



# COMMUNITY SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## UNCONFIRMED MEETING NOTES

Tuesday, 6 June 2023  
Townsville Stadium

### Opening of Meeting

The acting Chair, Councillor Jenny Hill, opened the meeting at 8:38 am.

### Present

#### Members

Councillor Suzanne Blom  
Katrina McIntosh  
Dr Mark David Chong  
Acting Inspector Chris Caswell

Townsville City Council  
The Salvation Army  
James Cook University  
Queensland Police Service (proxy for Inspector Dean Cavanagh)  
Victims Assist Queensland

Babette Doherty

#### Ex Officio member

Councillor Jenny Hill, Mayor

Townsville City Council

#### TCC Staff

Donna Jackson – Meeting Facilitator  
Clint Drew  
Jacqui Cowell  
Matt Richardson

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

Sheree Anderson

### Acknowledgement of Country

The acting 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 Russ Cook  
Verity Bennett  
Natalie Marr  
Jeanna Clearwater  
Corinne Moore

Sandra Crosato-Matters

Tania Sheppard

Townsville City Council  
NQ Domestic Violence Resource Service  
Crime Stoppers  
Townsville Community Corrections  
Department of Children, Youth Justice and Multicultural Affairs  
Department of Seniors, Disability Services and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships  
Department of Communities, Housing and Digital Economy

**The acting Chair noted that the Department of Transport and Main Roads representative has resigned. The position will not be replaced at this stage.**

## Confirm Quorum

The meeting did not have a quorum.

## Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Advisory Committee meeting

The confirmation of the minutes of the meeting on 28 March 2023 was held over.

## Disclosure of Interests – Statement by the Meeting Facilitator

The Meeting Facilitator reminded councillors and committee members of their obligations for 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.

## Agenda Submissions and Meeting Action Register Update

The Meeting Facilitator provided an update of the following action items.

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| <b>18/2022</b> | <p><b>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.</b></p> <p>This partnership project is in progress and awaiting further direction from Crimestoppers Queensland and QPS.</p>   |
| <b>26/2022</b> | <p><b>Meeting action register (ii) - Feedback from members on over 60s data request - That Council consider additional library services to support the over 60s group, as defined by the working group.</b></p> <p>This matter is currently with Council's library services for development.</p> <p><b>Meeting action</b></p> <p>The Meeting Facilitator to invite library services to share information about what is proposed for the over 60s group, or what has been developed.</p> |
| <b>28/2023</b> | <p><b>Perceptions of Crime – Where do organisations sit with this? - Agenda item for March 2023 meeting</b></p> <p>The Meeting Facilitator advised that this item would be complete with Item 2 on today's agenda.</p>  |

**There was no Chair's Opening Statement.**

## **Agenda Items**

### **1 Introduction: Council's Community Safety Auditor**

Council's Community Safety Auditor, Clint Drew, provided an overview of his role and priorities for the 6 months he will be in the role.

The acting Chair gave an overview of the advocacy work she has done in this area.

Various community safety topics were reviewed, including:

- Council's community safety initiatives
- local laws
- the role of Council staff
- homelessness and inebriation
- vehicle theft deterrents
- programs for youths in care or detention
- banned drinkers register
- community perceptions of safety
- acknowledging positive safety factors
- youth justice reparations
- Queensland Online Crime Map
- truancy factors.

#### **Meeting action**

The Meeting Facilitator to email Clint Drew's contact details to the members of the advisory committee.

### **2 Short engagement activity**

Clint Drew asked those present to complete a Community Safety Survey.

Additional community safety topics were reviewed, including traffic safety.

#### **Meeting action**

The Meeting Facilitator to email the Community Safety Survey to the members of the advisory committee.

## **General Business/Agency Reports**

### **(i) Bowen Road Bridge Upgrade**

Councillor Suzanne Blom asked that the Department of Transport and Main Roads be invited to provide information to the committee on the upgrade to the Bowen Road Bridge.

#### **Meeting action**

The Meeting Facilitator to invite a Department of Transport and Main Roads representative to provide information on the Bowen Road Bridge Upgrade.

