

Meeting Minutes

Community Safety Crime Prevention Committee

Meeting Name.	Community Safety Crime Prevention	Meeting No.	4 (2014)
Meeting Date	12 August 2014		
Meeting Time	11:00 to 14:00 hours including lunch		
Meeting Location	Committee Meeting Room, 63 Cathedral Avenue		
Attendees:	Desmond Brick (Chair) Konrad Seidl (KS) Anna Treloar (AT) Bob Hall (BH) Brendan Wilson (BW) (via Videolink) Elise Ronan (ER) Charmaine Yeates (CY) Esme Ehlers (EE) Esmeralda de Trafford (EdT) Ian Blayney (IB) Kathleen Williams (KW) Merrilyn Green (MG) Neryl Beer (NB) Philip Clayton (PC) Lesley Evans (LE) Kathryn Park (KP) (via Videolink) Lorna Lenson (LL) Jenny Allen (JA) Helen Exten (HE)(for David Pedler) Kate Rickerby (KR)	By Invitation	
		Apologies	Liz Bradshaw (LB) Jill Bourke (JB) Maureen Campbell (MC) Glen Wishart (GW) Val Gray (VG) Peter Gerada (PG) Tarleah Thomas (TT) David Richardson (DR) Shane Love (SL) Yvonne Lovedee (YL) Jonine Harrison (JH) David Pedler
		Distribution	All Councillors – through Amy Zinetti

1 Welcome, Acknowledgement of Country

Meeting Chairman Des Brick (DB). Meeting started at 11:07 hours

DB welcomed all members in the room and Mullewa participants BW and KP via video link.

DB made acknowledgement of Country & noted the apologies for this meeting.

DB mentioned the request sent by email to agencies for ideas, if agencies could forward their ideas prior to meetings, then it can be included as an item in the agenda for up and coming meeting.

DB mentioned for members to respond to RSVP for catering and seating arrangements can be worked out accurately.

2 Apologies As above

3 Accept Minutes of Previous Meeting

Moved: BH

Seconded: NB

• **Review of Status Actions**

Date	Details	Action by Who	Updates
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Graffiti on Town Towers Building 	KS/NB	<p>Action on monitoring graffiti around town. Informed that Fiona McAuliffe as parking office has been doing monitoring as part of her parking patrol duties and reporting any incidents of graffiti.</p> <p>DB Town Towers item was presented to the July Council meeting with the motion by Council to defer the item to the next meeting on development of that site. A report will go up to the 26 August Council Meeting. It is expected that once Council gives its approval, renovation will take place to the building and it will largely reduce the vandalism and graffiti amongst other things in that area of the CBD.</p> <p>KS/NB to monitor, ongoing</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youth Bus 	KW	<p>Statistics on this from KW and Sun City Christian KW said she has been ill, but has managed recent visits on a couple of nights. The attendees are transient through the evening. Going away and coming back. Volunteers are walking around with clipboard and noting attendances.</p> <p>CY is happy with numbers.</p> <p>CY stated that the volunteers are counting one person then they have gone away and possibly counting the same person on return, this could be the way they are getting the stats.</p> <p>CY noted the only way the youth get home is by CY and the Yamatji services.</p> <p>DB Informed that the speed limit will be reduced along Chapman Valley Road to 50 kph from the Highway up to Hall Road. The speed reduction is expected will slow down the traffic. The implementation is past the planning stage, but unsure of the timeline. The reduced speed limit is seen as a positive change.</p> <p>CY Yamatji Patrol and radio communications with Police. This is being progressed through discussion with Police.</p>

Items to be discussed

4.1 Graffiti and Vandalism

- NB regarding graffiti, the City has put in place parking advocates and City Ranger patrols. During their drive around they take photos and email to NB and to City Depot this will be registered as graffiti needing attention. City can't enforce on private owners/ residences to act.
- NB Tabled a letter sent to businesses. City is not able to direct private residence to remove graffiti, but can inform and encourage them to be aware that there are some products available from the City Administration building, at the customer services counter to assist graffiti removal, in a bid to stop the tagging recurrences escalating. Letter went to businesses i.e. town towers and other places in the CBD as well.
- Noted decrease in graffiti recently in central area. Council building and QPT was quite regularly targeted. Recently a letter of apology was received from a young offender.
- LL has a team that removes small amounts of graffiti. Their community workers check in with offenders and advises them to tell their friends not to graffiti. The workers assist the offenders to write a letter of apology when they graffiti buildings etc and a coordinator, works with the juvenile offenders to make amends.
- DB Information that there is a mural project currently undertaken in partnership with ACDC with approximately 100 kids involved. From discussions at last meeting this is seen as a very positive project with art and design for young people and hopes to develop this project further. Very pleasing feedback and follow on results from last meeting.
- NB stated there are currently six workshops covering art and design held over two weeks in August 2014. ACDC are the coordinators of the project.
- NB regarding vandalism, there was nothing significant noted of late.
- BW on Mullewa vandalism activity, there were only some fences recently touched up near the catholic school since the centenary celebrations, but nothing else significant is noted.
- KW Friday evening Midnight Basketball. It was noted that within a half hour timeframe plants have been pulled up and kicked around. KW will flag this with the kids and expressed deep disappointment as a lot of work went in with many community hours spent to uplift the area.

