

Greater Geraldton Crime Prevention Committee

Meeting Agenda

Meeting Name	Greater Geraldton Crime Prevention Committee	Meeting No.	3 - CS/16/0020 D-22-105739
Meeting Date	Friday, 30 September 2022		
Meeting Time	11:00am		
Meeting Location	Function Room – Civic Centre (63 Cathedral Avenue)		
Attendees	Cr Colliver (Deputy Chair) Cr Critch Cr Raymond (Proxy) Rob Grace – WAPOL Rhys Marjoram – WAPOL (Proxy for OIC Geraldton) Leonie Taylor – Community Representative Fiona Norling - CGG Peter Treharne - CGG Jesse Steele – CGG Chaili Shiosaki – MEEDAC Melany Murray - MEEDAC Colleen Ethell – Hope Joanne Fabling - MWCCI Lara Dalton - Local Member Moana Wilson MW (Minutes)	By Invitation	
		Apologies	Cr Hall (Chair) Tim Milnes – Community Representative Michael Hall – WAPOL Max Walker – Mullewa POL Lydia Young – CGG Andrew Greaves – MEEDAC Simon Phillips – MHCDS Talya Quinn – PCYC Merle Meyer – Dept. of Justice Kieran Rigter – Desert Blue Connect Neil Vanderplank - WAPOL Gina Rainbird – Hope Samantha Harring – Dept. Justice Jamaica Byrnes – YJS Terry Brennan – Geraldton Streetwork
		Leave of Absence	
		Distribution	
Purpose of Committee	The Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan was Adopted by Council 24 July 2018 (DCS376). The City will host the Greater Geraldton Crime Prevention Committee, which is the overarching committee for Crime Prevention in the City. Refer to Committee Book		

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1 Welcome & Apologies

2 Disclosure of Interests

3 Minutes of Previous Meeting – 15 June 2022

TRIM Reference:	D-22-078338
Discussion:	CONFIRM that the minutes of the Crime Prevention Advisory Committee meeting held on 15 June 2022 as previously circulated, be adopted as a true and correct record of proceedings.

--- Embedded Attachment ---

Greater Geraldton Crime Prevention Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Name	Greater Geraldton Crime Prevention Committee	Meeting No.	CS/16/0020 D-22-065271
Meeting Date	Wednesday, 15 June 2022		
Meeting Time	10:00am		
Meeting Location	Library – Randolph Stow Rooms		
Attendance by Electronic Means	In accordance with the <i>Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 regulation 14C (2) - Attendance by electronic means in public health emergency or state of emergency (Act s.5.25(1)(ba))</i> the Mayor authorised for Community Representative Leonie Taylor and Councillor Jennifer Critch to attend this meeting by electronic means [Reference: D-22-068563 and D-22-069446].		
Attendees	Cr Hall BH (Chair) Cr Colliver NC (Deputy Chair) Cr Critch JC (by electronic means) Cr Reymond MR (Proxy) Rob Grace RB – WAPOL Charlie Comeagain - WAPOL Leonie Taylor LT – Community Representative (by electronic means) Tim Milnes – Community Representative Lydia Young LY – CGG Peter Treharne PT - CGG Andrew Greaves AG – MEEDAC Jordan Gabelish GB – MEEDAC Simon Phillips SP – MHCDS Colleen Ethell CE – Hope Talya Quinn TQ – PCYC Merle Meyer MM – Dept. of Justice Kieran Rigter KR – Desert Blue Connect Chloe Collard CC – Geraldton Streetwork Moana Wilson MW (Minutes)	By Invitation	Pieter Vorster PV – CGG
		Apologies	Michael Hall MH – WAPOL Mark Walker MW – Mullewa POL Ron Addison RA – WAPOL Neil Vanderplank - WAPOL Joanne Fabling JF - MWCCI Jesse Steele JSt - CGG Lara Dalton LD – Local Member Gina Rainbird GB – Hope Samantha Harring SH– Dept. Justice Jamaica Byrnes JB – YJS Terry Brennan TB – Geraldton Streetwork Fiona Norling FN – CGG Chris Martin CM – WAPOL
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1 Welcome & Apologies

The Chair welcomed the members and provided opportunity for each individual to introduce themselves, apologies were received as noted above.

