

**George Town Community Safety Group Committee Meeting
5th March 2019
Confirmed Minutes**

Meeting opened: The meeting opened at 12.34 pm.

Present: Cr Heather Barwick (Chair), Simone Lowe, Jason Orr, Nancy Donnelly, John Glisson, Ben Bowring, Kym Clayton, Karen Schitzerling, Sergeant Kirkby, Craig Tyeson, Karyl Bruinewoud.

Apologies: Mayor Bridget Archer, Phill Hinds,

Guest: Nil.

Minute Secretary: Louise Dickenson (GTC)

Attendees: David Richardson (Team Leader Infrastructure and Works)

Motion:

Moved: Mr J. Glisson
Seconded: Ms K. Schitzerling

To receive the minutes of the previous meeting of the 5th February, 2019.

CARRIED

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To accept the minutes of the previous meeting of the 5th February, 2019 as an accurate record of that meeting.

CARRIED

Correspondence:

Email request was received from the George Town Chamber of Commerce to attend the Safety Committee. It was agreed that the Chair write to the President of the George Town Chamber of Commerce inviting a representative to attend the George Town Safety Group Committee meeting as a member.

Motion:

Moved: Mr J. Glisson
Seconded: Ms K. Clayton

To accept and receive the correspondence.

CARRIED

Business Arising from the Minutes

Notices of Motions:

1. To accept the minutes of the 4th December 2019 as an accurate record of that meeting.
2. To request Council's support for Cr Heather Barwick to attend the Australia Road Safety Awards on behalf of Council and the Committee.
3. To request that Council investigate options available into improving the safety of pedestrians attending the Dance Studio on Victoria Street i.e. advisory signs; further lighting and provide a report back to the Committee.

4. That the Committee recommends to Council that Council approves a grant application to the Department of State Growth a submission to the Community Road Safety Grants program for a variable message board for the George Town municipality.

The Chair advised the Committee that the above motions submitted to the 19th February, 2019 Council meeting were received and accepted.

Community Safety Plan

The Community Safety Plan to be sent to Committee members with the minutes. Mr Glisson advised that there are a few changes required and these changes are to be forwarded to the minute secretary.

Youth Policy

The Youth Policy is to be discussed at the next meeting. It was proposed that the Council Youth Officer be invited to attend the next Committee meeting to discuss the Youth Policy.

Action List Update:

10/15 Speed Restrictions at an Emergency Incident

The Committee decided to write to the Department of State Growth enquiring on the status of this legislation.

11/15 Speed Limits on Dalrymple Road

There has been no real change to the status of this project. Council has submitted plans and awaiting approval from the Transport Commissioner on the extension of the 80 km signs along Dalrymple Road.

It was mentioned that the sealing of Industry Road has made the road safer but increased the number of vehicles and the speed at which they travel.

The Committee discussed the sealing of Dalrymple Road in Council's forward planning process. Council writes to politicians advising of proposed projects for election commitments. Council resolved that the Regent Square Master Plan, Mount Bike trail and then Dalrymple Road projects will be put forward.

Vehicle safety on Dalrymple Road was discussed e.g. hazard of school buses passing each other. All applications to politicians and State Government Departments are through Council but the Progress Associations can submit to Council their concerns as supporting documentation.

12/15 No Smoking Signs

No further response has been received from LGAT. The Chair to write to LGAT on the status of the legislation declaring all Schools Crossings areas to be smoke free. The Chair advised that Ivan Dean MP has also spoken on this issue.

3/15 Pedestrian Safety at Hurst Street

The Team Leader Infrastructure & Works advised that the speed hump positions has been marked on the road but as yet not installed.

02/17 Disability Parking – Macquarie Street

To be reported in June.

03/17 Pedestrian Safety – Victoria Street

The Team Leader Infrastructure & Works advised that extra street lighting has been ordered to be placed on an existing pole as well as "Children Crossing" sign.

General Business:

Nil.

Area Reports:

George Town Neighbourhood Watch

Ms Lowe provided Neighbourhood Watch's report advising that they have received a Council grant for the development and printing of a domestic violence brochure. The George Town Neighbourhood Watch will be holding their AGM and election of new board members will occur.

George Town Neighbourhood House

Ms Lowe advised that:

1. Drug and alcohol counselling services by the Salvation Army has increased to two workers per week.
2. Mental Health First Aid training will be conducted on the 19/20 June, 2019. If Committee members wish to complete to contact Neighbourhood House.
3. The Probation Officer from the Dept. of Justice services has dropped to fortnightly due to non-attendance.

Lulworth Community Association

Mr Orr advised that the Association's next meeting will be held on Sunday. Further updated will be provided at the next Committee meeting. Mr Orr attended an environmental meeting where all Associations were invited to attend.

Hillwood Progress Association – Nil.