NOTE:

- KS referred to the meeting agenda layout set against the priorities for the Community Safety Plan. If an agency or an organisation is doing something in that field reactively or proactively with Corrective Services, please raise this and share so that others can pick up and be involved.
- DB Reinforced that from last meeting the matter was raised about agencies and organisation sending in any items to be listed for discussion prior to the meeting date, it could then be listed on the agenda. Any items for the agenda can be sent to VG before the meeting.

NOTE:

VG to send out a reminder for agenda items at least a week before the meeting, any items received can be listed on the agenda. This enables the City staff to look at and any research done before the meeting.

Action VG/KS

4.2 Crime Prevention through Environmental Design

- KS spoke about the Liberal Member offer, prior to the election campaign for federal election – a promise by Melissa Price that if her party were elected they would assist the City with crime prevention aids e.g. CCTV etc. and asked about the City needs for CCTV.

KS looked at what the priorities are for CCTV. With a few years of study undertaken on this and new things that have happened since i.e. the foreshore/ esplanade and other issues City needs to address.

The promise from the Liberals to fund the projects with mainly three projects identified as - Eastern Break Water; (large) car park No. 5; HMAS Sydney II Memorial; were seen as the main ones. A few months ago KS received word the Liberals would provide the funding. Then in a

backward step they stated the City would need to apply for the funding first and with only a two week timeframe to apply.

The City engaged a consultant to draw up specification and submitted an application, which came back as successful. The City will put out to tender next year and KS sees the timeline as achievable. The project is worth \$440,000 and can assist in community safety in the City area.

- NB will take the lead on this project and is working with the City's Community Infrastructure Department on this. This also is seen as a positive step to deal with HMAS Sydney II Memorial issues. The Police station can tap into the CCTV cameras at any time. It will help reduce crime and identify offenders etc.
- There will be 28 new cameras going in and this is on top of the existing CCTV cameras. Mullewa has 3 cameras already and they are hooked into the system. They are working on expanding the project in Mullewa with another 3 to 4 cameras linked into the police station as well.
- DB enquired on the trees and shrubs spoken of for community safety at Mullewa Aquarena etc.
- KS & NB stated that they will meet up at Mullewa and do CPTED (Crime Prevention through Environmental Design) audit the same as conducted in areas of Geraldton at invitation from BW
- BW Informed on the Mullewa youth centre proposal. This needs to be done right, so that it not just benefits the youth, but also for community safety outcomes as well.
- KW is working with ACDC and murals on the walls, aware of some other agencies around the table as well are involved.
- DB stated the City puts out frequent media releases and it would be really good to raise with Everything Geraldton and the Geraldton Guardian newspapers to promote more positive news stories and positive images rather than focusing on the negative stories.

Action KS/NB to follow up on media releases

- KW and JA to work with this group. A trip to Canberra was arranged for disengaged kids and would like to work with the City on a good news story to put this item together.

Action KS / JA to follow up

4.3 Property Crime (Theft & Burglary)

- DB noted it is difficult, without police presence at the meeting, to give statistics and input. Crime activity is known to peak and trough at different time of the year. Community perception is not indicative of what is really happening. As a public perception of statistics and growing population the police are doing some successful work and hopefully this image is going out to the community.
- KR gave feedback to commend policemen who attended an incapacitated person's call for help. The person reported how pleased they were with police response and timeliness. It was a scary experience and they are very pleased with the follow up.
- DB would like to raise awareness and spread through the networks, to take caution and lock doors to avert possible crime opportunities. The police respond appropriately far more often than people think.
- BH spoke with Jonine Harrison – and thieves are targeting houses where occupants are at home, of course, looking for wallets and valuables knowing that the target houses occupants are at home. Police wishes to make others aware of this tactic and where possible to avoid any confrontation with the offenders. The message is to not take chances with confronting the offending persons.
- DB Neighbourhood Watch is a good program to join and spread this through the networks. Police encourage reports from people, especially if there is a group of people causing trouble they want this reported as this alerts the police to where these people are, how often they are visiting / active and what is going on.

