

Liverpool Plains Community Safety Precinct Committee Meeting 15th March 2010 – Liverpool Plains Council Chambers

Present: Cr Colleen Wills – Quirindi Shire Council, Meaghanne Clarke - Quirindi High School, Mrs Tammie Clarke - Chamber of Commerce, Mr Gordon Nean - Aboriginal Elder, Kylie Marquart – Hunter New England Health, Jenny Hicks- Quirindi Advocate, Insp O'Reilly, S/C Jen Ridley, S/C Sharp, Constable Georgia Harvey, Miss Renae Townsend –GASO.

Apologies: Supt Clint Pheeny Mr George Souris MP, Sgt Brown, Ms Ruythe Dufty

Meeting commenced: 11.10am

Welcome and overview of meeting by Inspector O'Reilly.

All Committee members introduced themselves and their position on the committee to other members.

Outstanding Business from previous meeting:

- PCYC – A new officer has commenced at Gunnedah however she is currently on leave and unable to attend this meeting.
Action: S/C Devine to attend next meeting.
- Gofers (Motorised Wheel Chairs):
Sergeant Brown is monitoring usage with a view of what action can be taken to increase awareness of road safety. Cr Wills has suggested a meeting with Sergeant Brown – seek assistance from RTA.
Action: Sergeant Brown to liaise with Cr Wills and RTA – with a view of publishing an article in the local paper.
- Discussion on a mentoring program for Aboriginal youth – perhaps police could be involved with Mentors.
Action: Sgt Brown to liaise with Ms Clarke

Overview of crime in Quirindi and Werris Creek areas given by Senior Constable Sharp – Quirindi Police Station

Sector Control Charts on all Crime Categories for the Werris Creek and Quirindi Sector were distributed to all attendees and an analysis given by S/C Sharp.

Cr Wells advised that CCTV had been installed in the library following recent Malicious Damage to the area. The Shire is now looking at getting CCTV installed at the Railway Station and also the Quirindi Pool following persons climbing the fence after hours.

Overview of Youth Crime given by Constable Harvey

Const Harvey advised that she will be at the Quirindi Public School on the 22nd March 2010 conducting bullying workshops and she has contacted the Werris Creek Public School re: same.

Inspector O'Reilly advised the Committee that he liaises with the BHP Office regularly to ensure all is proceeding well at the Caroon Coal mine.

Cr Wells advised there have been complaints made to the Shire in relation to all the Rail Infrastructure going on in the area.

General Business

Cr Wells requested an update in relation to police presence at Willow Tree.

Inspector O'Reilly informed the meeting that an officer took up duties at the Willow Tree Police Station 10 days ago and will be there for a minimum of three years. Cr Wells reports the Shire would like Willow Tree to be a part of the Liverpool Shire and there have been many discussions in relation to this but still no resolution at this stage.

Mrs Clarke thanked the police for their assistance over the past months with incidents that have happened within the school and for the proactive police work being carried out by the Quirindi/Werris Creek police. It has been well received by students.

She also advised the program Love Bites was well received and there were two disclosures from students following this.

They will try and run the program annually and the program is aimed at Year 10 students.

Mrs Clarke will bring along a student representative for the next meeting.

Gordon Nean raised an issue regarding the food van that has been setting up opposite licensed premises at closing time. He believed that this will raise the issue of persons staying in the area after leaving the hotel rather than dispersing. Which could cause anti social behaviour.

Mr Merv Pendegast from the Shire has advised that at this stage there have been no restrictions put on the food van but restrictions can be put into place if there are problems surrounding the van. The Council have spoken with the proprietors of the van in relation to an issue of rubbish strewn up and down the street following trade and this problem is to be monitored.

Action: To be monitored by Quirindi Police for anti social behaviour and an analysis to be conducted on any incidents surrounding the hotels upon closing time.

It was requested by Cr Wells that an article be placed in the local paper in relation to road safety and the new child restraint laws so the residents of the Shire are aware of these changes.

Action: Sgt Brown to include information regarding these changes in the Column he provides to the Advocate.

Mrs Clark from the Chamber of Commerce in Quirindi would like to have police participation again in the Christmas festivities that will be held in Quirindi possible the 2nd weekend in December. DTBA.

There will be a lot of younger children involved in these festivities and if possible it would be great to have Const Charlie attend. Chamber also advises the pre schools in the area are full and Meaghanne Clarke from Quirindi High advised that the high school numbers are up by 40 students this year. Great news for the Shire.

Upcoming events

10-18 April is National Youth Week
26 May is Library Information Week.

Meeting closed 12.15pm

Minutes: R. Townsend

Next Meeting — 11am – 30th August 2010 - Liverpool Shire Council Chambers