

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY SAFETY PRECINCT MEETING, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY 26 APRIL 2016, COMMENCING AT 11 AM.

PRESENT: Inspector John Aichinger (Chair), Sgt Narelle Tucker (Balranald Police), Aaron Drenovski (GM, Balranald Shire Council), Cr Jeff Mannix (Balranald Shire Council), Neville Stratton (Shamrock Hotel), Hank Van Der Veen (Tooleybuc Sporting Club), Wally Johnson (Presbyterian Church), Scott Smith (Tooleybuc Hotel), Wayne Whitby (Balranald Club), Cr Steve O'Halloran (Balranald Shire Council), and Paul Hadlow (Balranald Rescue).

APOLOGIES: Robin Johnson, Superintendent Paul Condon and Troy Brown (Homebush Hotel)

Previous Minutes were accepted by Wally Tucker and seconded by Narelle Tucker.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Inspector Aichinger advised that Des Morgan has commenced his role of Aboriginal Liaison Officer. His role includes aboriginal employment/training and working on solving long term issues in our area. Des is not a police officer but is employed by the NSW Police Force.

Cr O'Halloran enquired whether Des Morgan could possibly attend a Council meeting to meet Councillors and a media release be done to introduce him to the community.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr O'Halloran suggested seeking RMs for advice on how to monitor fatigue drivers.

Inspector Aichinger responded accidents caused by fatigue are only a small percentage. Also fatigue is very hard to target.

Scott Smith enquired about CCTV, as Tooleybuc had been experiencing an increase in break-ins. He explained he has CCTV at hotel pointing both ways up street, but none pointing over bridge. Is there any funding available to have something on bridge also?

Police responded, they have leads on the recent thefts and are working on this. They also mentioned Covert cameras that can be installed and they work with movement.

Wayne suggested try ClubGrants for possible funding.

Paul Hadlow

1. Speeding along Mayall Street with both trucks and cars was becoming a nuisance again.
2. People overtaking on double lines and using excess speed on Yanga Way.

Inspector Aichinger noted this and will mention to the highway patrol at their next meeting.

Inspector Aichinger also stated that DashCam footage can be taken into police station and reported, although you must be willing to attend court to testify.

Cr O'Halloran

Cr O'Halloran enquired about the speed emergency vehicles use when going through the town with their lights and siren.

Inspector Aichinger responded, there is no restriction; it is up to each officer in question. Although if you think the car is going too fast through the town you can report it to Denilquin station, anonymously if preferred.

Cr O'Halloran also asked if drugs usage was a problem in our area?

Police responded that there is no real problem in Balranald, they are not supporting their habit by stealing.

Cr O'Halloran also congratulated the police on their job at the recent motor accident in Euston.

Sgt Tucker reported of the recent Euston break-ins and robberies. They have arrested 1 person.

Paul enquired about the recent window smashing on property around the RFS/Rescue shed.

The police are looking into the RFS Shed break-ins, this seem to be across the board not just Balranald or Euston.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held on 28 June 2016 **at 11:00am.**

CLOSURE: There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.45am

Recommendation that the report be received and noted.