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## **SHIRE OF NORTHAM**

**MINUTES OF THE  
COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON  
06 MAY 2016**

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**Notice and Agenda of the Safer Northam Committee meeting to be held in the Council Chambers on Friday, 19 February 2016 at 2.00pm**

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**1. OPENING AND WELCOME**

Chairperson Cr Julie Williams declared the meeting open at 2.08pm.

Cr Williams referred to the Terms of Reference which was provided to the group and identified the Members and Ex-Officio Members to clarify voting rights. Cr Williams highlighted the point that it is mandatory that all Members vote.

With Mr T Munday no longer able to represent the community on this Committee, the quorum of voting Members is 7. The Committee has reached a quorum.

**2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

*Parts of Division 6 Subdivision 1 of the Local Government Act 1995 requires Council members and employees to disclose any direct or indirect financial interest or general interest in any matter listed in this agenda. The Act also requires the nature of the interest to be disclosed in writing before the meeting or immediately before the matter being discussed.*

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There were no declarations of interest for this meeting.

**3. ATTENDANCE**

**MEMBERS**

Chairperson	Cr J Williams
Councillor	Cr D G Beresford
Councillor	Cr C Davidson
Executive Manager Community Services	Mr R Rayson
Northam Police	SNRSGT G Dickson
Health Representative	Mr G Bentley
Department Education	Mrs S Bray

**EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS**

Community Development Officer	Mrs M Blackhurst
Department Child Protection and Family Support	Mrs D Lamperd

**SPECIAL GUESTS**

WA Police Wheatbelt District Superintendent	SUPT P Halliday
Chief Executive Officer	Mr Jason Whiteaker

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### 4. APOLOGIES

LDAG  
Northam Chamber of Commerce  
Local Drug Action Group  
Department of Housing

Ms R Power  
Mr M Hubble  
Mrs K Grace  
Mr A Mencshelyi

### 5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

#### RECOMMENDATION

Minute No: CSC.021

Moved: Mrs Sharon Bray  
Seconded: Mr Greg Bentley

That the minutes of the meeting held Friday, 19 February 2016 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

CARRIED 7/0

### 6. AGENDA ITEMS

#### 6.1 COMMUNITY SAFETY AND CRIME PREVENTION PLAN

Name of Applicant:	Shire of Northam
Name of Owner:	Shire of Northam
File Ref:	1.3.12.1
Officer:	Ross Rayson
Officer Interest:	N/A
Policy:	N/A
Voting:	N/A
Date:	17 February 2016

#### PURPOSE

To update the Committee on the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan and seek endorsement of the Plan from the Committee.

#### BACKGROUND

The Shire of Northam Community Safety and Crime Prevention (CSCP) Plan 2016-2020 is a four year strategic outlook for the Shire of Northam that aims to map the issues of primary concern to the community and document the strategies and partnerships to deal with these issues.

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Together with key partners, the Shire of Northam is committed to ensuring continual improvements to community safety with a particular emphasis on minimising the occurrence and opportunity for antisocial and criminal activity.

The CSCP Plan 2016-2020 has brought all of the current data together to help the Committee to understand 'What is the Northam story'. This will help the Committee to reconcile where the facts and the perceptions differ.

**STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS**

N/A

**CONFORMITY WITH THE STRATEGIC COMMUNITY PLAN**

**OBJECTIVE:** Create an environment that provides for a caring and healthy community.

**STRATEGY:** Provide an environment that enhances and builds on the liveability of the Shire.

**BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

N/A

**OFFICER'S COMMENT**

The Community Safety Committee were been provided a copy of the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan 2016-2020.

Committee members were asked to email Mrs Michelle Blackhurst to indicate which actions potentially align with current objectives of stakeholders so that actions can be allocated.

SNRSGT Dickson together with SUPT Peter Halliday provided an insight as to why youth crime and target hardening were being targeted in the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan 2016-2020 as areas of high priority. Mrs Dawn Lamperd spoke on youth crime and referred to it being a very complex dilemma and she wanted to ensure that all of the current preventative programs were taken into account. Mrs Michelle Blackhurst referred back to the Plan clarifying that the Plan is focused around building partnerships and promoting current opportunities.

SNRSGT Dickson also spoke on the Objectives of the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan 2016-2020 and how the Plan will support the community to work together with local Police to reduce crime in the Shire of Northam.

Mrs Michelle Blackhurst and Mr Ross Rayson provided an update on current actions including the launch of the Dob in a Dealer campaign, current grant applications that had been applied for, completion of the Plan which will evolve as a live document.

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Cr Denis Beresford asked the question of the Police representatives why it seem like there is no action when drug reports are made to the Police. SNRGST Dickson said that there has been a large amount of direct intervention, some of which will yield quick results and some will take longer as the Police build the judicial record. Generating a drug warrant is not simple as it requires evidence. Information from the community is valuable and it is all used to build that judicial record. SUPT Peter Halliday said that recently at the launch of the 'Dob in a Dealer campaign' Jason Whittaker raised the issue of feedback with the CEO of Crimestoppers. There is little the police can do about feedback on Crimestoppers report as Crimestoppers controls the information. I agreed that I would consider how we deal with intelligence that comes directly to Police and hold further discussions on whether we could look at the possibility of feedback.

Mrs Michelle Blackhurst and Mr Ross Rayson spoke on some of the actions of the Plan. Mr Jason Whiteaker spoke on two specific actions, being the proposed Lock and Light program and Operation Night Sweep that were more interactive than informative and wanted to clarify if the Committee wanted to take more of an interactive role by delivering projects such as these. The Committee agreed that this would be more beneficial to the community.

Mrs Michelle Blackhurst referred to the Plan as a whole of community response to alleviate pressure on the Police. SNRSGT Dickson said that the Plan needed a Champion and that someone had to own it for the Plan to be successful. Mr Ross Rayson said that this was a space for the Shire of Northam to fill via the Committee.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

**Minute No: CSC.022**

**Moved: Mr Ross Rayson**

**Seconded: SNRSGT Geoff Dickson**

**That Council endorse the Shire of Northam Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan 2016-2020.**

**CARRIED 7/0**

## **6.2 ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS MANAGEMENT PLAN**

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Name of Applicant:	Shire of Northam
Name of Owner:	Shire of Northam
File Ref:	1.3.12.1
Officer:	Michelle Blackhurst
Officer Interest:	N/A
Policy:	N/A
Voting:	Simple Majority
Date:	04 May 2016

### PURPOSE

Update about the Alcohol and Other Drugs Management Plan (AODMP).

### BACKGROUND

The AODMP is a plan that articulates what will happen at a local level to create change in the identified issues surrounding alcohol and other drugs. The AODMP Committee meet on a bi-monthly basis to discuss priority areas of the Plan and report updates to the Committee.

### STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

N/A

### CONFORMITY WITH THE STRATEGIC COMMUNITY PLAN

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### BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

N/A

### OFFICER'S COMMENT

The Minutes of the AODMP Committee meetings will be shared on availability via email to the Community Safety Committee to ensure that the Committee is aware of the actions and updates surrounding alcohol and other drug issues in the Shire of Northam.

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Terry Munday – no longer able to represent the community on this Committee as he has left town.

**8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will take place at 2pm on 08 July 2016.

There will be two further meetings taking place in 2016 on 16 September 2016 and 11 November 2016.

**9. DECLARATION OF CLOSURE**

The meeting was officially closed at 2.55pm.

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