

Notes of the Community Safety Sub Committee

Held Thursday 13 May 2010 in Committee Room 3

1. Acknowledgement of Land

An Acknowledgement of Land was presented by Councillor Fred Borg.

2. Attendance and Apologies

Attendance: Councillor Fred Borg (Chairperson)
Councillor Mollie Thomas
Bryan Doyle - Chief Inspector - Campbelltown Police
Mark Brett - Inspector - Macquarie Fields Police
Ben Gilholme - Representative from Youth Advisory Sub Committee
Keith Kent - Community Representative

Also in Attendance: John Hely - Director City Works
Lucy Liddiard - Senior Sergeant - Campbelltown Police
Lindy Deitz - Acting General Manager - Campbelltown City Council
Paul Nunnary - Representative for Hon Graham West MP - Member for Campbelltown
Alan Bourke - School Captain - Campbelltown Performing Arts High School
Amanda Fisher - Community Safety Officer - Campbelltown City Council
Bruce McCausland - Manager Community Resources and Development - Campbelltown City Council
Kevin Lynch - Acting Manager Technical Services - Campbelltown City Council
Deborah Taylor - Executive Support - Campbelltown City Council

Apologies:

Members

Maureen Fairless - Main Street Coordinator
Bob Timmis - Housing NSW
Grant Butterfield - Director Campbelltown Chamber of Commerce
Bill Hall - Ingleburn Chamber of Commerce
Gary Potts - Representative from Aboriginal Advisory Sub Committee
Jorge Montano - Community Representative
Melissa Waaka - Pacific Islander Community Representative
Sgt Mick Ward - Serving Officer from Police Citizens Youth Club
Sharynne Freeman - Community Representative
Bob Timmis - Housing NSW
Mick Goodwin - Superintendent - Campbelltown Police (Alternate Member)
Patrick Paroz - Superintendent - Macquarie Fields Police (Alternate Member)

Observers

Vanessa South - Mainstreet Ambassador
Hon Graeme West MP - Member for Campbelltown
Mr Geoff Corrigan MP - Member for Camden
Dr Andrew McDonald MP - Member for Macquarie Fields
Hon Chris Hayes MP - Federal Member for Werriwa
Hon Pat Farmer MP - Federal Member for Macarthur
Brenton McKnight Senior Student - Mount Carmel High School

Due to a shortage of Committee Members a Quorum was not achieved.

Welcome and Introductions

Councillor Borg welcomed all Sub Committee members to the Community Safety Sub Committee meeting. A particular welcome was extended to - Deputy Mayor - Councillor Mollie Thomas and Lindy Deitz - Acting General Manager. All Sub Committee members gave a brief introduction.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest made at this meeting.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Report

The minutes of the Community Safety Sub Committee meeting held 11 March 2010 copies of which have been circulated to each Sub Committee member were adopted by Council at its meeting held 4 May 2010.

5. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Committee Note: The following points from the Previous Minutes were discussed:

- Park Central

It was noted that a number of issues relating to Park Central including parking, speeding and the difficulty that elderly people have in crossing the road from the retirement village to the shops were discussed at the Council meeting of 4 May 2010.

Council's Acting Manager Technical Services advised Committee Members that approval has been received for a pedestrian crossing on Hyde Parade, Park Central.

Councillor Thomas noted that the issue of the use of motorised pushbikes is still causing concern to both residents and visitors.

The **Campbelltown** Local Area Command **representative** advised that this issue would be investigated and that advertisements would be placed in the local newspaper regarding the rules and regulations relating to motorised pushbikes.

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 **presented** a summary of crime trends for the LGA.

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 motor vehicle theft, robberies, sexual assaults and break and enter non dwellings which have been responded to with some targeted policing of key suspects.

7.2 Safety Audit - Macquarie Fields

Purpose

To provide the Community Safety Sub Committee with an update of the results from the safety audit conducted at Macquarie Fields on Thursday 22 April 2010.

Report

Council's Community Safety Officer along with representatives from Macquarie Fields Police Force, Housing NSW and the Community participated in a night safety audit at Macquarie Fields on Thursday 22 April 2010. The objective of the safety audit was to inspect lighting fixtures/levels and to identify any lights in need of repair in the Macquarie Fields area. Issues identified are listed in the audit document attachment 1.

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

Committee Note: It was noted that Integral Energy rely on residents to report street lights that are out by reporting the number found on the side of the light pole and phoning Integral Energy or logging the issue via their internet page. Council will be promoting this information.

It was noted that there will be a Community Safety Forum for the suburb of Minto, held on the evening of 30 June 2010 at Minto Community Hall from 7pm. This **Forum** aims to provide the Minto community with community safety and crime prevention information as well as allow the community to ask questions relevant to their needs.

7.3 Mobile Billboard - A-frame Trailer

Purpose

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

Report

Council is currently undergoing a process of acquiring a new trailer with an A-frame 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.

Council has submitted an application through NRMA Insurance Community Help Grants program for \$5000 to contribute to the costs of manufacturing the signage to be displayed on the A-frame trailers.

Committee Note: The progress on the development of an A Frame Trailer was noted.

8. General Business

8.1 School Educational Program

Alan Bourke - School Captain Campbelltown Performing Arts High School noted that the school currently receives 1 to 2 visits per year from the Local Area Command to discuss various issues that affect the community. Alan noted that it would be beneficial for schools to receive more frequent visits that also included discussions around the ramifications and financial impacts to the community of criminal activities. Students could also be advised that community members are able to anonymously contact Police with information regarding any crimes as many students are not aware of these provisions.

It was noted by Committee Members that there is an opportunity for the Local Area Command to facilitate and educational program within the local high schools.

Next meeting of the committee will be held on 15 July 2010 at 12.30pm in Committee Room 3.

Councillor Fred Borg
Chairperson