

Central Coast Community Safety Partnership Committee

Minutes of a meeting held in the Council Chambers

Wednesday, 22 February 2023 – Commencing at 10.00am

1 PRESENT

Cr Cheryl Fuller (Mayor – CCC); **Sandra Ayton** (General Manager – CCC); **Paul Breden** (Director Infrastructure Services – CCC); **Allison Kable** (Community Development Officer – CCC); **Alex Bonde** (Tasmania Police); **Simon Douglas** (Ulverstone Neighbourhood House); –and **Simon Dent** (Principal Ulverstone Secondary College [USC] Schools Representative)

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

Garth Johnston; (Community Rep); **Cr Kate Wylie** (Councillor –CCC); **Lynn Norton-Smith** (Community Rep); **Jenelle Wells** (Health Promotion Consultant [Mersey]); **Robert Tucker** (Central Coast Chamber of Commerce & Industry); **Sam van der Meulen** (Housing Choices)

4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

■ Sandra Ayton moved, and Allison Kable seconded, “That the minutes from the meeting held on Wednesday, 26 October 2022 be confirmed as a true and correct record”.

Carried

5 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

5.1 CCCSP Champion Award

Mayor Fuller presented the CCCSP Champion Award to Julie Brumby. Mayor Fuller shared information regarding Julie’s history and the work that she has done specifically with Ulverstone Secondary College’s Youth to receive this award. Julie then shared about the work she does, her history working in indigenous and Indonesian communities and the

importance that it has to her. Julie advised that she was very grateful and very humbled.

6 COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTION PLAN 2017–2022

The Mayor advised that the meeting focus would be on the development of the collective Community Safety Action Plan. Sandra Ayton also advised that the Action Plan was drafted with the goal of achieving safer community accreditation as well as from community input. Sandra advised that the committee are to review the gaps in the current plan and identify the next steps.

Sandra advised that Central Coast would be the first council in Tasmania to attempt to achieve this accreditation.

Allison Kable provided all attendees with a draft of the Safety Action Plan Review.

Allison reported that most of the components of the current plan have been achieved. It was discussed that Allison be in contact with a liaison person that has been involved in the education system to review what has happened in the education areas as well as what still needs to be achieved. Allison also noted that homelessness has not been captured entirely in the current plan, and this could be an addition going forward after community consultation.

Allison will touch base with the accreditation panel to seek guidance on next steps.

Allison reported that Minister Felix Ellis is currently conducting a survey online relating to community safety and crime and she will see if this data can be made available to the committee. She will also advise Minister Ellis of the Community Safety Partnership Committee and the work that the group is trying to achieve.

Simon Dent advised that it would be beneficial on the Draft plan update provided to add who will be responsible for driving the actions that need to be achieved.

ACTION – Allison to work with the current group to ensure that all the activities are included in the current plan and touch base with the accreditation panel to seek guidance on next steps.

ACTION – Allison will begin developing the new plan, beginning with a timeline and scope and she will communicate this information with the committee. Also aim to develop who is responsible for advancing each area.

ACTION – Alison to contact Minister Ellis's office regarding survey data.

7 REPORTS

7.1 Crime Report.....Tasmania Police

Alex Bonde reported that Tasmania Police have appointed Donna Adams as the new Commissioner. Ms Adams is beginning to influence a lot of positive change with an aim of improving community safety.

Alex advised that there have been 65 offences across the Central Coast since the last meeting, with around half of these having been resolved.

More recently youths on bikes and scooters have been noted to be causing issues for members of the community, especially for elderly residents.

Notices of hooning have been issued around the Ulverstone Rowing Club and Buttons Creek area.

Slight increase in offences in Penguin area.

Alex advised Police would be increasing their presence in these areas.

Tasmania Police are facing resourcing challenges, however recruitment is currently underway and the community will see the effect of this in the near future.

The committee discussed with Alex issues of hooning on Leith Road which he will investigate.

Sandra spoke to Alex regarding the concerns from the Access and Inclusion Working Group about scooters, skateboards and bikes around town and residents' concerns for safety. Alex will liaise with other municipalities regarding this. The group spoke about which areas scooters and skateboards are prohibited.

Simon advised that he has noticed an increase in reports of graffiti, vandalism, and domestic violence. Alex advised that if anyone is aware of something then to please report it and also the importance of letting Tas Police know. Alex will provide the Council with content to be shared on Council's social media and in the e-newsletter.

ACTION: Alex Bonde to investigate reports of hooning in Leith and update the committee at the next meeting.

ACTION: Alex to liaise with other municipalities about scooter and bike safety concerns and provide an update to the committee at the next meeting.

ACTION: Alex to provide content to be shared on social media and in the e-newsletter regarding the importance of reporting incidences to Tasmania Police.

7.4 Education (all schools) Report.....**Simon Dent**

Simon highlighted of the importance of community and respect and trying to influence better choices.

7.5 Ulverstone Neighbourhood House Report.....**Simon Douglas**

Simon advised that community programs are starting to pick up since COVID-19. A large range of parenting and first aid programs are now available at the house.

Discussion was held about introducing a calendar to promote different components of community safety over the course of a year so that everything is not happening at once. This will be added as an agenda item for the April meeting.

7.9 Council Report.....**Mayor Cheryl Fuller**

Mayor Fuller advised that the Council has been focusing on homelessness discussions and have meeting with the Minister for Housing in the coming weeks.

The provision of safe parking spaces was discussed, and this will be brought into the conversation with the Minister. Council will then look to facilitate a community roundtable. Discussion was held with the group about community food vans and what groups or organisations may be providing food to the shelter. Gran's Van will be coming to Sulphur Creek as well as the Rock Church in Penguin to provide a meal one day a week.

8 GENERAL BUSINESS

8.1 2023 Meeting Dates.....**Sandra Ayton**

The group supported the proposed meeting dates.

8.2 Shared Pathway Safety.....**Cheryl Fuller**

Mayor Fuller advised of potential safety issues regarding people backing out of their driveway and potentially creating some media or communication about safely reversing.

9 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is to be held on Wednesday, 26 April 2023 at 10.00am, in the Council Chamber, 19 King Edward Street, Ulverstone.

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