

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY SAFETY PRECINCT MEETING, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY 23rd FEBRUARY 2016, COMMENCING AT 11 AM.

PRESENT: Inspector John Aichinger (Chair), Sgt Narelle Tucker (Balranald Police), Elizabeth White (DCCD, Balranald Shire Council), Robyn Johnson (Mallee Family Care), Wally Johnson (Presbyterian Church), Mayor Leigh Byron (Balranald Shire Council), Dylan Walsh (Balranald Club Motel), Kim Wessel (NSW Ambulance), Cr Steve O'Halloran (Balranald Shire Council), and Detective Sgt Trent Swinton.

APOLOGIES: Nil

Previous Minutes were accepted by Narelle Tucker and seconded by Kim Wessel.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Inspector Aichinger advised that Des Morgan has commenced his role of Aboriginal Liaison Officer and has hit the ground running. He has completed some of his courses for this role. His role includes aboriginal employment/training and working on solving long term issues in our area.

POLICE UPDATE:

Sergeant Tucker advised that it has been a reasonably good month; there had been no official report of rubbish at skate park/discovery centre. Although she had heard that this is a problem unofficially (on Facebook).

The months of December, January and February have been reasonably good months with not a lot of crime reports.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Clr O'Halloran

Asked if Des Morgan could be invited to the next Council meeting to meet the councillors, have photo taken and a media release be issued introducing him to the community. It was advised that he only works office hours and would not be available to attend a council meeting.

Sgt Tucker reported that he will be at the police station for a meeting at 11am on Thursday 3 March 2016.

Inspector Aichinger invited the committee to meet and greet with Des at the police station on Thursday at 10am prior to the PAC meeting.

Robyn Johnson also commented that it is pleasing to see this role filled, Balranald was in need of this officer for many years.

Sgt Tucker

Advised the committee, the offenders involved in the armed holdup at Foodworks Supermarket, had been caught and arrested.

A new officer - Constable Hadjialexiou has commenced in Euston, he is married with a family. They are settling in quite well.

New officer for Balranald to commence duties on 15th March, he is also married.

There is still one position to fill in Balranald.

Clr O'Halloran enquired with the Golf club breaking and entering, was the CCTV cameras turned off, who is responsible for cameras, and who was responsible for the securing and locking of the building?

As the building is leased it would be the lessee's responsibility to ensure equipment is working and building is secured.

An enquiry was made whether it was the same point of entry with all breaks and enters at the Golf club house. Sgt Tucker reported that new security screens had been installed on the windows and the latest break-in was via a different way.

Sgt Tucker also explained that they drive by the golf club, football sheds and skate park areas whilst patrolling the town late at night.

Sgt Tucker asked whether the shire were considering putting cameras at the Skate Park. DCCD advised that it would be considered at budget meeting.

Clr O'Halloran asked whether the litter was as bad as people are making it sound. Kim responded that she had picked up rubbish personally, alcohol bottles and rubbish. She also stated that there is ample rubbish bins and in correct positions. Therefore bins are not the problem.

He also asked if this behaviour was happening mostly in the day time or at night.

Wally Johnson commented that this anti-social behaviour would be a deterrent for tourists. The council have such a great asset with the Discovery Centre precinct; it would be dreadful to have this behaviour ruin this great asset for the town.

Inspector Aichinger suggested that lights and fencing could eliminate some of the behaviour.

Clr O'Halloran asked if the defendant that damaged the skate park would be reimbursing council for the costs involved in the repairs. It was stated that it is in the hands of Juvenile Justice, there would be no compensation payable to Council.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held on 26th April 2016 **at 11:00am.**

CLOSURE: There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.35am

Recommendation that the report be received and noted.