

Central Coast Community Safety Partnership Committee

Minutes of a meeting held in the Council Chambers

Wednesday, 6 December 2023 – Commencing at 10.15am

1 PRESENT

Council Representatives: Cr Cheryl Fuller (Mayor)
Paul Breaden (Director Infrastructure Services)
Chris Clark (Manager Community Development)
Melissa Budgeon (Community Wellbeing Officer)
Tracey Clark (Administrative Support)
Laura Wiggers (Communication and Relationships)

Community Representatives: **Garth Johnston** (Community – Penguin)
Lynn Norton-Smith (Community – Turners Beach)
Alex Bonde (Tasmania Police)
Simon Douglas (Ulverstone Neighbourhood House)
Simon Dent (Ulverstone Secondary College)

2 WELCOME

The Mayor, Cr Cheryl Fuller, welcomed everyone to the meeting and read the Acknowledgement of Country.

The Council acknowledges and pays respect to the traditional owners of lutruwita (Tasmania), the palawa/pakana people. We acknowledge the Punnilerpanner tribe of this Northern Country, and in doing so, we celebrate one of the world's oldest continuous cultures.

3 APOLOGIES

Sam van der Meulen (Housing Choices), and **Jenelle Wells** (Health Promotion Consultant). **Daryl Connelly** (Director Community, Growth and Development), **Cr Kate Wylie** (Councillor) **Robert Tucker** (CCCCI)

4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Lynn Norton-Smith moved, and Simon Dent seconded, "That the minutes from the meeting held on Wednesday, 23 August 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record".

Carried

5 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Red Bench Project: Paul Breaden reported that four potential locations have been identified.

- Johnsons Beach, Penguin – install a new bench near playground and BBQ area
- Penguin foreshore – repaint or replace the bench behind the Big Penguin
- Reibey Street, Ulverstone – repaint or replace seat outside Thompsons Pharmacy/Maveric
- Reibey Street, Ulverstone – repaint or replace seat outside Apex Park/Olivers.

Alex Bonde suggested the bus exchange could be a good alternative option. The Group discussed the benefits of this and decided it was not a suitably prominent location, however, there is potential to install some signage at the bus interchange to share community messages.

Garth Johnstone suggested the bench outside the library in Penguin as an alternative to the one behind the Penguin.

Simon Dent asked if the plan was to have one in each location. Paul confirmed that it is possible to do two if required. Simon also suggested that the bench could be moved every few years to reinvigorate interest.

The group agreed to two benches:

- Penguin – near the library or elsewhere in the main street
- Ulverstone – outside Olivers.

A launch event should be held in early 2024 when the benches are in place. Melissa suggested that Senior Constable Kathleen Parker be invited to participate.

Committee Charter: Chris Clark provided the group with a draft of the updated charter. References to the community safety plan have been removed. The scope of the charter is quite broad to allow the group to be responsive to the needs of the community. Discussions are needed to confirm the membership and Council staff representation, with a complete draft to be provided to the committee at the next meeting.

Community Safety Champion: Melissa provided the group with the updated criteria for the Safety Champion award, which has been designed to recognise community members who have demonstrated an exceptional commitment to community safety.

Garth Johnstone questioned the ability to self-nominate. The group agreed that this should be removed.

The award will be promoted publicly in 2024, with the launch of the Red Seat Project. The award will then be a standing agenda item for future meetings, with the group to review any nominations received.

6 2024 MEETING DATES

Tracey Clark provided a list of dates for 2024.

ACTION: Tracey Clark to send calendar invites for the 2024 dates.

7 ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

Melissa Budgeon <i>Central Coast Council</i>	Australia Day Awards close tomorrow. Nomination forms are online or available from the Administration Centre.
Mayor Cheryl Fuller <i>Central Coast Council</i>	Campers at Midway Point are being monitored daily to ensure compliance with the rules. Leith to Devonport Pathway is officially being opened next week. Introduced Council's Coordinator Communication and Relationships, Laura Wiggers. YMCA have approached the Council to do a presentation in 2024. Provided the group with copies of the Our Place Our Future Term Plan.
Simon Douglas <i>Ulverstone Neighbourhood House</i>	Antisocial behaviour has dropped off and noted young people in the community appear to be happier. Also noted the issues with child safety frameworks for schools making it harder to engage. The Neighbourhood House Christmas Party is expected to be well-attended.
Lyn Norton Smith <i>Community Rep (Turners Beach)</i>	Turners Beach Community Christmas Party on 17 December, is expected to be a fantastic family day, with live music, food vans, activities, face painting and Santa. The event takes place in and around the Community Hall. The pathway is great, but the lights are not working in the tunnel under the highway. Paul Breaden noted he was aware of the issue and has notified the Department of State Growth as it is their responsibility. Some states have an annual hard rubbish collection – can we consider this here? The Mayor reported this has been considered often during waste discussions. The cost of providing this service is prohibitive.

<p>Garth Johnston <i>Community Rep (Penguin)</i></p>	<p>White lines on Old Coast Road (Penguin Road) is still a problem. Potential to install rumble strip to warn people when they cross the centre line. Paul Breden noted that responsibility for road marking was raised with LGAT. Traditionally State Growth work through a list of priorities in their own way based on the suggestions Council submits.</p> <p>ACTION: Paul Breden to check that it is on the list.</p>
<p>Simon Dent <i>Ulverstone Secondary College</i></p>	<p>Continued decrease in suspensions and misbehaviour and increase in the sense of community within the school.</p> <p>Will attempt to get updates from other schools for the next meeting. The Mayor noted that there would be a benefit in convening a roundtable with School Associations and principals.</p> <p>Flagged that there has been an increase in the red tape for schools organising events and outings and there could be a point where schools or providers decide it's just too hard to do these things within the frameworks.</p>
<p>Alex Bonde <i>Tasmania Police</i></p>	<p>Youths are pretty settled, flow on effect from the school.</p> <p>Nothing of great concern within the community.</p> <p>Noted that one of the recommendations from the State Governments Commission of Inquiry is that the age of criminality be raised from 10 to 14. The State Government has committed to working towards endorsing all recommendations.</p> <p>Key message for the Christmas period: Be kind to each other. Tasmania Police will be promoting messaging around alcohol and road safety.</p> <p>Forth Pub 151: last year's event was run very well from a road closure perspective with only minor problems on the first night that were rectified for the second night. It is expected that this year will be even smoother.</p>

8 CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION

The Mayor presented group members with a Certificate of Appreciation for their work on the Committee during 2023.

9 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is to occur on Wednesday, 7 February 2024 at 10.00am.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 11.37am.