4.4 Violence

- JA updated on DSS application and has spoken to Justice Department and DCP. Police came across a program called 'Save The Children' targeting 8 – 12 year olds displaying aggressive behaviours. The mentoring program forms the basis of their application for funding. This is highly sought after funding with thousands of application submitted, so it has been earmarked for next year (JA not sure about getting the funding, but the application is in place).
- JA thanked the Chair and this was reciprocated to JA for her input. JA left the room at 11:42am.
- DB made mention of a New Zealand program that mentors prisoners' children. Has heard of examples of local situations with a child being teased at school due to a parent being incarcerated. This program is a really great program for mentoring children of inmates.
- BW regarding violence in Mullewa, there hasn't been any notable incidents, but apart from an intoxicated lad asleep on railway lines recently. Minor injuries were treated at the Mullewa hospital and the youth was discharged the next day.
- BW noted a decline in criminal activity in Mullewa.

4.5 Youth

- EdT gave an update on Youth Connections with JA who is working very hard to approach different agencies to develop further. Work Force agency is interested to develop, but the funding is yet to be confirmed. Youth Connections is great, mostly for children and are very concerned for children and working with the organisation for funding resources.
- Over next 6 months there are staff committed to doing the most to benefit and help the children to get them into the right direction, thanks to JA who is working hard to promote/achieve on this.
- KW since the last meeting, the grand final night was very successful. Statistics will be included as attachments to the minutes. Thanks expressed for the contributions from organisation, business, sports minded people. It is very rewarding work and hearty thanks go out to all.
- The Western Australian Police, Community Engagement Division sponsored the "Leadership Awards" which were awarded to four young people who displayed positive behaviours throughout the tournament and were great mentors to their peers. Police are strong supporters of the program and looking forward to their continued support and involvement.
- The new tournament started last Friday with a huge attendance and this proved very popular with great support received. The tournament registrations have now closed and already exceeding capacity, but we are still seeking more volunteers to assist.

KW establishment of West End Youth Precinct will go ahead now that funding is confirmed. There is a need to establish another reference group and looking for young people to be involved. This is not to replacing the great consultation and input that has occurred in the past but to explore new ideas and to develop the concepts further. The Youth Space is made near the old railway building near the basketball court. **Action: forms to be sent out by KW**

- KW spoke of consultants from Melbourne to visit on Wednesday 27 August. This will be in the information sent out. A couple of hours and very engaging getting out the information to young people.
- Levy Street - looking at further projects there once this is completed.
- Maggie Dent "Saving Our Adolescents" Professional Development hosted by the Youth Coordinating Network and supported by the City of Greater Geraldton had 230 odd attendees for the Youth Service Sector and was very successful.
- KW Informed on a horsemanship program and this information will be circulated. **Action KW to circulate information to Committee**
- KW other projects mentioned are the establishment of a youth forum getting them around a table to discussion needs and gaps. **Action KW/YL**
- DB enquired on update on volunteers for Midnight Youth Basketball.

- KW called for volunteers to man the bus (which can be a bit dangerous without adequate backup). Help is needed from 10:30pm to 12:30pm if people are interested in assisting. KW will welcome any volunteers who want to assist.
- BW commented that Mullewa has a new youth worker who is running Basketball on Monday afternoons, this has been going for a month now. Next step is looking at soccer games on Wednesday afternoons, but will bed down the two programs first.
- BW informed on an insurance claim with new ceiling, new lino and painting walls etc. Work will be completed after the school holidays. BW is inviting local schools to have a look at changes made and incorporating securing old computes from City IT and old desks for a homework area. An ex-school teacher is running the program and it is hoped some students will take up the program.
- BW on the Capital Plan for Mullewa, has held a consultation process with the Mullewa community. They have listed the youth program as first and foremost on their priority list. BW wants some consistency in the program they are offering.
- DB Commented that it was great to see some funding going back in to the youth centre.
- AT updated on the article in newspaper about the Bites program Shine Girls. The program encourages respectful relationships. An award winning program started in NSW. It is a collaborative focus with different organisation in town. Last year their staff attended training in November. Chrysalis are now involved.
- AT gave credit to the City for its involvement with the Shine girls. The Shine video clip will be available on I-Tunes and a video this week is being made. They could also promote this on Airplay and on Radio Mamma. **Action: CY follow up Radio Mama.**
- BH commented on the Mully Kids which hit the wire – great work for what they have done.
- BW Stated there was nothing but positive feedback received on the Mully Kids an initiative of the City last year. They brought in an organisation - Smother of the Light -headed by Gail Marbo. A workshop with the kids for 5 to 6 days talking about music, video equipment etc., and how easy it is for them to be involved. A video clip went live and put out 2 to 3 week ago, it received 2000 hits so far. For a small town this is seen as a huge success.

The Mully Kids – The Wild Mid West DVD has now been added to the City's You Tube channel playlist.

