Nil at time of the printing of the report.

### **Officer's Recommendation**

That the information be noted.

**Committee Note:** The following issues were raised to the Sub Committee's attention:

- Recently there has been a spate of graffiti attacks in Park Central, Council is currently monitoring this and is removing the graffiti as soon as possible.
- Robert Northey Bridge, St Andrews - It was noted that there has been several reports of anti-social behaviour in the vicinity of the Robert Northey Bridge, St Andrews. The Director City Works advised that the will provide relevant information to the Local Area Command,

and upon receiving telephone calls from concerned residents, encourage them to keep a record of events and report them directly to the Local Area Command.

- Koshigaya Park Campbelltown - Safety Concerns - it has been reported that there was a recent early evening attack. The Director City Works asked members of the Local Area Command if there is a pattern of similar attacks within Koshigaya Park. It was noted that there has not been a pattern of attacks within Koshigaya Park.
- Ingleburn - Town Centre (Woolworths)- It was noted that a number of residents have raised concerns regarding vehicles speeding in the share zones (10km zones) outside of Ingleburn Woolworths. A number of pedestrians in this area have had some close calls. The Director City Works advised that he will investigate the matter and assess the need for the installation of additional signage.
- Speeding in School Zones - It was noted that speeding is also a major issues within school zones across the Local Government Area.
- Park Central - It was noted that there is a regular group of youths gathering at Marsden Park in Park Central. Due to Police presence the number of large groups has reduced however the times that they attend the area have changed. This information was forwarded to Local Area Command.
- Park Central - It was noted that there are a number of issues with motorised push bikes, Sub Committee members asked members of the Local Area Command if there is any legislation in relation to the usage of these push bikes. It was noted that at this stage there is not any relevant legislation in place, however, the bicycles must be under a certain engine capacity (cc), or they are not permitted to ride on footpaths and require registration.
- Monkey Bikes (mini motorbikes) - It was noted that there are a large number of youths travelling on Monkey Bikes. Local Area Command advised that unless the riders are caught in the process of riding the vehicle it is very difficult to control, or a witness can present a statement and be prepared to attend court to support their statement. It was further noted that a number of parents are not aware of the legal ramifications of these motorbikes and that they must comply with relevant legislation. It was further noted that perhaps parents of the riders are unaware of the legal ramification of the illegal motorbike use and that there are relevant laws to be complied with.
- Trees encroaching road - It was noted that there are a number of roadside trees encroaching Narellan Road, between Kellicar and Moore Oxley Bypass. A number of vehicles are swerving to miss the overhanging branches. The Director City Works advised that this issue will be followed up as a maintenance item.

### **Sub Committee's Recommendation (Freeman/Montano)**

That the information be noted.

### **CARRIED**

## **7.4 Community Safety Program 2010**

### **Purpose**

To provide the Community Safety Sub Committee with an update of the proposed Community Safety activities for 2010.

### **Report**

The Campbelltown City Council Community Safety Program will continue to actively promote community safety, projects and crime prevention messages throughout the Local Government Area during 2010. The Community Safety Program for 2010 will predominately focus on the following activities:

- Promotion of community safety and crime prevention information and resources through Council facilities for example distribution through libraries, leisure centres and child care centres.
- Promotion of community safety and crime prevention information and resources through media outlets for example local paper and radio outlets.
- Promotion of community safety and crime prevention information and resources through Council events for example: Ingleburn Alive and Fisher's Ghost Festival.
- Consultation with community members through location specific local community safety meetings that identify safety concerns or issues specific to that community.
- Liaison with Police, Security providers and Main Street Association at security meetings.
- Working partnership established with UWS Security to discuss community safety issues specific to the local campus and students. Information packs to be developed and workshops covering personal safety presented to students.
- Operation Bounce Back program will run again in July 2010. Vehicle engine immobiliser vouchers will be distributed to owners of high risk vehicles along with an education campaign.
- Development of an A-Frame trailer to be utilised as a mobile billboard to promote community safety messages.
- Development and implementation of projects identified within the Campbelltown City Crime Prevention Plan 2009-2012.
- Joint Safety Audits conducted where issues or concerns arise. Recommendations implemented where feasible.
- Continuation of the rapid removal component of the Anti-Graffiti Initiative. Reestablishment of a working party to monitor graffiti in the LGA, to develop strategies to combat graffiti vandalism and to identify offenders.

### **Officer's Recommendation**

That the information be noted.

### **Sub Committee's Recommendation (Montano/Kent)**

That the information be noted.

### **CARRIED**

## **8. General Business**

### **8.1 Council Representation at Community Committees**

It was noted that at a number of community committees Council representation is minimal, a number of community concerns are raised at these meetings and a number of issues raised are Council issues. It was suggested that the link between Council and Community Committees be re-established. Community Committees include: Macquarie Fields, Claymore and Minto.

The Manager Technical Services provided business cards and noted that he will in liaison with the Manager Community Resources and Development endeavour to contact the Community Committee's to re-establish the link.

### **Sub Committee's Recommendation (Brett/Thomas)**

That the information be noted.

**CARRIED**

### **8.2 Macarthur Garden Electronic Notice**

It was noted that there are a number of residential developments which have their own electronic notice systems that alerts the residents of crimes within their area.. It was suggested that this initiative be extended to further communities.

The Director City Works advised that this initiative is promoted by the developer, however this initiative will be reviewed and opportunities for the potential extension of electronic notice systems will be reviewed.

### **Sub Committee's Recommendation (Thomas/Potts)**

That the information be noted.

**CARRIED**

### **8.3 Ingleburn Alive Festival**

Planning is underway in relation to traffic control for the Ingleburn Alive Festival to be held 20 March 2010. It was noted that there a Committee Meeting for Ingleburn Alive Festival will be held 11 March 2010 to discuss operational matters in relation to the Festival.

### **Sub Committee's Recommendation (Brett/Thomas)**

That the information be noted.

**CARRIED**

Next meeting of the Sub Committee is to be held 13 May 2010 in Committee Room 3.

Councillor Fred Borg  
**Chairperson**