

Central Coast Community Safety Partnership Committee

Minutes of a meeting held via ZOOM

Wednesday, 23 February 2022 – Commencing at 10.00am

1 PRESENT

Cr Jan Bonde (Mayor – CCC); **Sandra Ayton** (General Manager – CCC); **Cr Cheryl Fuller** (Councillor – CCC); **Allison Kable** (Community Development Officer – CCC); **Robert Tucker** (Central Coast Chamber of Commerce & Industry); **Lynn Norton-Smith** (Community Rep); **Garth Johnston**; (Community Rep); **Sam van der Meulen** (Housing Choices); **Simon Douglas** (Ulverstone Neighbourhood House); **Senior Sergeant Adam Spencer** (Tasmania Police) and **Glen Lutwyche** (Principal Ulverstone Secondary College [USC] Schools Representative)

2 WELCOME

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

3 APOLOGIES

Kathryn Robinson (Housing Choices Tasmania Ltd); **Paul Breaden** (Director Infrastructure Services – CCC); **Kat Rose** (Ulverstone Neighbourhood House); and **Jenelle Wells** (Health Promotion Consultant [Mersey] – Tasmania Health Service)

4 GUEST SPEAKER

Our Watch Community Program.....**Kelsey Paske**

Kelsey Paske gave a presentation to the meeting on the purpose of Our Watch. Explaining what services Our Watch provide to the community.

Our Watch is a national leader in the primary prevention of violence against women and their children in Australia

Kelsey provided a Power Point Presentation to the committee along with other interesting links.

Cr Cheryl Fuller asked if the White Ribbon Day was high profile as it seemed to have dropped off over the past few years. Kelsey advised that the focus is more on the International Day for Violence Against Women which is to be held on 25 November each year. White Ribbon did collapse but has started to re-emerge again.

Kelsey also advised there were other days that the organisation will be working on such as Teal Day in April and will send some resources to Council to get out into the community.

A discussion on how the Council, the Neighbourhood House and Schools could be involved in various programs to assist in sending the message out through the Community.

There is a national website for young people, parents and educations about sex, dating and relationships to explore safe and respectful behaviours: <https://www.theline.org.au/>

Simon Douglas from Ulverstone Neighbourhood House said the services and messages need to be across many forums and avenues.

Mayor, Cr Jan Bonde thanked Kelsey for the great presentation.

5 INTRODUCTIONS

Mayor, Cr Jan Bonde welcomed Allison Kable the Council's Community to the committee, Sam van der Meulen who is representing Housing Choices and Adam Spencer from Tasmania Police. Everyone introduced themselves to the new members of the committee.

6 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

■ Sandra Ayton moved, and Lynn Norton-Smith seconded, "That the minutes from the meeting held on Wednesday, 8 December 2021 be confirmed as a true and correct record".

Carried

7 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

- 7.1 *Seminar/Forum on use of Camera Surveillance* – Allison Kable reported a forum to be held on Monday 8 March for business include opening it up to the public who are interested in safety at home.
- 7.2 *Eastland Drive from Leighlands Avenue* — Paul Breden was an apology to the meeting and Sandra Ayton reported on Paul's behalf that the design options are being consider along with cost estimate for inclusion into the 2022–2023 budget.
- 7.3 *Woolworths loading bay – update* – Sandra reported the Council is to consider including results of discussions in the overall plan of the carpark upgrade.

- 7.4 *Letter Distribution* – Allison reported that this letter was sent from the Council's Land Use Planning office and was delivered to those affected by the change not everyone was included.

8 COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTION PLAN 2017–2022

Allison advised as she has just taken over this area she is in discussion with Melissa Budgeon and catching up on the details of the Community Safety Action plan. Allison will provide a report for the next meeting as to what has been achieved and any gaps remaining in the current action plan which finishes this year.

9 REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

8.1 Crime Report.....Tasmania Police

Senior Sergeant Adam Spencer gave a summary of statistic for crime in the Central Coast region. He reported that the total of offences has reduced slightly. However, with the opening of Covid lockdown, crimes are anticipated to increase.

- Serious crimes have reduced 26 – 17;
- Offences against the person slight increase 139–176 with the majority being in public places;
- 409 to 450 property damages an increase;
- Shop lifting has also increased now that people are out and about;
- Across the state serious crime figures are up.

Question was put to Senior Sergeant Spencer on the amount of police officers in the Ulverstone area. There are concerns of cars hooning around the streets and being able to have staff available late at night to contact.

