

Central Coast Community Safety Partnership Committee

Minutes of a meeting held in the Central Coast Council Chamber,
19 King Edward Street, Ulverstone

Wednesday, 24 February 2021 – Commencing at 10.00am

1 PRESENT

Cr Jan Bonde (Mayor – CCC); **Sandra Ayton** (General Manager – CCC); **Paul Breaden** (Director Infrastructure Services CCC); **Melissa Budgeon** (Community Wellbeing Officer – CCC); **Cr Cheryl Fuller** (Councillor – CCC); **Glen Lutwyche** (Principal Ulverstone Secondary College [USC] Schools Representative); **Sergeant Brett Saarinen** (Tasmania Police); **Kat Rose** (Ulverstone Neighbourhood House); **Robert Tucker** (Central Coast Chamber of Commerce & Industry) **Trevor Reeve** (Rural Health/No.34); and **Jenelle Wells** (Health Promotion Consultant [Mersey] Tasmania Health Service)

2 WELCOME

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting.

3 APOLOGIES

Kathryn Robinson (Housing Choices Tasmania Ltd); **Garth Johnston** (Community Rep); **Lynn Norton-Smith** (Community Rep); **Ken Haines** (Central Coast Community Shed); **Sergeant Dean Snooks** (Tasmania Police – Ulverstone); and **Inspector Shane Le Fevre** (Tasmania Police – Ulverstone)

4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

■ Cr Cheryl Fuller moved, and Melissa Budgeon seconded, “That the minutes from the meeting held on Wednesday, 15 December 2020 be confirmed”.

Carried

5 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

5.1 CCTV

This has been updated and placed into the Community Safety Action Plan.

5.2 Lighting of public spaces

Paul advised a lighting program is being discussed for council parks and open spaces which include solar lighting. Any new walkways through parks will have solar lights installed e.g. the new Queens Gardens. The Community Safety Action Plan has been altered to reflect this.

5.3 Calendar that promotes community safety messages

Melissa presented to the meeting a Calendar of Community Safety Posts that will go out over Facebook throughout the year. Sandra advised the approval for emergency management posts, e.g. weather events etc should come from Paul Breaden as the Emergency Management Coordinator and go straight up on Facebook.

The Calendar will evolve as posts may change from time to time.

Glen suggested that the Council's process of how the posts are put up, be streamlined. The General Manager has advised that the current process is streamlined and is not an issue.

Another awareness campaign to consider is the appropriate use of bicycles, skateboards and scooters on roads and footpaths.

Cheryl Fuller suggested that the Council do not limit themselves to Facebook only and maybe a policy be developed in the use of other platforms such as twitter.

5.4 Updated Action Plan to incorporate suggestions from meeting held on 15 December 2020

Melissa presented copies of an updated draft of the Community Safety Action Plan and went through the changes that have been made.

Noted is the inclusion of 'Acknowledgment to Country' at the front of the document, and a willingness of the group to include this at the beginning of each meeting of the Committee.

Discussion were held around *Domestic Violence* and *Family Violence* and if they are one in the same. It was agreed to change the wording to reflect the modern terminology and in this action plan it be referred to as family violence.

Definitions – Domestic violence refers to **violent behaviour between current or former intimate partners – typically where one partner tries to exert power and control over the other, usually through fear**. It can include physical, sexual, emotional, social, verbal, spiritual and economic abuse. **Family violence** is a broader term that refers to violence between family members, which can include violence between current or former intimate partners, as well as acts of violence between a parent and a child, between siblings, and more. Family violence is the preferred term for violence between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, as it covers the extended family and kinship relationships in which violence may occur.

Behaviour towards victims can include limiting their access to finances, preventing them from contacting family and friends, demeaning and

humiliating them, threatening them or their children with injury or death, and acts of physical violence.

The inclusion of education and support around the issue of Online Bullying and the inclusion of this in the Action Plan.

Cr Cheryl Fuller reported on a statewide Neighbourhood House resilient program and building resilient communities. Cheryl will pass on the presentation to council when she receives it and will email out to committee representatives.

Sandra would like a documented report on all action carried over the past four years ready for accreditation.

The meeting agreed to run another community survey on actions done at the end of 2021.

Under the Safe Places tab in the Action Plan, it was suggested to develop a strategy on transport route options which identify "Age Friendly". In an age-friendly community, policies, services, and structures relate to the physical and social environment which are designed to support and enable older people to "age actively" – that is, to live in security, enjoy good health and continue to participate fully in society.

COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTION PLAN 2017–2022

6.1 Action Plan update

Discussion were held in 5.4 under *Matters Arising from Last Meeting*.

6 REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

7.1 Crime Report.....Tasmania Police

Sergeant Brett Saarinen reports on the following:

New officers appointed to Penguin Police Station – Steve Crisp and has been placing flyers on cars in the Penguin area regarding leaving your car unlocked which are targeted by thieves.

Burglaries – There have been a number of burglaries across the Central Coast region in the early hours of the morning. Unable to prosecute offenders without evidence. In some cases, the police have been able to use CCTV or DNA however if people do hear or see anything please phone 131 444.

Traffic offences – The Police have had reports of speeding along Tasma Parade, River Road, South Road, Hobbs Parade, Gaffney Street and Castra Road. Sandra advised that at the last Forth Community Representatives Committee meeting there were reports of traffic speeding in the Forth area. Sergeant Saarinen stated the police do patrol areas when reports

come in, but he suggested that the public report these incidents straight away by phoning 131 444. Some of these areas that have been reported, several offenders have been caught and vehicles have been impounded.