You can view it from here - https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCp37A_yIsTjY16V0jiWrV3A

The video is embedded on the City website here – <http://cgg.wa.gov.au/our-community-places/videos>

- DB also made comment on what a great community we have in Mullewa and great kids participating. He is looking forward to seeing this video.

4.6 Entertainment & Events

- NB mentioned the Community Safety Day planned for 5 October on a Sunday from 10:00am to 2:00pm similar to last year with a lot of interactive children activities, bouncy castle, plane making and throwing competition and colouring in competitions etc. This will be run by Animal Control Team Leader, Darren Cole. Forum for dog owners and breakfast put on with a lot of educational materials on how to be responsible pets owners etc. Agencies would want to participate NB asked to please take up on this and promote to their networks. NB will have a laptop for E-watch subscriptions.
 - A pet parade will follow after the community event. Darren Cole, Animal Control Team Leader, will be running this.
 - Neighbourhood Watch stall will be there with local police. PCYC will do the catering again.
- KS PCYC are getting a new climbing wall and will have this ready for the Community Safety Day as well.

- LL the holiday program raises the matter of some young people not having enough money to get the basics. Mums are saying it is expensive for some families with a number of young children and disappointed that they are not able to pay and participate.
- KS PCYC climbing wall will have a charge per person for this – other activities that the City is running is free paper plane competition, colouring competition etc. the concept is to encourage families to come down and learn about safety. In previous years there has been a good prize with the colouring competition - 2 nights accommodation at Kalbarri etc. (some of the winners are not in the position to go away and have a holiday) so it's a great prize, but its open to all to participate in the competition.
- LL is working with PCYC. Queried when in Carnarvon / Exmouth, where was the climbing wall? This did not turn up and especially disappointing outcome when it was promised this but they didn't show up.
- NB sending out emails to all to show what they are trying to achieve for the day.
- KS requested that anything else that groups have to offer would add value to this particular event and asked to please get in touch with NB so they can include this in marketing of the event.
- NB Maitland Park is chosen as the location for this event. The venue choice was made as a marketing decision.
- BH suggested the Geraldton foreshore would be more ideal location as there is a raft of positives i.e. parking, location and close to other facilities and shops etc. Scoping for space would suggest locating on the foreshore.
- DB added foreshore would give a higher profile with high volume of foot traffic.
- DB promoted the Goodness Festival on Saturday 15 until 31 August 2014. The opening is on Saturday. Andrew Outhwaite and Heather Fox are great organisers and a good idea behind the Festival.

Big variety of events with 30 events about sustainability and innovation. DB asked Committee to please pass on to your networks and promote the festival.

Festival flyer link: [View this email in your browser](#)

5. General Business

- KS spoke of project Our Home Our Streets – there is some money set aside to run this project which targets six areas across CGG and Mullewa for some events. It is a concept to create initiative for social activity for guardianship of parks etc. this is to enhance and sell some messages on crime prevention along the way. NB and YL are working on this with other agencies. Agencies asked to get in touch with NB and YL on this exciting project, they want continuity and it is seen as a long term proposal. They will interview with people in suburbs and then report back on the project. Once established the Committee could get invited to talk at conferences on how it all worked. The ideal is that it is seen as an ongoing project.
- DB the Progress Associations has interest in this and Council is supporting groups for roll on and is seen as a perfect way given the interest in RUK and Sunset Beach with strong community interest in the ongoing project, this will be enhanced further.
- NB starting with RUK group each year, they will be invited to have a stall and this is a follow through within the 12 months.
- BH Spalding area has been out of sight out of mind for quite a while, so should be on a radar list.
- NB responded, that this is to include Spalding as a follow through project. It is in the initial stages currently and has only just received the funding. NB has met with the progress associations. RUK secretary has a good understanding of where it is at and a long term plan is in place on where they want to head.

- BH updated that YL is aware of the planning issues and is trying to work with the communities to get this happening
- BH noted the transition of Beachlands being a place of problems and issues. RUK and Spalding is so fragmented as far as development is concerned. It is really important to give this a push due to ill-gotten belief from days past. This gives a healthy perspective from community to say it is a great way we have come and doesn't want this to stop.
- DB expressed thanks to everyone and has heard of good outcomes and stories spread through the networks with good collaboration within the networks. Hopes that all will continue to work with the City to facilitate these outcomes.

6. NEXT MEETING

To be conducted at the City of Greater Geraldton Cathedral Avenue commencing @ 11:00am on the -- October 2014. (Date to be Confirmed and circulated to the Committee members).

Meeting closed 12:26pm

Please forward any general business items for discussion to valg@cgg.wa.gov.au as soon as possible for inclusion in the minutes/agenda prior to the next meeting

Signed: _____

R. Brice

Dated: _____

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