



Community Safety Advisory Committee
MINUTES REPORT
Tuesday, 3 May 2022
8.34 AM
at the Townsville Stadium

Opening of Meeting

The Acting Chair, Councillor Suzanne Blom opened the meeting at 8.34 am.

Present

Councillor Suzanne Blom
Dr Mark David Chong
Verity Bennett
Inspector Dean Cavanagh
Katrina McIntosh
Steven MacDonald
Corinne Moore

Jeanna Clearwater
Natalie Marr
Babette Doherty

Acting Chair, Townsville City Council
James Cook University
NQ Domestic Violence Resource Service
Queensland Police Service
The Salvation Army
Department of Transport and Main Roads
Department of Children, Youth Justice and Multicultural
Affairs
Townsville Community Corrections
Crime Stoppers
Victims Assist Queensland

Guests

Brenton Creed

Queensland Police Service First Nations Reference Group

TCC Staff

Rebecca Pola

Helene James

Meeting Facilitator / Community Safety Officer, Townsville
City Council
Community Development Officer, Townsville City Council

Acknowledgement of Country

The Acting Chair acknowledged the Wulgurukaba of Gurambilbarra and Yunbenun, Bindal, GuguBadhun 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
Sandra Crosato-Matters

Tania Sheppard
Wendy Ah Chin
Rachel Matthews

Townsville City Council
Department of Seniors, Disability Services and Aboriginal
and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships
Department of Communities, Housing and Digital Economy
Queensland Health
Coordinator Community Development, Townsville City
Council

Confirm Quorum

A quorum was present at the meeting.

Disclosure of Interests - Statement by 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.

Correspondence

The Meeting Facilitator provided an overview of recent incoming and outgoing correspondence with regards to this Committee.

Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Advisory Committee Meeting

It was MOVED by Jeanna Clearwater, SECONDED by Dr Mark David Chong:

"That the minutes of the Community Safety Advisory Committee meeting of 15 March 2022 be confirmed."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Presentation / Agenda Submission

1 Socio-Ecology Community Development

The Community Development Officer provided a presentation on Socio-Ecology Community Development - an integrated social and ecological framework, which also included an overview of the following:

- a. Three For Bees
Activating environmental agency in three simple steps to nurture and support North Queensland's bee population.
- b. Gardens Without Borders
Growing population, density, residents are embracing previously ignored, 'in-between' public spaces as offering potential to support greater ecosystem services. Roadside vegetation on street verges (footpaths) play an important role in contributing to urban ecosystem services and public greenspace.

The 'Have Your Say' survey is to help Council understand the community views on urban gardening in the Dry Tropics.

Please find below related links:

Gardens without Borders survey link - [Gardens without Borders Survey | Have Your Say Townsville](#)

Sustain Australia – Pandemic Survey report - [The Pandemic Gardening Survey Report | Sustain](#)
Pennsylvania Study 2018 - [Citywide cluster randomized trial to restore blighted vacant land and its effects on violence, crime, and fear | PNAS](#) and [This city fights crime with gardening | Science | AAAS](#)

Big Aussie Backyard Bird count data (2020 and 2021) - [Townsville Dashboard](#)

The Meeting Facilitator sought feedback from the Committee members on this item.
The Committee members provided feedback.

The Committee discussed the item.

The Acting Chair, Councillor Suzanne Blom suggested to get feedback after the 'Have Your Say' survey has finished to consider if the Committee can support the Community Development Officer. Councillor Blom also suggested for the Community Development Officer to attend a future Committee meeting.

Brenton Creed took a seat at the meeting during the following item.

Actions from previous Committee meeting

a. Figures for cleaning up graffiti

The Meeting Facilitator advised that the Department of Communities, Housing and Digital Economy could not provide specific figures.

Steven MacDonald advised that Department of Transport and Main Roads has one maintenance budget and part of this is for graffiti clean-up. Mr MacDonald provided advice on the Department's policy with regards to graffiti.

The Meeting Facilitator sought feedback from the Committee members with regards to illegal graffiti.

The Committee members provided feedback.

b. Longitudinal Study Framework

Working Group

The Meeting Facilitator provided an update on the Longitudinal Study Framework Working Group.

Template

Dr Mark David Chong provided an overview of his findings of previous longitudinal studies which may assist Council with its longitudinal study.

The Committee discussed this item.

Meeting Action

The Meeting Facilitator requested Inspector Dean Cavanagh to check if the 'National Community Survey of Satisfaction of Police' is available for dissemination to non-Queensland Police Service and, if not, could a snapshot of the survey be made available to the Committee or the Working Group.

Committee Recommendation

That Council write to The London Borough of Sutton requesting a copy of their longitudinal study (on neighbourhood security conducted from 2007 to 2019).

General Business

(i) Update - Queensland Police Service First Nations Reference Group

Brenton Creed provided a brief update on the Queensland Police Service First Nations Reference Group.

(ii) Request for agenda submissions

The Meeting Facilitator strongly encouraged the Committee members (as representatives of their organisations and as residents) to put in agenda submissions for matters they wish for the Committee to discuss/make recommendations and for Council to consider.

