

Central Coast Community Safety Partnership Committee

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

Wednesday, 8 December 2021 – Commencing at 10.00am

1 PRESENT

Sandra Ayton (General Manager – CCC); **Cr Jan Bonde** (Mayor – CCC); **Cr Cheryl Fuller** (Councillor – CCC); **Paul Breden** (Director Infrastructure Services – CCC); **Melissa Budgeon** (Community Wellbeing Officer – CCC); **Jenelle Wells** (Health Promotion Consultant [Mersey] – Tasmania Health Service); **Kat Rose** (Ulverstone Neighbourhood House); **Kathryn Robinson** (Housing Choices Tasmania Ltd); **Robert Tucker** (Central Coast Chamber of Commerce & Industry); **Lynn Norton-Smith** (Community Rep) and **Glen Lutwyche** (Principal Ulverstone Secondary College [USC])

2 WELCOME

The Mayor Jan Bonde welcomed everyone to the meeting and read the Acknowledgement of Country.

3 APOLOGIES

Trevor Reeves (Rural Health No. 34); **Garth Johnston**; (Community Rep); and **Senior Sergeant Adam Spencer** (Tasmania Police)

4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

■ Sandra Ayton moved, and Lynn Norton-Smith seconded, “That the minutes from the meeting held on Wednesday, 27 October 2021 be confirmed”.

Carried

5 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

5.1 *The Council Security Camera Survey in the CBD* – Melissa Budgeon
Continuing item.

Melissa reported that surveys were delivered to shops in the CBD. Some shop owners were not keen to provide details of relating to installed security camera.

Robert Tucker from the Central Coast Chamber of Commerce and Industry spoke to business through the chamber meeting and noted that some business owners do have security cameras but do not want to share this information.

Shop owners' main concerns were that the offenders are not prosecuted for their offences. Shop owners are disappointed that the penalty does not fit the offence.

Robert suggested that the Council look at what is best practice to obtain the information on how to locate the hot spots in the CBD. Suggestions to speak with the police and see if they have a list of hotspots that are a concern to them and see if a security camera exists in the area.

The meeting agreed to host a community seminar/forum and have a security provider, an insurance representative to make a presentation, on usage and benefits of security cameras. There was a suggestion of inviting Steven Dutton, a chamber member, and a former insurance person to assist with the presentation. Look at holding an online forum which may be of interest to more business owners. Robert to seek support from the Chamber of Commerce with planning for the forum to be held in March 2022.

Action: Confirm and organise date and time for event at the February meeting.

- 5.2 *Surveillance Policy* – Does the Surveillance Policy have an impact on Council leased buildings i.e. Surf Club. – Paul Breaden

This would be part of their lease discussions. If a club or organisation lease a building and council have cameras on that building the club or organisation can access the footage. If a building is leased from the council cameras can be installed by the leasee.

Action: completed

- 5.3 *Complaints re-entering Eastland Drive from Leighlands Avenue* – Paul advised this has been passed onto the traffic management committee to look at a design to fix the problem. To be included in the 2022 Budget.

- 5.4 *Woolworths loading bay – update* – Still under investigation.

- 5.5 *Signage for wildlife/warning crossing on Sports Complex Avenue* – Paul Breaden

Paul advised the use of electronic message signage board is mainly used to promote road safety. Discussion was held and it was decided that the Council will not be putting out permanent signs.

Action: Completed

- 5.6 *Speed limits at Turners Beach, reminder to bus Companies*

Bus company reminder –traffic counts in the areas of the Esplanade, Turners Avenue –, have indicated minimal speed captured.

Kat advised that Stubbs Road seems to have an issue with speeding and asked if the Council would consider placing a footpath in the area for community safety.

Susan Street traffic calming. Footpath is being looked at in this area.

5.7 *Footpath near the chopping arena* – have it on the list to look at.

5.8 *Letter distribution* – It was noted that a letter was sent to some residents in the Turners Beach area and not others. Sandra asked for this to be followed up, as to why a letter was sent to one lot of people but not another in Turners Beach.

Action: Council to follow-up.

6 COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTION PLAN 2017–2022

Our Watch- Doing nothing does harm campaign – Melissa shared a short video which has been shared on Facebook, TV and other media, to raise awareness of the 16 days of Activism. The Bridge was also coloured orange to raise awareness. It was agreed to invite Kelsie Paske to be a guest speaker to a future meeting.

Community Safety Promotions on Social Media – Look at promotion in the community and being more proactive about promoting the group and what the group does. Glen requested anything to do with Community Safety be sent to schools for promotion through social media.

Advocate for increased Police presence – Invite a senior representative or write to the minister of the issue of a lack of police presence.