Joanne Fabling of MWCCI left the meeting at 10:09am.

2 Disclosure of Interests

No disclosures of interest were made.

3 Minutes of Previous Meeting

Committee Recommendation:

RECOMMENDED that the minutes of the Crime Prevention Advisory Committee held on Wednesday, 16 March 2022 as previously circulated, be adopted as a true and correct record of proceedings.

COMMITTEE DECISION:

MOVED CR Colliver, SECONDED Bob Hall

RECOMMEND that the minutes of the Greater Geraldton Crime Prevention Committee held on Wednesday, 16 March 2022 as previously circulated, be adopted as a true and correct record of proceedings.

CARRIED

4 Committee Membership – WAPOL Transfer of Membership

Committee discussed membership and confirmed transfer of membership for Ron Addison RA – WAPOL to Robert Grace (WAPOL - Crime Prevention Officer Geraldton).

Discussion Points

Officer Robert Grace & Charlie Collard provided update on the following:

- Upcoming youth initiatives:
 - In conjunction with PCYC, football and cricket carnivals for juveniles at risk and are looking to have other districts involved ie; Kalgoorlie.
 - Cricket Australia also supportive of programs, especially indigenous youth and there will be future programs rolled out together.
- Upcoming basketball carnival
 - Tayla Quinn confirmed there would be an indigenous team from NAIDOC attending to make a total of 3x teams.
- Big focus on setting community BBQ's, events would be held in a number of different suburbs to encourage community engagement across the region.
- Robert Grace confirmed there to be 4x constables and 1x sergeant as task force for these initiatives in the region.

Councillor Michael Reymond left the meeting at 10:16am.

- Youth disturbances during business hours
 - Police encourage businesses to work together with community and Police
 - Suggested that each shop has a sticker on the front door, "Any issues call this number for assistance" which may deter youth causing disturbances, as it's not necessarily possible for the shops to call the Police for such a matter
 - Officer Robert Grace advised that shop management would have to eject the youth and if they refused to leave then this would turn into a police matter as trespassing
 - Peter Treharne of the City of Greater Geraldton commented that not everyone has the skills to intervene in a situation
 - A program inviting local business managers to upskill themselves on communicating to individuals displaying inappropriate behaviour suggested
 - Talya Quinn from PCYC invited this idea due to previous refusals of service to her Organisation
- Other key focuses for Police include
 - Elderly victims of crime
 - Bicycle theft (school programs are being proposed to educate youth by the Police)
 - Possession theft from vehicles (roll out "No valuables left in this car" leaflets for vehicles)

As a new Community Representative Tim Milne advised that the Police initiatives seem fun and engaging and it's great to see activities for youth to engage in rather than engaging in crime. Tim Milne explained that it's a small portion of youth causing disturbances and that keeping kids at school needs to be a focus. While activities are engaging they don't necessarily stop kids committing crime.

As a new Community Representative Leonie Taylor advised that she was glad to see so many expert points of view in the room and she is hoping to have valuable input as a concerned citizen. Leonie advised that she would like to see a reduction in drugs and see the Committee make the community safer while coming up with great initiatives as a Team to reduce crime.

5 Laneway Update – Pieter Vorster

Pieter Vorster provided update that the City had a school activation program with bi-weekly events however without security. The program was rolled out by an outside agency who has since resigned due to inappropriate behaviour from members of the community.

The City has reviewed management of same and conducted research, appointing a security company to determine whether there was a pattern to the disturbances – no pattern was identified. Disturbances arise at random therefore there is no targeted resolution.

Additional research is being conducted on future purpose of the space and it has been noted that the community feels no ownership of the space. The City is going to engage more with events and claiming the space.

The lighting system was not fit for purpose and is being upgraded along with a sound system. The Rocks Laneway is currently open 8:00am-5.30pm and upgrades will be undertaken in conjunction with the GRAG opening to encourage connection with both locations. Overall the feedback is more eyes, less crime.

There is also some consideration of having a City team member located in the office at the Rocks Laneway to deter inappropriate behaviour and improve the perception of the space.