He stated he understands the concerns however statistic show that the need to staff the Ulverstone Police Station after hours is adequately covered by the Burnie and Devonport police stations at this time. The response time from Burnie and Devonport is satisfactory.

The government is committed to making sure there is enough police in each area considering the staff health during Covid. New recruits are coming online as they finish their course.

Adam made mention that three vehicles were left unlocked in New Street in Ulverstone recently and items were stolen from these vehicles. A quick reminder to make sure your vehicle is locked up and items stored in the vehicle where they cannot be seen.

There are a number of offenders on curfew in the area and the police are out their being proactive.

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

Robert reported that the Chamber has been focussing on the forum on Monday evening on 28 February. The next Chamber meeting will be a on 3 March and Allison will be welcome to speak to the chamber.

Chamber has been advised that the Mayor and Councillors are unable to attend meetings and forums if held on a Monday evening.

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

Nil

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

Nil.

8.5 Ulverstone Neighbourhood House Report.....

Simon reported that there have been a lot more requests for assistance for food parcels, power costs and house support.

Ulverstone Neighbourhood House now have an activity trailer set up and this is taken to communities where it is needed. This is a service which has been borne out of COVID.

There has been an increase in antisocial and disruptive behaviour in communities.

Ulverstone Neighbourhood House have employed a new staff member who can arrange community support to families when they are about to attend counselling and other meetings where they need support. This person will go along with clients and meet with counsellors etc. assisting meetings to run smoothly.

8.6 Housing Choices Tasmania Report.....**Sam van der Meulen**

A new development has been passed through Central Coast Council for new resident properties. Sam thanked the Council for allowing this to go through. Housing Choices are collaborating with Neighbourhood House on programs the House is running.

8.7 Community Reports.....**Garth Johnston/Lynn Norton-Smith**

Penguin Community Report

Garth Johnson questioned when will the Armco barriers along Old Penguin Road be repaired. Sandra advised she will speak with Paul Breaden to see when repairs will be completed.

Garth asked if Council would consider renewing the line marking on the Old Penguin Road soon as it is faded badly.

Garth advised there is an increase in RV parking in Penguin e.g. near Hiscutt Park and Johnsons Beach Road. Sandra advised she would have the Councils Compliance Officers look at this.

There is a NW Amputee event to be held on Saturday 26 March at the Penguin Sports and Serviceman's Club between 2.30pm and 5.00pm. This event will be free of charge. There will be a guest speaker, Dominic Money Penny along with state representatives.

Garth mentioned again that Penguin is now without a disability friendly toilet. Sandra advised this would be looked at through the budget process.

Turners Beach Community Report:

Lynn Norton-Smith reported – The new outdoor shower is now operational, and it is so popular. There has been a lot of Interest in the new path and comments have been positive from the community.

At a recent working bee at the Community Garden a person from the community who was a recent traveller in the area and has now become a Turners Beach resident because she loved the area that much, thanked Lynn for the wonderful things that have happened in the community like the community library and garden.

Cr Chery Fuller made mention of the passing of Ken Haines who was a member of the Community Shed and a Councillor at one time. Lynn Norton-Smith also mentioned the great support he gave in the community as a First Aid Officer at regular Surf Carnivals and sporting event. Mayor said he was a wonderful contributor to the community.

■ Garth Johnson moved Robert Tucker seconded, "That a letter of appreciation be sent to Melissa Budgeon in recognition for the contribution she has provided to the Community Safety Partnership Committee."

Carried

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

The RAP Action plan has been adopted by the Council.

7 OTHER REPORTS

Disability Access and Inclusion Working Group.....Cr Cheryl Fuller

Cr Fuller reported that the Covid restrictions have been a challenge to the group when holding meetings. New committee member will be joining the committee this person works with visionally impaired. Survey work has been done and collated the information will be available soon. The overall work of the committee will take longer and will have some quality outcomes.

Cr Fuller wanted to note something Simon Douglas from Neighbourhood House had made mention earlier, in Penguin through the Op Shop they have been overwhelmed with requests for food vouchers and services vouchers. There are concerns that the free camping areas have been used by the homeless. Could the Penguin Op-Shop staff be given contacts of staff that can assist them in providing information of services for this area.

10 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

11 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is to be held on Wednesday, 27 April 2022 at 10.00am, in the Council Chamber, 19 King Edward Street, Ulverstone.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 11.30am.