



Community Safety Advisory Committee
UNCONFIRMED MEETING NOTES / MINUTES REPORT
Tuesday, 11 July 2023
8.46 AM
at the Riverway Library

Opening of Meeting and Announcement of Visitors

The Chair, Councillor Russ Cook opened the meeting at 8.46 am.

Present

Members

Councillor Russ Cook – Chair
Verity Bennett
Sandra Crosato-Matters

Natalie Marr
Inspector Troy Tucker

Corinne Moore

Townsville City Council
NQ Domestic Violence Resource Service
Department of Treaty, Aboriginal and Torres Strait
Islander Partnerships, Communities and the Arts
Crime Stoppers
Queensland Police Service (proxy for Inspector
Dean Cavanagh)
Department of Youth Justice, Employment, Small
Business and Training

TCC Staff

Donna Jackson – Meeting Facilitator
Clint Drew
Matt Richardson

Principal, Inclusive Communities
Community Safety Auditor
General Manager Property, Fleet and Emergency
Management

Acknowledgement of Country

The Chair acknowledged the Wulgurukaba of Gurambilbarra and Yunbenun, Bindal, Gugu Badhun and Nywaigi as the Traditional Owners of this land. We pay our respects to their cultures, their ancestors and their Elders – past and present – and all future generations.

Apologies

Councillor Suzanne Blom
Tania Sheppard

Dr Mark David Chong

Townsville City Council
Department of Communities, Housing and Digital
Economy
James Cook University

Not in attendance

Katrina McIntosh
Babette Doherty

The Salvation Army
Victims Assist Queensland

Membership Updates

There were no membership updates.

Confirm Quorum

There was no quorum (at this stage of the meeting).

Disclosure of Interests and Confidentiality - Statement by Meeting Facilitator

The Meeting Facilitator reminded the councillor and committee members of their obligations for confidentiality and disclosing declarable conflicts of interest and prescribed conflicts of interest for items on the agenda.

Disclosure of Interests

There were no declarable conflicts of interest or prescribed conflicts of interest declared.

Corinne Moore took a seat at the meeting during the following item.

Agenda Submissions and Action Register Update

The Meeting Facilitator provided an update on the Agenda Submissions and Action Register (refer to Attachment 1).

Action Item no 18/2022

Natalie Marr requested information on Action Item no 18/2022 - That a recommendation be made to Council regarding a partnership with Crime Stoppers and the Queensland Police Service (QPS), to consider Crime Stoppers/QPS signage (to also include QR codes) in relevant public spaces.

The Committee discussed this Action Item including its progress.

The Meeting Facilitator advised that she will do a handover of this item to the General Manager Property, Fleet and Emergency Management and that the relevant staff member will get back to Natalie.

Confirm Quorum

The Chair confirmed that there was now a quorum.

Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Advisory Committee Meetings

It was MOVED by Natalie Marr, SECONDED by Corinne Moore:

"that the minutes of the Community Safety Advisory Committee meeting of 28 March 2023 be confirmed."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Meeting Action

That the minutes of the Community Safety Advisory Committee meeting of 6 June 2023 be confirmed via flying minute.

Presentations

1 Update from Community Safety Auditor

The Community Safety Auditor provided a verbal overview of his work / investigations to date which included the following information:

- 2 progress reports have been submitted for review / approval and forwarding to a (Councillor) Workshop;
- some of the media stories and some of the statistics the Community Safety Auditor was looking at were not marrying up;
- the statistics aren't matching this idea that there is an explosion of crime in Townsville;
- as part of the Community Safety Auditor's investigations he liaised with Councillors, their constituents and the Queensland Police Service;
- in the long run public perception is one of preconceived fear;
- overview / issues with the Police Link phone number 131 444; and
- the recommendations outlined in the progress report/s are achievable and can help the residents of Townsville to feel safe.

The Community Safety Auditor advised that he is very happy to take input from the Committee members and suggested to send him an email / have a meeting with him.

2 Introduction: General Manager Property, Fleet and Emergency Management

The General Manager Property, Fleet and Emergency Management provided a brief overview of his background.

