

Minutes of the Community Safety Sub Committee

Held Thursday 16 September 2010
in Committee Room 3

Meeting Commenced: 12.32pm.

1. Acknowledgement of Land

An Acknowledgement of Land was presented by Councillor Borg.

2. Attendance and Apologies

Attendance: Councillor Fred Borg (Chairperson)
Councillor Mollie Thomas
Bryan Doyle - Chief Inspector - Campbelltown Police
Jason Horn - Inspector - Macquarie Fields Police
Mick Ward - Police Citizen Youth Club (PCYC)
Sharynne Freeman - Community Representative
Jorge Montano - Community Representative
Alison Croall - Representative from Aboriginal Advisory Sub Committee
Bob Timmis - Housing NSW
Ben Gilholme - Representative from Youth Advisory Sub Committee

Also in Attendance Rod Cutler - Macquarie Fields Police
Mark Stead - Police Citizen Youth Club (PCYC)
Kyle McLeary - School Captain - Campbelltown Performing Arts High School
Mel Taylor - School Captain - Campbelltown Performing Arts High School
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
Kristy Peters - Executive Support - Campbelltown City Council

Apologies: Bill Hall - Ingleburn Chamber of Commerce of Commerce and Industry
Members Maureen Fairless - Main Street Coordinator
Pat McGowen - Campbelltown Chamber of Commerce of Commerce and Industry
Keith Kent - Community Representative
Pat Paroz - Superintendent - Macquarie Fields Police
Greg Rolph - Superintendent - Campbelltown Police
Garry Potts Representative from Aboriginal Advisory Sub Committee

Other Dr Andrew McDonald MP - Member for Macquarie Fields

Sub Committee's Recommendation (Freeman/Croall)

That the information be noted.

CARRIED

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest made at this meeting.

Welcome and Introduction

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

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Report

The Minutes of the Community Safety Sub Committee held on 15 July 2010 copies of which have been circulated to each Sub Committee member were adopted by Council at its meeting held on 24 August 2010.

Officer's Recommendation

That the information be noted.

Sub Committee's Recommendation (Freeman/Doyle)

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 which have been responded to with targeted policing of key suspects.

It was noted that partnerships amongst relative agencies has aided in the reduction of crime statistics within the Local Government Area.

A detailed discussion took place regarding graffiti within the Local Government Area, it was highlighted that further educational resources are required to educate residents that graffiti is a crime.

Sub Committee's Recommendation (Thomas/Montano)

That the information be noted.

CARRIED

7.2 Mobile Billboard - CaRS Trailers

Purpose

To provide the Community Safety Sub Committee with an update on the CaRS trailers to promote safety messages throughout the LGA.

Report

As previously reported Council has purchased two (2) purpose built trailers to house billboard type signage. Council has produced the first message boards that will form part of a rotating community message program. 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 were allocated for the purchase of the Community and Road Safety (CaRS) trailers through Council's Operation Bounce Back grant.

Council will engage with partners to target specific community issues.

Officer's Recommendation

That the information be noted.

Sub Committee's Recommendation (Ward/Timmis)

That the information be noted.

CARRIED

7.3 Safety Audit – Treelands Walk

Purpose

To inform the Community Safety Sub Committee that a Safety Audit of Treelands Walk – Ingleburn has been scheduled for 8 September 2010.

Report

As was discussed at the previous Community Safety Sub Committee on Thursday 15 July 2010, an audit was scheduled for Wednesday 8 September 2010. Further details will be provided to the Committee once the report has been finalised.

Officer's Recommendation

That the information be noted.

Sub Committee's Recommendation (Horn/Doyle)

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 recently advertised the Operation Bounce Back project in the local papers, asking residents who had eligible cars to email their details, the details of their vehicle and a photo of the vehicle to communitysafety@campbelltown.nsw.gov.au.

The uptake of the immobiliser vouchers was disappointing with only seventeen (17) vouchers being distributed. Another media campaign is scheduled for late September. It is anticipated that the hotline number will be set up as in previous years to distribute the last remaining vouchers.

Officer's Recommendation

That the information be noted.

Sub Committee's Recommendation (Croall/Gilholme)

That the information be noted.

CARRIED

7.5 Motor Assisted Pedal Cycles

Purpose

To provide the Community Safety Sub Committee with information from the Roads and Traffic Authority regarding Motor Assisted Pedal Cycles.

Report

Council has received information from the Roads and Traffic Authority which states that motor assisted pedal cycles are only to be used to provide assistance when necessary, such as when pedalling into strong wind or uphill and the engine is limited to 200 watts.

Officer's Recommendation

That the information be noted.

Sub Committee's Recommendation (Freeman/Montano)

That the information be noted.

CARRIED

8. General Business

8.1 Smoking at Outdoor Café's

Concerns were raised regarding the number of persons smoking within the outdoor seating areas at Café's along Queen Street, Campbelltown. The Council representatives were asked if there is anything that can be done to reduce the number of areas in which smoking is occurring to reduce the health hazards to others.

This issue will be reviewed by Council staff to determine if there is any relevant legislation in place that will allow Council to implement strategies to reduce smoking in outdoor public areas.

Sub Committee's Recommendation (Freeman/Borg)

That the information be noted.

CARRIED

8.2 Community Safety Sub Committee Membership

The Director City Works advised that contact has been made with a number of committee members regarding their non attendance at Sub Committee meetings.

Police representatives noted that as the Sub Committee includes representatives from a wide variety of community agencies it is his view that it is considered important that all of those currently appointed to the Committee be encouraged to attend meetings in the future as it provides a great opportunity for these agencies to discuss community safety issues.

Sub Committee's Recommendation (Horn/Doyle)

That the information be noted.

CARRIED

Next meeting of the committee will be held on 18 November 2010 at 12.30pm in Committee Room 3.

Councillor Fred Borg
Chairperson

Meeting Concluded: 2.20pm