Talya Quinn advised that PCYC have previously encouraged businesses to be in touch to identify if there's a pattern in times so they could also have a presence to deter behaviours using their relationship with the youth.

The Committee was reminded that decisions need to be about both adults and kids as often the discussion is directed back to children however the Committee is about the wider issue of safety and crime.

Peter Treharne suggested and encouraged that there be Rocks Laneway programs rolled out that including local stakeholders such as Regional Sounds, PCYC and any other interested local organisations to reclaim ownership of the space.

Leonie Taylor agreed with the ideas to reclaim the space and additionally suggested community designed tourist attractions created by youth – to engage youth and improve the presentation of the city as well.

6 Community Crime Prevention Report – Lydia Young

Lydia Young from the City of Greater Geraldton - Youth Crime Prevention Officer presented tabled document Community Crime Prevention Report and spoke to same – see detailed report attached.

The report had previously been known as the Youth Crime Prevention Report, however it is now the Community Crime Prevention Report and Lydia Young will make improvements to content for the next meeting.

Highlights from the report

- The City has purchased Rocky's Gym for a Youth Hub – with a collaborative approach being taken towards creating a Youth/Community Precinct. A multipurpose floor to be installed to allow indoor sports – awaiting contractor timeframes.
- Talya Quinn advised 100+ children have previously attended the Thursday PCYC nights event and roll out of same again will encourage youth to the sporting area rather than town

Lydia Young encouraged community engagement to gain opinion on the precinct and the programs.

7 Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan

Committee discussed the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan and relevant content and initiatives within the community – see attached for reference.

Councillor Bob Hall advised that the report is coming up for renewal/revision.

Lydia Young confirmed that the Plan is currently being reviewed by herself, Jesse Steele & Peter Treharne. There is a need to review names, tidy up the report and look at if the priority areas. Once reviewed the Crime Prevention Plan and key actions will also work to inform the focus of the committee. Lydia Young will confirm once the review of the new Crime Prevention Plan is completed and submit to the Committee for input and advice.

8 Household CCTV Rebate Scheme & Youth Engagement – Leonie Taylor

Community Representative Leonie Taylor presented her Household CCTV Rebate Scheme and Youth Engagement ideas with the Committee.

Leonie detailed the seniors only initiative that had been rolled out by the State for funded CCTV. Leonie spoke to an incentive in Karratha whereby if you had a security screens or security cameras you could receive rebate on rates for such installs. If you received a rebate for a security systems, can also be a collaborative presence in the community as locals can provide footage in assisting Police and organisations with footage of incidents in the neighbourhood.

It was advised the City has cameras everywhere already and while there is merit in the idea it is potentially something for the State government and whilst this is food for thought concerns were raised surrounding costs and funding.

9 General Business

- Community Wellness Plan – should be up and running by next meeting.
- Talya Quinn of the PCYC provided update on upcoming programs/initiatives;
 - Youth mentoring
 - Gold Program
 - Surfing WA
 - Cricket WA
 - HMAS Stalwart III
- Talya Quinn also thanked to City of Greater Geraldton for purchase of Rocky's Gym.
- Desert Blue Connect – Kieran Rigter introduced Bree Maher and thanked the Committee for the invite.
- Homeless prevention: information on where to find assistance for the homeless was queried.
 - The Zero and Homes First Project were identified
 - The purpose of above is to remove the red tape surrounding assistance
 - An audit conducted amongst the 54 homeless identified mental health as the main concern
 - Both projects have less restrictions on accommodation timeframes and a wraparound service
 - Department of Communities have also been more involved

10 Date of next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 21 September 2022.

Remaining schedule of quarterly meetings for 2022 as follows:

- Wednesday, 14 December

11 Close

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 11:12am.

4 Community Crime Prevention Report – Lydia Young/Jesse Steele

TRIM Reference:	N/A
Discussion:	Update from City of Greater Geraldton Youth Crime Prevention Officer.

5 General Business

6 Date of next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 14 December 2022.

TRIM Reference:	D-20-020239
Discussion:	Committee to determine preferred week of the month for meetings each quarter of 2023.

7 Close