

MEETING MINUTES

Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee

12 August 2020 – 17:00

City of Kalamunda Function Room

Administration Building 2 Railway St, Kalamunda

1.0 OPENING OF MEETING

LB welcomed everyone to the meeting and was officially opened at 17:03.

2.0 ATTENDANCE

Attending Members

Cr Lesley Boyd – Chair	LB
Cr Cameron Blair	CB
Cr Sue Bilich	SB
Patricia McQuade	PM
Peter O'Connor	PO
Mark Brennan	MB
Snr Sgt Simon Roy Newland – Forrestfield Police	RN
Mark Brennan	MB
Glynn Cooper	GC

Attending Staff

James Wickens – Manager Environmental Health and Community Safety	JW
Annelies Gevers – Community Safety and Crime Prevention Officer	AG

Apologies

Annette Crick	AC
Cr Janelle Sewell	JS
Cameron Watts	CW
Dr Shirlee-ann Knight- Curtin University	SK
Tim Parry – Coordinator Community Safety	TP
Peter Varelis – Director Development Services	PV
Doug Bartlett - Manager Asset Planning	DB
Engel Prendergast – Senior Road Safety Consultant, WALGA	EP

3.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

- First: Patricia McQuade
- Second: Mark Brennan

4.0 DEPUTATIONS

- No deputations.

5.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

5.1 Carried forward to next committee meeting

5.2 Anti-social issues at the Zig Zag to be discussed

The zigzag was temporarily closed by the City for 6 months

JW: Confirmed the close of the Zig Zag Engagement survey is on the 7th of September. During the last 5 months there have been 59 security patrols since late May 2020. Ultimately this stopped majority of the vehicles doing burnouts. However, this has created another concern as people with 4-wheel drive vehicles.

The DBCA completed a night patrol however no issues were identified that night however they will consider doing another night. The 4 Wheel Drivers are cutting new tracks in the Gooseberry Hill National Park which is a serious offence if caught. There are still complaints regarding people camping and motorbikes coming through. There has been reports of anti-social behaviour on Ocean View Avenue; patrols have not seen anything.

CB: Currently at Iascelles Parade is closed on Ocean View Intersection. There is a gravel car park on the right-hand side, there are party's being held there. New tracks are being formed and at the base of the track rubbish is still an issue. The positives though are less cars, it's quieter, no drifting, hooning, and less motorbikes. Residents are looking forward to the outcome of the survey on Kalamunda Engage portal.

5.3 Department of Justice Criminal Property Confiscation Grants Program

AG: Unfortunately, we were unsuccessful in the grant applications as per a phone conversation from the Department of Justice on 12.08.2020. We were encouraged to re-apply as they have re-opened the same grant application for the next 8 weeks.

Action: Moving forward AG, JW and RN to collaborate on other opportunities to discuss the best way to move forward.

5.4 JW Letter to Curtin University inviting Dr Paul Cozens to present to the committee.

JW has written to **PC** at Curtin University seeking opportunity to present to the committee. No response to the letter has been received.

GC: Asked who Paul Cozens was, in which, **JW** advised that Paul Cozens is a Professor from Curtin University who is an expert in designing out crime.

Action: The Committee to cease contact with Paul Cozens and explore other options.

5.5 Outer Metro Arts Grant Program.

JW: Stated the Outer Metro Arts Grant Program has been reinstated. Kalamunda Performing Arts Centre staff are going to apply for it again.

Action: **JW** to provide additional updates moving forward.

6.0 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Nil

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE - in/out

Nil

8.0 ITEMS FOR COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

8.1 WALGA Road wise update – Engel Prendergast

Action: Engel Prendergast was an apology, a WALGA Road Wise update will happen at the next Committee meeting.

8.2 Preliminary outcome summary for Youth Community Safety & Crime Prevention Online Survey

AG: Provided the following information regarding the results of youth consult. The total number of submissions were 250, 145 were females and were 91 males. The main age bracket that completed the survey was 11-15 years old with 152 submissions. The top 4 interests were 152 – team sports, 137 were Outdoor Adventures, 122 were music and 108 were creative arts.

LB provided a background summary of how the community safety and crime prevention youth consult for the new committee members. The council approved for the Youth Community Development Officers to hold a youth forum. The forum would provide insight into programs that the City could run and facilitate. Driven a specific idea lead by community. However due to COVID-19 the City ran the Youth Consultation online through the City of Kalamunda Engagement portal. As mentioned, the Youth consult was successful with over 250 submissions received. Lesley requested **JW** to run through the different age brackets of the submissions as a comparison.

