



Shire of Northam

Heritage, Commerce and Lifestyle

**NOTICE OF A
COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
COMMENCING AT
2:00 PM
THURSDAY
05 FEBRUARY 2015**

**Please be advised that the next Community Safety Committee Meeting
will be held as above.**

**DENISE GOBBART
ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
30 JANUARY 2015**

SHIRE OF NORTHAM

SUMMARY OF AGENDA TO BE PRESENTED TO THE COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD ON 05 FEBRUARY 2015 AT 2:00 PM

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1. **OPENING AND WELCOME**
2. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**
3. **ATTENDANCE**

MEMBERS

Councillors

Chief Executive Officer
 Northam Police
 Wundowie Police
 Northam Roadwise Committee
 Department Housing
 Department of Health
 Local Drug Action Group
 Northam Chamber Commerce
 Community Representatives

D G Beresford
 J E Williams
 Jason Whiteaker
 Snr Sgt Ron Daniels
 Sgt Mark Johnston
 Cliff Simpson
 Attila Mencshelyi
 Daniella Joyce
 TBC
 TBC
 Kerry Horan
 Barbara Silvester
 Rose Power

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

Executive Manager Community Services
 Senior Community Development Coordinator
 Department Child Protection and Family Support
 WA Police
 Department Child Protection and Family Support
 Main Roads Western Australia
 Department Sport and Recreation
 Avon Youth Services
 Northam PCYC

Ross Rayson
 Michelle Blackhurst
 Dawn Lamperd
 SUPT Peter Halliday
 Shirley Umu
 Barbara Gogan
 Jannah Stratford
 Venessa Miler
 James West

4. **APOLOGIES**

Department Education
 Southern Youth Justice Services

Sharon Bray
 Ellen Coshall

5. **CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the meeting held Thursday 31 July 2014 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

6.1. PROGRESSION OF DEVELOPMENT OF COMMUNITY SAFETY AND CRIME PREVENTION PLAN

At its meeting held on Thursday 26 June 2014 the Community Safety Committee resolved to hold a workshop to commence the development of a new Shire of Northam Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan. It also requested that Council appoint a facilitator for that purpose, which was endorsed by Council at its Ordinary Meeting held on 16 July 2014.

The purpose of the workshop will be to identify key community safety issues in the Shire of Northam and the development of strategies to address these. In order to identify the key issues in the communities (demonstrated and perceived), consideration of statistical data and an understanding of the perceptions of safety and crime in the community is required.

Council Officers have held a preliminary discussion with consultant agency “Consult, Innovate, Create”, as recommended by members of the Committee and Regional Development Australia - Wheatbelt. This consultant is not available to do a workshop until April and her price would be based on what is required of her.

For a workshop price to be sort, the Committee would need to consider:

- What are our goals?
- Would she be doing registrations and the marketing of the workshop?
- Would she be required to do the report and if so, how detailed?
- How many workshops are being delivered and in what communities?
- Length of workshop (usually 2 hours is a good period)
- What do we want covered?
- What level of preparation would be required of her?

The Shire of Northam is conducting a survey ‘Community Perception Survey’ to seek information from the public about different aspects of living in the Shire of Northam. A number of questions have been built into this survey with regard to safety in the community and this will be used to add value to the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee:

1. Request that Members and Ex-Officio Members of the Community Safety Committee provide to the Shire of Northam available data to inform the development of the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan.
2. Consider the most appropriate methodology to be utilised to gather information on the community’s perception of safety and crime in the Shire of Northam.

Further discussion is required.

6.2. MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY – PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Wheatbelt Police are looking to place a focus on locking vehicles in the Northam area. According to the Wheatbelt Police there has been an increase in thefts from vehicles in

the local area and unfortunately many of these appear to be preventable by simply having people lock their cars and remove valuable goods.

The concept developed by the Wheatbelt Police is to do a mail out to all residents to highlight this issue and providing contact details in the event people notice any suspicious activity. The discussions held with the Wheatbelt Police to date have revolved around the best possible way to have the information put out into the public arena.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee:

1. Partner the Wheatbelt Police in sending a letter to the each household in Northam outlining strategies to mitigate motor vehicle theft and break-ins;
2. Contribute up to \$1,000 (to be sourced from job 4660 – Northam Safety Week) to assist in the dissemination of the letter and flier, subject to the letter being countersigned by the President or Chairperson of the Northam Safety Committee and the letter reflecting the support and involvement of the Northam Safety Committee;
3. Place the information pertaining to strategies to mitigate motor vehicle theft and break-ins on the Council Website and social media

The proposal is for the Shire of Northam to accommodate the costs of disseminating the information. The Council has an annual allocation of \$2,000 for Northam Safety Week which is under allocated by \$950 currently.

Council Officers are in the process of implementing the recommendations of the Committee.

7. AGENDA ITEMS

7.1. PRESENTATIONS BY STAKEHOLDERS

At the initial meeting of the Committee it was agreed that the first important step for the Committee was to begin to develop a clear understanding of the issues and challenges facing the community in relation to safety and subsequent crime prevention. As a consequence the focus of the Committee meetings will be on receiving presentations from key Committee members/stakeholders.

The presentations/briefings are designed to provide the opportunity for the relevant stakeholder to paint their picture of Northam in the context of their specific area of interest/focus.

7.1.1 PRESENTATION BY SCHOOL DRUG EDUCATION AND ROAD AWARE

Rose Power

7.1.2 PRESENTATION BY WA POLICE

Superintendent Halliday

7.1.3 PRESENTATION BY ROADWISE COMMITTEE

Cliff Simpson

7.2. DRUG SUPPLIES IN NORTHAM AND THE TACTICS BEING USED BY THE POLICE TO CLOSE DOWN SUPPLIERS.

A question was raised by Cr Beresford regarding the increasing amount of drug supplies in Northam. This is a topic of interest to the Northam Community and it would be beneficial for the Committee to understand the tactics being used by the Police to close down suppliers.

Superintendent Peter Halliday to address the Committee.

8. OTHER BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE INTRODUCED BY DECISION OF COMMITTEE

9. DATE OF NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next meeting will take place at the Shire of Northam on Thursday, 09 April 2015 at 3pm.

10. DECLARATION OF CLOSURE