Committee members raised issues which included dogs on roads, school pick ups and elderly residents affected by property crime.

The Committee discussed the issues raised.

Meeting Action

That the Meeting Facilitator invite a representative from 'Townsville Head to Health' to the next Committee meeting (to provide an overview of this service).

(iii) Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month

Verity Bennett highlighted that May is Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month and provided an overview of the activities being held in May.

Confirmation of Next Meeting

The next Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 5 July 2022 at 8.30am at the Townsville Stadium.

Close of Meeting

The Meeting Facilitator closed the meeting at 10.16 am.

COUNCILLOR SUZANNE BLOM
ACTING CHAIR

Attachments

Attachment 1 - CSAC - Agenda Submissions and Meeting Action Register

Attachment 2 - CSAC - 2022 Meeting Schedule

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Action Item No.	Agenda Submission / Meeting Actions	Item	Action to be taken	Date Listed	Responsible Officer	Completed Date
1/2021	Meeting Action	Terms of Reference (agenda item 1)	That the Meeting Facilitator investigate if flying minutes are an option.	30/11/2021	Meeting Facilitator	15/03/2022
2/2021	Meeting Action	Terms of Reference (agenda item 1)	In item 5.3 delete 'Share information with the arts community' and delete any other reference to the arts community	30/11/2021	Meeting Facilitator	27/01/2022
3/2021	Meeting Action	Terms of Reference (agenda item 1)	That the meeting facilitator give feedback to Legal services on providing agenda items and investigate if there is ability for any wriggle room for receiving (late) agenda items (that require voting on / a committee recommendation)	30/11/2021	Meeting Facilitator	15/12/2021
4/2021	Meeting Action	Terms of Reference (agenda item 1)	That the Community safety Advisory Committee Terms of Reference, with amendments, be endorsed	30/11/2021	Committee	30/11/2021
5/2021	Meeting Action	Quorum (General Business ii)	That the Community Safety Advisory Committee membership be reduced to 14 committee members.	30/11/2021	Committee	27/01/2022
6/2021	Meeting Action	Membership (General Business iii)	That Townsville Community Corrections be invited to be a member of this committee.	30/11/2021	Meeting Facilitator	27/01/2022
7/2022	Agenda submission	Longitudinal Study Framework discussion	To be included on agenda for the March 2022 meeting.	15/03/2022	Meeting Facilitator	15/03/2022
8/2022	Agenda submission	Graffiti Action Plan 2021 – 2024 – How to engage external organisations	To be included on agenda for the March 2022 meeting.	15/03/2022	Meeting Facilitator	15/03/2022

9/2022	Meeting Action	Longitudinal Study Framework	The Chair, Councillor Russ Cook requested that Dr Chong provide a template.	15/03/2022	Dr Mark David Chong (Committee member)	03/05/2022
10/2022	Meeting Action	Longitudinal Study Framework	The Meeting Facilitator requested volunteers for a working group. Wendy Ah Chin, Jeanna Clearwater, Corinne Moore and Councillor Cook volunteered.	15/03/2022	Meeting Facilitator	11/05/2022
11/2022	Agenda Submission	Socio-Ecology Community Development	To be included on agenda for the May 2022 meeting.	03/05/2022	Meeting Facilitator	03/05/2022
12/2022	Meeting Action	Graffiti Action Plan 2021 – 2024	The Chair, Councillor Russ Cook requested Steven MacDonald to provide at the next meeting the actual figures Department of Transport and Main Roads (DTMR) is spending on cleaning up graffiti. The Meeting Facilitator requested Kelli Webb if the Department of Communities, Housing and Digital Economy (DCHDE) could provide figures as well.	15/03/2022	DTMR DCHDE	03/05/2022
13/2022	Meeting Action	Longitudinal Study Framework	The Meeting Facilitator requested Inspector Dean Cavanagh to check if the 'National Community Survey of Satisfaction of Police' is available for dissemination to non-Queensland Police Service and, if not, could a snapshot of the survey be made available to the Committee or the Working Group.	03/05/2022	Inspector Dean Cavanagh (Committee Member)	
14/2022	Meeting Action	Longitudinal Study Framework	That Council write to The London Borough of Sutton requesting a copy of their longitudinal study (on neighbourhood security conducted from 2007 to 2019).	03/05/2022	Meeting Facilitator	
15/2022	Meeting Action	Meeting Presentation	That the Meeting Facilitator invite a representative from 'Townsville Head to Health' to the next Committee meeting (to provide an overview of this service).	03/05/2022	Meeting Facilitator	

Attachment 2 - CSAC Meeting Schedule 2022

Month	Date	Time	Location
March 2022	15	8.30am to 10.30am	Townsville Stadium
May 2022	3	8.30am to 10.30am	Townsville Stadium
July 2022	5	8.30am to 10.30am	Townsville Stadium
September 2022	6	8.30am to 10.30am	Townsville Stadium
November 2022	8	8.30am to 10.30am	Townsville Stadium