Accreditation of Community Safety – Provide an outline of the Actions completed over the life of the Community Safety Plan to ascertain if we have completed all areas to allow us to meet accreditation.

Raise profile of the Committee – People on the committee, any other thoughts or ideas who should be on the committee. No.34 have been asked to be guest speaker mid next year. Cr Fuller to contact Senior Citizens. A newsletter article to promote a safety message and include details of the Committee.

Membership of the Committee – A letter has been received from the Community Shed officially resigning from the Community Safety Partnership Committee.

Action: Noted and a letter of appreciation for their time of the Committee be sent.

7 REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

8.1 Crime Report.....Tasmania Police

Nil

8.2 Chamber of Commerce Report.....**Robert Tucker**

Robert reported lack of consequences of offenders.

Confirm with the Chamber the needs of the membership on Community Safety. Are there areas of concern that could be addressed by the group.

8.3 Primary Health Report.....**Jenelle Wells**

Jenelle Wells gave a report on the modelling around what COVID may look like once the Tasmanian Borders open on 15 December. It was noted that the following figures are based upon the Delta variant.

Based upon borders opening with increased public health measures, and high level of contact tracing there is expected to be:

- 43,000 cases in 200 days
- 60 deaths
- 213 cases a day
- 179 cases hospitalised, and 56 in intensive care at the peak of outbreak

Due to our high vaccination status in Tasmania, it is likely the majority of people will be able to manage their symptoms and recover from COVID-19 at home. If you test positive to COVID-19, the Department of Health will contact you to discuss a care plan. This includes symptoms, medical conditions, home situation and support available. There will be 24/7 health support for those with COVID-19, including daily health screening and additional clinical support if required. For more information see [Keeping Our Community COVID-Safe](#)

The State Government have plans in place for people who contract COVID to remain at home in the first instance and they will be monitored through the COVID@Home program which recognises home is the preferred treatment setting for those with mild symptoms, while ensuring patients are safe and supported. Centralised monitoring of the health and wellbeing of patients will occur as part of the COVID@Home model, with a team of health professionals available 24/7 to provide support for up to 2500 people should that be required. For more information see [COVID@home program](#)

[Case and Outbreak Management resources](#) are available for Tasmanian businesses. It is recommended that all businesses plan for absenteeism rates of 20–30% at any one time.

As well as COVID testing stations, Rapid Antigen Tests (RAP) will be available in chemists at a cost.

Kat and Rose requested that the State Government consider subsidising the cost to lower socio-economic communities. Also, if consideration is given to the same group of people on making perhaps the Neighbourhood

houses an area where these people may be able to have a COVID test as some do not have access to transport or mobile phones.

Action: Jenelle to email the COVID Emergency Management Team to seek advice on:

- where to direct those who can't afford to travel to Burnie or Devonport for COVID testing or pay for COVID tests through pharmacies or GP's; and
- can't afford to purchase masks in the case of mask mandates being implemented.

8.4 Education (all schools) Report.....**Glen Lutwyche**

It was reported that users are happy with the results of the new lighting upgrade at the car park at the Penguin Sport Centre.

Glenn advised correspondence has been sent to schools advising schools on vaccinations for the 2022 year.

8.5 Ulverstone Neighbourhood House Report.....**Kat Rose**

Vandalism at the house – the perpetrator has been caught and removed from the area.

The Neighbourhood House is seeing an influx of people who have lost their job due to COVID.

8.6 Housing Choices Tasmania Report.....**Kathryn Robinson**

Housing Choices held a Christmas lunch with residents it was a great day.

8.7 Community Reports.....**Lynn Norton-Smith**

Thank you to the Council for the clean-up of shrubs around the Turners Beach Hall.

The shower at Turners Beach re the 7 Day Makeover has this been signed off. This is to be followed up.

7.8 Central Coast Community Shed.....**Ken Haines**

Nil

7.9 Council Report.....**Mayor Jan Bonde**

The Council is reviewing the new law on small, motorised vehicles and what effects this will have for the Community. The Council will research the new law and provide information accordingly.

8 GENERAL BUSINESS

The question was raised on how visitors obtain information regarding Covid. It was pointed out that they would need to be directed to the Dept of Health website.

Disability Access and Inclusion Working Group – Cr Cheryl Fuller advised she is part of this working group. Cheryl is happy to provide regular updates to the Community Safety Partnership meetings. Cheryl will email out a link to the Disability, Action and Inclusion survey for committee members to circulate within their own organisations via social media.

Action: Send out link to Disability, Action and Inclusion survey.

9 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is to be held on Wednesday, 23 February 2022 at 10.00am, in the Council Chamber, 19 King Edward Street, Ulverstone.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 12.05pm.