LB requested for the future committee meeting to brought forward for the committee to review the results earlier. **JW** stated the youth team needed time to analyse the results.

PM: mentioned her daughter completed the survey and mentioned that should not the programs come from schools and not the local government entity.

LB Police are heavily involved at Darling Range Sports College and Forrestfield Primary School; however, it is up to the school in what they want to develop and implement depending on the school curriculum.

MB: Asked if Forrestfield Primary School was a public or private institution

LB: Stated Forrestfield Primary School was Public.

Action: Community Development Youth Team and Community Engagement Team to Present the Youth CSCP Consult Results at the next Committee meeting.

8.3 Adoption of the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan

JW: Mentioned that the current Committee and the previous committee has done lots of work on the new CS&CP plan. At the last committee meeting, it was resolved to advertise the plan for 3 weeks which closed on the 13th of March 2020. We received 29 responses in total.

The top three main items that raised through the consultation were early intervention programs, CCTV, and additional security patrols. As a result, the City has included an additional action to the plan to investigate the opportunity to implement security patrols within the City.

The consultation summary results had been shared through email to the Committee for feedback

LB asked if the committee had any objections if the City were to endorse the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan.

SB asked why that on page 4 of the plan, the description of results stated, "some of the results" rather than "all". As it could be misread by the community, this description statement needs to be rephrased.

RN: Said a link could be provided to have access to the full report.

MB: Agreed with Roy that a link would be a good solution

CB: Agreed with Councillor Sue Billich that phrasing needs to be changed

SB: Suggested to remove the word "some" with "main" and insert link too.

JW: Agreed this can be done and full results from the consultation can be provided.

GC Asked **RN** if security patrols have additional powers like the Police?

RN: In relation to state legislation depending on the situation some use of force options can be undertaken. However, there is a grey area and sometimes the "use of force options" interpretation can be misinterpreted.

GV: Currently communication is a barrier if a crime occurs who do we report it too? The website is an informative resource regarding CCTV Camera local locations. Noted is interested to know more about neighbourhood watch.

RN: Suggested to place links to crime prevention strategies the City is undertaking on the website.

JW: Said once the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan is endorsed by the committee and adopted by Council the City can pursue the actions and strategies in the plan.

MB stated that he thinks 80% of the residents that reside within the City would like to see additional security patrols. Security patrols put people at ease, prevents crime through passive surveillance and acts as a deterrence for anti-social activity.

RN: Added that responses are based on perception. Such as lighting, CCTV, environmental design and a combination factor.

GC: Mentioned the Smiley Face on the speed advisory trailers are great a deterrence.

RN Reminded the committee that the plan is not set in stone and is live document. The council and committee are committed to continually assess, review, and update it.

MB: If rate payers want the security patrols then as a committee, we are obliged to investigate the opportunity.

PM: Stated in her previous experience in South Africa security companies provided back up to support the local police station. Local police stations were limited in the amount of active patrolling vehicles on the beat however security patrols can have upwards of 24 vehicles surveying the community. The security patrols also have camera footage capacities to record incidents but also act as a deterrent for anti-social behaviour. Security officers can apprehend citizens on the scene until the police can get there. PM also mentioned that residents such as the lady's senior groups are still upset with removal of the Kalamunda local police station

LB: Stated that the suburb of Forrestfield has more crime reported compared to the whole of City of Kalamunda area. Police District Report is very low. From a resource perspective the choice is either to split the resources (2 X Police Stations) split everything in two. By having only one police station in Forrestfield resources can go into having additional officers out on the road.

MB: We need to understand the mindset and perceptions of residents.

LB: Agrees and stated there are continual concerns with people sleeping in people's shops at night and during the day.

LB: Called for a decision to be made regarding the change to page 4 as mentioned previously by **Councillor Sue Bilich**

Change from 'some of the results from the survey' to an 'example of results from the survey'

LB: Finalised the community safety and crime prevention plan with the above amendments made for endorsement from council

Resolution – 1. That the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Committee endorse the draft Community Safety & Crime Prevention Plan 2020 – 2025.

2. That the Community Safety & Crime Prevention Committee submit the draft Community Safety & Crime Prevention Plan 2020-2025 to Council for adoption.

Moved:

First: **Glynn Cooper**

Second: **Patricia McQuade**

8.4 Summary of Strategic Community Plan inputs and process

JW: To provide the update on behalf of Nicole O'Neil. Engagement begins in October 2020: reviewing and revisit the strategies of the Community Strategic Plan.

Objective: 1.2: To provide safe and healthy environments for community to enjoy

Strategy: 1.2.1: Facilitate a safe community environment.