Skateboards on roads – Question was put to Sergeant Brett Saarinen regarding Skateboards on roads. He advised that it is illegal to ride a skateboard on roads with signed line making. It was suggested that with the promotion of the new Skate Park a campaign be run on the rules and regulations of using skateboards and scooters on the road.

Firewood Business Heybridge – It was raised at the meeting, a residential property at Heybridge running a firewood business where logs would be transported to the property to be cut up and sold. This has been brought to the attention of both the police and the Council.

7.2 Chamber of Commerce Report.....Robert Tucker

Robert reported that business owners who park their cars in the Quadrant felt the street lighting luminants in the Quadrant carpark are not strong enough to reach the ground. Paul advised that the new street lighting is of Australian standard. This may however be rectified once the lighting is in place at the HIVE once the building is finished. An assessment will be undertaken when the building project is finished.

There have been complaints about the car parking between the Anglican Church and McDonalds in Kings Parade. Caravan parking or parking for a car and caravan is no longer catered for as previously.

Once again it has been raised about trucks backing into the Woolworths truck delivery bay on Crescent Street. Will there be consideration of 'Keep Clear Zone' line marking put around this area whilst trucks back in. Paul will follow up with the Traffic Management Committee.

Paul advised that the Council is looking at a revamp of the entrance to the Ulverstone Rowing Club to slow the traffic down coming into the carpark.

Robert raised concerns with traffic in Alice Street coming out onto Queen Street in West Ulverstone, concern regarding speeding in the area. There have also been concerns regarding repairs needed to the boat ramp at West Ulverstone. Paul advised this is being looked at.

7.3 Primary Health Report.....Jenelle Wells

Janelle West reported that the Health Department have commenced the COVID vaccination roll out in the State. For information contact the Government COVID website. It is recommended that whichever immunisation injection you have first to repeat the same one in the recommended time. It is not recommendation to mix the vaccine.

People will be contacted via a medical person to receive their immunisation injection. Education packages are being put together to send out to the public on the immunisation process.

7.4 Education (all schools) Report.....Glen Lutwyche

Glen Lutwyche reported with the change of bus routes in the Heybridge area this has caused an issue in Cuprona Road. The Heybridge pickup point has become not a suitable spot for pickup and drop off. Parents are now changing to the Cuprona Road pickup point and it is now overcrowded with vehicles at pickup and drop off time for parents and students.

James Street, Ulverstone near the College, there has been no complaints about this area thus far. Will keep monitoring.

Is there an actual width for the road. Parking on the road makes the road smaller where the new footpath has been placed.

Melissa also advised that Constable Lisa Poulton is the new representative of the 'Adopt a Cop' program at West Ulverstone Primary School. She is interested in ideas around students participating in projects/ideas to create an awareness of community spirit. It was suggested that the Service Clubs maybe able to assist.

Melissa had raised that working with the secondary college to develop a short 'Safety Video' about using the Pump n Jump track safely, could be a worthwhile partnership activity.

The Men's Shed has recommenced their mentoring program with the schools and it was suggested the the Women's group are also looking to something similar.

7.5 Ulverstone Neighbourhood House Report.....Nikki Griffiths

A community survey was sent out to the community at the end of last year to see what programs the community would like to have at the Neighbourhood House. 126 responsive were received wanting more life skills e.g. cooking classes. Neighbourhood House is looking at ways to improve how the community looks at the West Ulverstone area, and removing the stigma the area has.

7.6 Housing Choices Tasmania Report.....Kathryn Robinson

Kathryn being an apology to the meeting there was not report.

7.7 No.34.....Trevor Reeve

Trevor Reeve reported on a recent event held in Fairway Park on reconciliation. He reported about 400 people attended and what a great day it was.

Close the Gap will be holding an event on the No.34 site soon.

No.34 have hired the Medical Centre in Alexandra Road and will be providing aboriginal clinic services. There are a couple of rooms that are available for lease if anyone is aware of a service requiring rooms.

7.8 Community Reports.....Garth Johnston

Garth Johnston being an apology to the meeting, there was not report for this section.

7.9 Central Coast Community Shed.....Ken Haines

Ken Haines being an apology to the meeting, there was not report for this section.

7 GENERAL BUSINESS

Melissa Budgeon to invite Greg Smith from 'Men Care Too' to be a guest speaker at the next meeting to be held on 28 April 2021.

Cr Cheryl Fuller will email to council the 'Allied Mates Forum – Working with Men' flyer for circulation to committee representatives.

Event – Man Up Tasmania Launch Day will be held on 13 March in Fairway Park commencing at 11am and followed by an event at the Wharf Precinct commencing at 6pm. This new organisation is supported by Primary Health Tasmania.

A member from the Forth Cemetery volunteers' group, Anne Fisher would like to know if the Council is responsible for the looking after the cemetery in Forth, in particular the one situated at the Catholic Church in Forth, referred to as McKillop Hill. The Council is not responsible for this cemetery and it was suggested that this group be put in touch with the Friend of the Ulverstone General Cemetery for help and advice.

Glen Lutwyche will be an apology for the next meeting as he will be on Annual Leave.

8 NEXT MEETING:

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 11.45am.

The next meeting is to be held on Wednesday, 28 April 2021 at 10.00am, in the Council Chamber, 19 King Edward Street, Ulverstone.