

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY SAFETY PRECINCT MEETING, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY 25th JULY 2017, COMMENCING AT 11.00AM.

PRESENT: Jy Brown (NSW Police Force), Peter Joice (NSW Police Force), Narelle Tucker (Balranald Police), Wally Johnson (Presbyterian Church), Aaron Drenovski (Balranald Shire), Cr Jeff Manix (Balranald Shire Council and Football Club), John Jackson (Balranald Hospital), Paul Hadlow (Balranald RVA) AND Wayne Whitby (Balranald Ex-Service)

APOLOGIES: Superintendent Condon (NSW Police Force), Cr Leigh Byron (Mayor of Balranald Shire Council) Vicki Barnes (Kyalite Hotel), Wyn Scott (Balranald Hospital), Robyn Johnson (Mallee Family Care), Troy Brown (Homebush Hotel)

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Inspector Brown discussed the emergency accommodation on Market Street. It is the Council's responsibility to run and maintain the facility; the Police will assist to put people in need into the accommodation when required. Superintendent Condon agrees. In prior meetings it has been suggested that Council put together a policy regarding the process for putting someone in need in there. Aaron is aware of the suggestion and will look into the policy in due course. Inspector Brown suggested that it would be used on average six times a year. The Police and Mallee Family Care have a key. It was suggested by Paul Hadlow that Vinnies should also have one if they were happy with that. Vinnies can help out with food etc and there is also emergency food at the Police station.

POLICE STATISTICS & UPDATES

Inspector Brown reported that there is a restructure of the whole Police Force. It is not known what this will look like as yet but it is business as usual.

Mr Barry is the new Regional Commander, replacing Mr Worboys. He is based in Wollongong.

Police are focusing on licencing and traffic offences as well as major events coming up such as Football finals, Ute Muster etc. as well as on-going local operations.

Sgt Tucker reported that they have had a couple of drink driving incidents and one significant break and enter. There hasn't been much activity at Euston. In general, a good couple of months.

Senior Constable Peter Joice discussed the ongoing importance of working with venues to help control excessive drinking.

The general duties and highway positions are still vacant despite actively recruiting. Two positions in Hay and one in Jerilderie have been filled. Aaron mentioned that the Mayor had written a letter raising his concerns about the unfilled positions.

New Business:

A question was asked, can someone get fined for having the windows down on their car? Yes, if the vehicle isn't secure and in a public place.

Wally Johnson noted what a good job everyone is doing. The town and shops are busy with visitors and they feel safe.

The committee discussed an issue with noisy cars. What is considered a noisy car. The Police have spoken to a resident about the noise level of their car and it will be fixed or not driven in the future. If the committee hears a noisy car they should report it to the Police so they can come and hear it and deal with the situation.

It has been noted to Police that some people are speeding through the 80km zone in Kyalite.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Superintendent Condon has requested that these meetings be held every quarter. They were being held monthly in the past but quarterly will work better. Extraordinary meetings can of course be held if required and the committee can always contact the Police committee members directly if required. Please see dates below.

Des the regions Indigenous Relations Officer is going a great job and currently on paternity leave. The Cop and Punch program in Hay is very popular. On Monday mornings local children gather to play fight with the local Police, have breakfast and then go off to school. He is a great asset.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 24th October 2017 at 11:00am.

The meeting after that will be 23rd January 2018.

CLOSURE: There being no further business the meeting closed at 11:20am.