

MINUTES OF THE CASTLEREAGH LOCAL AREA COMMAND COMMUNITY SAFETY PRECINCT COMMITTEE MEETING

The following are minutes of the Castlereagh Local Area Command Community Safety Precinct Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 24 March 2010 in the Walgett Police Station Meeting Room, commencing at 5.55 pm.

1. PRESENT

Acting Superintendent Ross Wilkinson (Chairperson)	Castlereagh Local Area Command
Inspector Tony Mureau	Castlereagh Local Area Command
Natalie Dunstan (Minute Secretary)	Castlereagh Local Area Command
John McGovern	Walgett Community Promotions / Ratepayer
Barry Wright	Ratepayer
Helen Wright	Ratepayer
Mel Smith	Centrelink

2. APOLOGIES

Acting Superintendent Bob Noble (Chairperson)	Castlereagh Local Area Command
Ron Fuller	Centrelink

3. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Acting Superintendent Wilkinson introduced himself and welcomed all to the meeting.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD 2 DECEMBER 2009

Minutes of the Community Safety Precinct Meeting held on 2 December 2009 were distributed to those attendees at the meeting.

RESOLUTION:

It was resolved, Moved Inspector Mureau, Seconded Barry Wright that the Minutes of the Community Safety Precinct Committee Meeting held on 2 December 2009 be confirmed.

Carried.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MEETING HELD 2 DECEMBER 2009

5.1 Lighting

It was agreed at the previous meeting that Acting Superintendent Noble forwards a letter from the Police to Country Energy expressing concern with the delay in implementing lighting improvements in Peel Street and CBD areas of Walgett Township as agreed to with Walgett Shire Council.

Acting Superintendent Wilkinson advised that he will clarify with Acting Superintendent Noble if the letter has been forwarded, however it was noted that the Crime Prevention Officer had met with representatives of Council to discuss lighting matters.

Members of the community expressed concern over the lights not working on the Monument in Walgett. Acting Superintendent Wilkinson noted the concerns raised, however reminded attendees that these forums were not for these types of issues to be discussed as it is not a responsibility of Police.

Acting Superintendent Wilkinson advised that he would contact Country Energy to notify them of the lighting that is not working at the Monument located in Walgett.

ACTION:

That Acting Superintendent Wilkinson contact Country Energy to notify them of the lighting that is not working at the Monument located in Walgett.

5.2 Liquor Accords

Acting Superintendent Wilkinson informed the meeting that the implementation of Liquor Accords across the Command was being rolled-out and that it would be beneficial for Licensed Premises to voluntarily agree with the Accord process, rather than the Accord Agreement being forced upon them.

5.3 Break and Enters – Information Regarding Alarm System Installations

At the previous meeting it was requested if possible for information to be retrieved that showed what houses that have been victims of break and enters have had alarm systems installed.

Inspector Mureau informed the meeting that this information cannot be easily accessed through the Police Systems and the only way to retrieve the information is for the Intelligence Analyst to work through each individual incident.

Inspector Mureau advised that he will attend to this request at the earliest opportunity.

ACTION:

That Inspector Mureau enquire whether information can be retrieved to show what houses have been victims of break and enter and that have had alarm systems installed.

6. CRIME STATISTICS FOR CASTLEREAGH LOCAL AREA COMMAND

Inspector Mureau provided a presentation on Crime Statistics across the Castlereagh Local Area Command which displayed statistical information from

- Statistical information relating to the following categories was discussed:-
 - Assaults
 - Break and Enter
 - Malicious Damage
 - Stealing
 - Stolen Motor Vehicles
 - Move On's
 - Person Search

Acting Superintendent Wilkinson informed the meeting that some positive results had been achieved and included such things as the following:-

- **Incidents at Coonamble** - recently have led to ten persons being identified as being involved and Police have charged eight so far.
- **Bail Compliance Checks** – Castlereagh Local Area Command are currently the 8th highest in the State for Bail Compliance Checks and this is working extremely well. Acting Superintendent Wilkinson acknowledged the achievement of Inspector Mureau and Staff for this positive result.

7. OPEN FORUM – COMMUNITY MEMBERS

7.1 CHILDREN ON THE STREETS AT NIGHT

Discussions were held in regards to the children on the street at night and the concerns that community members have with this.

Acting Superintendent Wilkinson informed the meeting that the Police are well aware of these concerns and that every effort is being made to try and address this matter by moving children on, however if they see incidents that should not be occurring, then this needs to be reported to Police.

Acting Superintendent Wilkinson explained the powers of Police and the limitations that are placed upon Police when dealing with young people. Whilst it may appear to members of the community that Police may drive past these children in question and not address the matter, this is not the case. Police do use the “move on powers” and try and encourage these children to go home, but unfortunately there is limitations on how much Police can actually implement.

7.2 NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Mr McGovern advised that he believed the ceasing of Neighbourhood Watch in Walgett was a loss to the community. Mr McGovern believed that the Neighbourhood Forum provided an opportunity for both Police and community members to exchange information.

After discussions it was agreed that the Community Safety Precinct Meetings are there for community members to have input and for Police to provide information to the community. To encourage greater attendance at these meetings, it was agreed that the meetings will be advertised in the Police Media Releases and possible reminders forwarded just prior to the next meeting date.

7.3 POSITIVE OUTCOMES

- Mr McGovern thanked the Police for the “easy to understand” statistics that were provided in the presentation of crime statistics.
- Mrs Wright commended the Police for the Project Murra (Aboriginal Traineeship Program) initiative and that this was a positive project for the students to participate in.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.00 pm

**Next Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 23 June 2010
commencing at 5.45 pm in the Walgett Police Station Meeting Room**