LB: Instructed the committee to communicate feedback by the return date for the Strategic Community Plan

9.0 URGENT BUSINESS WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE PRESIDING MEMBER

9.1 Wattle Grove Cell 9 CCTV Feasibility Study

JW

The purpose of this RFQ is for a CCTV security expert to provide a feasibility study into the placement of CCTV cameras at the three main vehicle entrance points into Wattle Grove, Cell 9 (refer attachment 1), to assess the need and cost effective placement in response to crime in the area.

The City of Kalamunda CCTV Policy and Strategy sets out how the City will achieve CCTV system requirements and expand the CCTV network into the future. CCTV surveillance is acknowledged as a valuable tool for the protection of people and property. Alongside crime deterrence, public CCTV improves the perception of community safety.

Feedback the City has received from the community indicates that increased CCTV was in the top three of priorities when commenting on the City's draft Community Safety & Crime Prevention Plan 2020-2025. It also ranked highly in a recent community scorecard with the community stating that installing more CCTV, improved street lighting and more traffic calming as one of their top priorities regarding safety.

Action: James Wickens: Requested the committee's feedback on the feasibility study in the next 2 weeks.

LB Provided the new committee members the reason why the City has done this; One of the reasons this has come up the area in wattle grove has three entry points, so if it was to come to fruition there is a lot of crime that happens in the area in evening or night time, home CCTV captures side of car not the front or back, missing the license plates. The premise is that the CCTV will pick up the driver license plates, match the time and day of the offence, and correlate the information with the intersections to the proposed time. The area of Mandurah Way backs onto the reserve, potential feedback is cars will be parked on Tonkin HWY, alternatively a fourth CCTV camera may need to be considered.

MB I like the idea of the fourth CCTV camera

PM The police arrive too late to the carpark near the Tonkin FWY. 2-3 times an evening the police should track the cars.

GC: Asked if this is a generic template that can be applied to any suburb within the City of Kalamunda?

LB: Stated the CCTV strategy has a template within the plan however this project is considered more complex and therefore a consultant is required.

Action: JW to Share the CCTV strategy to committee members.

GC: Asked where the current public CCTV cameras are.

JW: Stated that there are 8 locations within the City of Kalamunda where there are public CCTV Camera's installed.

1. Zig Zag carpark
2. Kalamunda Public library
3. Jack Healey Centre
4. Lesmurdie Falls Carpark
5. Lions look out
6. Woodlupine Family Community Centre
7. High Wycombe road – Opposite the High Wycombe Tavern
8. Skate park at Hartfield Park

GC: asked Do you we have a register of resident's home CCTV Cameras?

RN: A register of users, a strategy that has been look at state level however it is a very large project that is ever evolving.

MB: Community register? Can this only be used it for significant crimes

RN: No

LB: Stated that it will take three months till the next committee meeting until the results of the youth consult are shared. Is there an appetite from committee members to bring

the next committee forward? And talk about the available grant opportunities in correlation with the youth consult results. As stated previously the Forrestfield Primary School are happy for the committee to use their facilities such as the commercial kitchen

JW: Stated the Youth and Community Development team are at capacity and require time to analyse the data and prepare the presentation. Suggest presentation is made at the next scheduled CSCPAC meeting in November.

LB: Suggested the option to have two sub-committee one for CCTV and the other on Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan.

LB: Would like to focus on three main themes

1. Sports (to fill the gap where parents might not be able to get youth to games and training sessions. Aware of Kids sport however that only cover registration fees. Provided on personal example that she has paid for many of the kids playing in the local football team she is coaching shirts, socks, and boots.
2. Arts: Forrestfield Primary School have donated 4 old softball pitching frames that could be used for an arts project
3. DIY projects for older age groups that are disengaged from school and involve the local Forrestfield men's shed

RN: Stated that for future committee meetings we can use Microsoft teams and it can record transcripts of the meeting.

GC: Asked again who is Paul Cozens?

JW: Professor of Designing out Crime at Curtin University who was a private contact of the previous Forrestfield Police Office in Charge Simon Parke.

RN: Has a studied law and criminology at Murdoch University and University of Western Australia and believes there could be potential for his previous lecturers to deliver a presentation on designing out crime.

GC: Stated that we could use the zig zag to design out crime as a study case for students through a university.

LB: Wanted to make minute that previous staff attendance to the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Committee meetings was very much appreciated and well received and she wanted to thank the staff for the ongoing support of both the plan and the committee.

10.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

11 November 2020

11.0 MEETING CLOSED

19:34 by LB who thanked everyone for their time