

Minutes of the Community Safety Sub Committee

Held Thursday 18 November 2010
in Committee Room 3

Meeting Commenced: 12.32pm.

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
Greg Rolph - Commander - Campbelltown Police
Mark Brett - Acting Commander - Macquarie Fields Police
Mick Ward - Police Citizen Youth Club (PCYC)
Sharynne Freeman - Community Representative
Jorge Montano - Community Representative
Gary Potts - Representative from Aboriginal Advisory Sub Committee
Debra Mitford - Housing NSW
Keith Kent - Community Representative

Also in Attendance Councillor George Greiss
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
Peter Sullivan - NSW Police
Gordan Dojcinovic - NSW Police
Kristy Peters - Executive Support - Campbelltown City Council

Apologies: Pat McGowen - Campbelltown Chamber of Commerce and Industry
Members Maureen Fairless - Main Street Coordinator
Bob Timmis - Housing NSW
Ben Gilholme - Representative from Youth Advisory Sub Committee

Other Dr Andrew McDonald MP - Member for Macquarie Fields
Geoff Corrigan MP - Member for Camden
Amanda Fisher - Campbelltown City Council
Russell Matheson MP - Member for Macarthur

Sub Committee's Recommendation (Freeman/Thomas)

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 Peter Sullivan and Gordon Dojcinovic from NSW Police and all Sub Committee members to the Community Safety Sub Committee meeting. All Sub Committee members gave a brief introduction on their position on the Sub Committee.

4. Counter Terrorism Presentation - Gordon Dojcinovic

A presentation was made to the Sub Committee regarding Counter Terrorism with a focus on the Local Community. It was noted that Councils and the community play a key role in counter terrorism. Currently there are national campaigns in place regarding chemicals of concern, and it was noted that if a community member or council employee is noticing large quantities of chemical packaging being disposed of or purchased supplies, this matter should be immediately brought to the attention of Police. Community members should be encouraged to support the "If you suspect it, report it" Campaign.

There is a counter terrorism website in place: "Secure NSW", which is a multifunctional website that can readily provide information to the community. There is also a section where Councils can be provided direct information on counter terrorism. This website also provides information for communities at risk. It was noted that information posters are also available upon request.

5. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Report

The Minutes of the Community Safety Sub Committee held on 16 September 2010 copies of which have been circulated to each Sub Committee member were adopted by Council at its meeting held on 19 October 2010.

Officer's Recommendation

That the information be noted.

Sub Committee's Recommendation (Freeman/Potts)

That the information be noted.

CARRIED

6. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Safety Audit – Treelands Walk - 7.3

Councillor Hawker asked the Acting Manager Technical Services if the report has been completed regarding the Safety Audit - Treelands Walk.

Councils Acting Manager Technical Services advised that further details will be provided to the Committee once the report has been finalised.

Smoking at Outdoor Café's - 8.1

Councillor Hawker asked the Acting Manager Technical Services if investigations have been undertaken regarding legislation on Smoking at Outdoor Café's.

Councils Acting Manager Technical Services advised that further details will be provided to the Committee once the report has been finalised.

Community Safety Sub Committee Membership - 8.2

Councillor Hawker asked if he could be provided with an update in regards to the outcomes of the recent approaches made to Committee members regarding their non-attendance at Sub Committee meetings.

The Director City Works advised that contact has been made with a number of committee members and a number have indicated that they are still interested in attending. The Director City Works advised that further conversations are continuing and that he would report back to the next Sub Committee meeting.

Sub Committee's Recommendation (Hawker/Thomas)

That the information be noted.

CARRIED

7. Correspondence

Nil.

8. Reports

8.1 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 statistics show a decrease in reported incidents as compared to the same period for the previous year.

A discussion took place in regards to break and enter and the steps that residents can undertake in regards to protecting/identifying their belongings.

Local Area Command advised that recording serial numbers and engraving items greatly assist the Police in the recovery of stolen goods. A template to assist residents to record their belongings, will be provided to Council and details and links will be added to Council's website to assist in the promotion home safety.

Sub Committee's Recommendation (Hawker/Thomas)

1. That the information be noted.
2. That Council through its website and Compass publication encourage residents to engrave items and keep a record of serial numbers of home goods.

3. That Council investigate the feasibility of purchasing engraver kits that could be loaned to residents.

CARRIED

8.2 Operation Bounce Back

Purpose

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

Report

Council has experienced a slow Operation Bounce Back project compared to previous years. As a result, the National Motor Vehicle Theft Reduction Council has granted an extension period for the distribution of free engine immobiliser vouchers to residents who own older vehicles in the Campbelltown LGA.

Operation Bounce Back was promoted as part of the Community and Road Safety Trailers (CaRS) float for the Fisher's Ghost Street Parade on Saturday 6 November 2010. Promotion and giveaway of vouchers will continue during the Fisher's Ghost Street Fair on Saturday 13 November 2010.

Information about Operation Bounce Back is also available on Council's website or by contacting Council's Community Safety Officer.

Officer's Recommendation

That the information be noted.

Sub Committee's Recommendation (Freeman/Potts)

That the information be noted.

CARRIED

9. General Business

9.1 Residents concerns regarding Ingleburn Reserve

Concerns have been raised by community members regarding anti-social behaviour at Ingleburn Reserve. Councils Director City Works advised that contact has been made with Local Area Command regarding this matter and a letter has been forwarded to residents that have raised the issue advising them that the appropriate procedure is to report incidents to Macquarie Fields Police to assist the Police in tasking their resources.

It was noted that there has been no reports of property damage at the Reserve.

Sub Committee's Recommendation (Potts/Kent)

That the information be noted.

CARRIED

9.2 Concerns regarding Underage Drinking

Concerns have been raised regarding continued problem of underage drinking and the associated anti-social behaviour. Police advised that if they identify any underage drinkers they immediately confiscate and dispose of the alcohol and escort the offender home to their parents.

It was also noted that if underage drinking is undertaken in a private residence it is very difficult to control.

Sub Committee's Recommendation (Montano/Ward)

That the information be noted.

CARRIED

9.3 Information from the RTA regarding Motorised Assisted Pedal Cycles

Mr Jorge Montano confirmed that he had received the information provided by the Roads and Traffic Authority regarding motor assisted pedal cycles.

Sub Committee's Recommendation (Montano/Potts)

That the information be noted.

CARRIED

9.4 Thank You

Sub Committee members thanked Councils Community Safety Officer for her ongoing commitment to community safety. It was noted that Ms Fisher always provides prompt service and up to date information to Sub Committee members.

Sub Committee's Recommendation (Freeman/Potts)

That the information be noted.

CARRIED

Next meeting 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 meetings of the Community Safety Sub Committee for 2011 are as follows:

- 10 March
- 16 June
- 29 September
- 24 November

Meetings will commence at 12.30pm in Councils Administrative Building.

Councillor Paul Hawker

Chairperson

Meeting Concluded: 1.36pm