### **(ii) Salvation Army Rehabilitation Centre**

Katrina McIntosh noted that the Salvation Army Rehabilitation Centre was currently taking applications. There is a waiting list for the detox program.

### **Confirmation of next meeting**

The acting Chair advised that the next committee meeting would be on Tuesday, 11 July 2023, 8:30 am to 10:30 am.

The committee agreed to this meeting taking place at the Riverway Library, in the Von Stieglitz Meeting Room.

The meeting facilitator noted that the date had changed from the original meeting date scheduled for 4 July 2023.

### **The acting Chair raised an additional item of general business.**

#### **General business**

##### **(iii) Impact of FASD and illicit drugs**

The acting Chair raised the topic of foetal alcohol syndrome disorder (FASD).

The committee considered a range of issues, including the following:

- the impact of FASD on the behaviour of some young offenders
- the lack of access that unsentenced young offenders have to rehabilitation and other types of programs
- legislative changes may be required to enable earlier delivery of programs (i.e., before sentencing)
- working with stakeholders would be important in developing a wholistic program of services
- illicit drug use can be an undisclosed factor in criminal behaviour
- admitting to drug use is disincentivised by potential legal implications, which may impact on health outcomes
- along with alcohol, ice drug use is a significant problem.

#### **Close of Meeting**

The acting Chair, Councillor Jenny Hill closed the meeting at 10:02 am.

### **COUNCILLOR JENNY HILL**

### **ACTING CHAIR**

**Attachment 1 – Community Safety Advisory Committee Agenda Submission and Meeting Action Register**

**Attachment 2 - CSAC Meeting Schedule 2023**

# Attachment 1 – Community Safety Advisory Committee Agenda Submission and Meeting Action Register

Action Item No.	Agenda Submission / Meeting Actions	Item	Action to be taken	Date Listed	Responsible Officer	Completed Date
18/2022	Meeting Action	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.	19/07/2022	Meeting Facilitator	22/03/2023 (Decision at Ordinary Council meeting) Signage - Ongoing
26/2022	Committee Recommendation	Meeting action register (ii) - Feedback from members on over 60s data request	That Council consider additional library services to support the over 60s group, as defined by the working group.	8/11/2022	Meeting Facilitator	25/01/2023 (Decision at Ordinary Council meeting) Ongoing
28/2023	Agenda Submission	Perceptions of Crime – Where do organisations sit with this?	Agenda item for March 2023 meeting	28/03/2023	Meeting Facilitator	6/6/2023
29/2023	Meeting Action	Review of Agenda Submissions and Meeting Action Register	That the Meeting Facilitator arrange with Head to Health to see if they are able to do a walk-through of the facility (with available Committee members).	28/03/2023	Meeting Facilitator	
30/2023	Meeting Action	Roundtable discussion – Mayoral Minute	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the Chair, Councillor Russ Cook and the Meeting Facilitator set up individual meetings with the sections of the Committee that may be useful to have a one on ones with to consider some of the matters.</li> <li>2. That the Meeting Facilitator collate an indication of what Council does currently and that this information be forwarded to the next Committee meeting.</li> </ol>	28/03/2023	Meeting Facilitator	
31/2023	Meeting Action	1. Introduction: Council's Community Safety Auditor	The Meeting Facilitator to email Clint Drew's contact details to the members of the advisory committee.	6/6/2023	Meeting Facilitator	

Action Item No.	Agenda Submission / Meeting Actions	Item	Action to be taken	Date Listed	Responsible Officer	Completed Date
32/2023	Meeting Action	2. Short engagement activity	The Meeting Facilitator to email the Community Safety Survey to the members of the advisory committee.	6/6/2023	Meeting Facilitator	

**Attachment 2 - CSAC Meeting Schedule 2023**

<b>Month</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
March	Tuesday 28 March	8.30 am	Mayoral Reception Room
May	<del>Tuesday 30 May</del> Tuesday 6 June	8.30 am	Townsville Stadium
July	<del>Tuesday 4 July</del>	<del>8.30 am</del>	TBA
July	Tuesday 11 July	8.30 am	Von Stieglitz Meeting Room, Riverway Library
September	Tuesday 5 September	8.30 am	Townsville Stadium
November	Tuesday 14 November	8.30 am	Townsville Stadium