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## CMC Inquiry.

- 1) Relations between the Community and Police.
  - Lack of trust
  - Not here long enough to develop a relationship
  - No relationship.
- 2) Policing Services
  - almost non-existent
  - reactionary
  - phones diverted to cairns
  - show up 9.00 am next morning.
  - Cost to community from AMP. (Fines)
  - Presence is always to search for people – not pro-active.
  - Ambulance get here faster.
- 3) Changes.
  - Police station in community.
  - More police presence.
  - Phones not diverted to Cairns.
- 4) Community help.
  - Already are – providing help.
- 5) Detainee safety.
  - Cameras
  - Safety cells.
  - Communicate with justice, health and relatives.
- 6) Supervising in custody.
  - Community justice group.
- 7) To keep people out of custody.
  - Get rid of the AMP.
  - Mandatory drug and Alcohol counselling.
  - An effective justice group.
  - Look at the failures of government services such as Youth justice, parole monitoring is unstructured community service.

Summary discussion.

Point nos one.

Developing relationships requires a long term police presence. Council can't achieve this.

Point nos two.

Policing is a reactionary service and the need is for a greater police presence. Again Council can't achieve this by themselves.

Point nos three.

Council have been working with the champion to achieve an increased police presence to the extent that they have refurbished and will supply a building for police use. This issue has been listed on every negotiation table since February last year. Last July we lost 52% of our budget by loss of CDEP. There have not been riots though there have been tense times. This point applies as well to point four.

Detainee safety.

Most important were cameras.

Supervising in custody.

Extensive discussion of role of justice group especially with regards to what a justice group are supposed to do. It was mentioned that there have been incidents where the court have asked the Mapoon justice co-ordinator to explain napranum residents due to lack of justice group representation. Of course he can't do that. If the justice group was functioning it was felt that they would be suitable for this role.

Point nos seven.

Large discussion about failures of government provided services such as youth justice.