The General Manager Property, Fleet and Emergency Management provided a presentation titled 'Community Safety Activities' which included the following information:

- Council has continued to steadily develop and increase its community safety initiatives;
- for the financial year 2023/24 Council continues to demonstrate commitment to increased public safety and the protection of Council assets;
- list of safety improvement activities undertaken during the financial year 2023. Safety items include CCTV, Briefcam and security guards;
- Council's Community Safety Structure; which aligns Council effort in one area; and
- Graffiti Heat Maps.

General Business

(i) Update on Crime Stoppers

Natalie Marr provided an update on Crime Stoppers which included the comment that "we need to let the community know we are out and about".

The General Manager Property, Fleet and Emergency Management offered Crime Stoppers a stand at the 'Get Ready Townsville' day in November.

(ii) Department of Treaty, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, Communities and the Arts

Sandra Crosato-Matters advised that the Department of Seniors, Disability Services and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships has recently been changed to the Department of Treaty, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, Communities and the Arts.

(iii) Happy Valley

Sandra Crosato-Matters raised issues with regard to Happy Valley.

The Meeting Facilitator provided an update on this matter and advised that this matter is sitting at Director level.

(iv) Update - NQ Domestic Violence Resource Service

Verity Bennett advised that on 24 July (2023) NQ Domestic Violence Resource Service will be at their new premises.

Verity Bennett vacated the meeting.

(v) Department of Youth Justice, Employment, Small Business and Training

Corinne Moore advised that the Department of Children, Youth Justice and Multicultural Affairs has recently changed to the Department of Youth Justice, Employment, Small Business and Training. Corinne provided a brief overview of some of the changes to the overall structure.

Confirmation of Next Meeting

The next Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 5 September 2023 at 8.30am at Head to Health (32 Walker Street, City). The agenda closes 8 August 2023.

Close of Meeting

The Chair closed the meeting at 9.56 am.

**COUNCILLOR RUSS COOK
CHAIR**

Attachments

Attachment 1 - CSAC Agenda Submissions and Meeting Action Register

Attachment 2 – CSAC 2023 Meeting Schedule

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ACTION ITEM NO.	ITEM TYPE	ACTION ITEM	ACTION DESCRIPTION	ACTION OUTCOME	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	STATUS
18/2022	Meeting Recommendation	Crime Stoppers Queensland	That a recommendation be made to Council regarding a partnership with Crime Stoppers and the Queensland Police Service (QPS), to consider Crime Stoppers/QPS signage (to also include QR codes) in relevant public spaces.	This recommendation was presented and endorsed at Council meeting July 2022. 29/5/2023 Update – progressing, awaiting further direction from partners. 11/7/2023 Update – Council Budget approved. Council to reconnect with Partners - CSAC Member for Crime Stoppers.	Meeting Facilitator	Open
26/2022	Meeting Recommendation	That Council consider additional library services to support over 60's	The meeting facilitator to present recommendation through CHSES committee.	Scheduled to go to January 2023 meeting for consideration. The action was endorsed at full council. Working with Libraries to progress this item. 29/5/2023 Update – working with Libraries. July Update – nil update.	Meeting Facilitator	Open
32/2023	Meeting Action	Short engagement activity	The Meeting Facilitator to email the Community Safety Survey to the members of the advisory committee.	July update - Meeting Facilitator awaiting electronic copy	Meeting Facilitator	Open

Attachment 2 – CSAC Meeting Schedule 2023

Community Safety Advisory Committee – 2023 Meeting Dates			
Month	Meeting Date	Agenda closes	Venue
March	Tuesday 28 March	28 February	Mayoral Reception Room
May	Tuesday 30 May	2 May	Townsville Stadium
June	Tuesday 06 June		
July	Tuesday 4 July Tuesday 11 July	6 June 13 June	Von Stieglitz Meeting Room, Riverway Library
Sept	Tuesday 5 September	8 August	Head to Health (32 Walker Street, Townsville)
Nov	Tuesday 14 November	17 October	To be advised