Beechford Progress Association

Ms Bruinwoud advised that the shed is progressing and nearing completion.

Low Head Progress Association

Mr Glisson commented on the Community Safety Plan and advised that there are a couple of changes required. Also it is stated in the Plan that Night-Time Violence Strategies are to be developed. The question was asked who was to develop these strategies. Alterations to be forwarded to minute secretary.

Port Dalrymple School/Collective Ed (Future Impact Group)

Mr Bowring advised that there was an incident at the school regarding a staff member and student safety. The Police were notified and the Department of Education have reviewed the policies. This was an isolated incident and the School are ensuring that staff and students are safe.

Pipers River Neighbourhood Watch

Ms Clayton requested that a disabled sign be placed on the toilet door at Bellingham. TL I&W to follow up. Also plans for the Pipers River Cemetery interment has been completed and will be submitted to Council.

George Town Hospital and Community Centre

The Hospital is still awaiting the screens for the reception and nurses' station and advised that there has been no further incidents.

Smoking at the entrance to the hospital and on the grounds is still a concern. There is a Department ruling that there is to be no smoking on hospital grounds. Those in-patients who wish to smoke should be signing a waiver form each time they leave the premises to have a smoke.

Further investigation into declaring the footpath a no smoking zone from the hospital to the ambulance station needs to be undertaken. This would be an area hard to police.

FEA have a 5 week quit smoking course through Neighbourhood House which the Hospital can use as a pathway for smokers to attend.

Tas. Police

Sergeant Kirkby forwarded a copy of the Youth Policy to the Police Youth Officer for their view. Concern was expressed that the police were not provided with a copy during the development phase of the Youth Policy. But in whole, it is a good report.

The Chair advised that Wattle Group had previously prepared a Youth policy.

It was suggested that Council's Youth Officer be invited to attend the next Committee meeting to provide a presentation on the Youth Policy. Cr Barwick to talk to management regarding this request. Also reported was:

- Crime has been reported at Bell Bay but overall crime is down.
- Family Violence is being reported and investigated.
- Traffic offenders has increased.

The garnishee of wages for victims of crime is still available from the Magistrates Court.

Weymouth Progress Association

Mr Tyeson advised that the Weymouth Progress Association AGM will be held on Saturday.

Team Leader Infrastructure and Works advised that a customer enquiry was received by Council on the rocks that were placed on the turning circle at the Weymouth boat ramp. It was advised that DPIPWE had arranged for a contractor to place these rocks there as a traffic management strategy relating to the erosion mitigation project. DPIPWE will work with the WPA to complete re-vegetation of the area and final placement of the rocks. It was requested the Weymouth Progress Association contact DPIPWE about removing the rocks on the turning circle as it is a hazard to those wishing to use the boat ramp.

Service Request:

It was advised that at the corner of The Strand and White Street motorists are cutting the corner. Request that a white line at the east end of The Strand be painted. TL I&W to follow up.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 1.32 pm.

Action List

REF	SUBJECT	DETAIL	RESP.OFFICER	DATE ACTIONED/ACTION REQUIRED & STATUS
10/15	Council to seek support through LGAT for legislation to give authority to emergency workers to manage speed of passing drivers at incident	Resolution to Council re broad council support in Tasmania for legislation re speed restrictions at scene of incident when Tas Police not in attendance	Committee	Motion was supported at the LGAT AGM; in progress. Chair to write to Dept of State Growth on the status of legislation.
11/15	Speed restrictions on Dalrymple Road	Committee request to Council to investigate options for speed reduction on Dalrymple Road.	Council Officer	Correspondence sent to State Growth on Council's resolution Dec 2018.
12/15	No Smoking Signs	Issue of smoking in close proximity to school crossings at peak crossing usage time.	Cr Barwick	Action by LGAT to declare all School Crossing areas smoke free. Chair to write to LGAT on the status of the legislation.
3/15	Lulworth Community Association request re speeding in Hurst St	The LCA have identified speeding as an issue for pedestrian safety in Hurst St, and have provided information on a possible solution. Tas Police noted that their patrols could be tweaked to the time of offenders' speeding, to assist in apprehension	Cr Barwick Council Officer	Hurst Street speed humps to be completed end of February 2019 depending on weather conditions.
02/17	Disability Parking – Macquarie Street	It has been noted that there is potentially inadequate disability parking in Macquarie Street	Council Officer	Map has been provided to Committee members. A policy to be developed. TLI&W to provide a report to June Committee meeting.
03/17	Pedestrian Safety – Victoria Street	To request that Council investigate options available into improving the safety of pedestrians attending the Dance Studio on Victoria Street i.e. advisory signs; further lighting and provide a report back to the Committee.	Council Officer	Report to be provided to Feb Council meeting for investigation into improving pedestrian safety in Victoria St. Signage and extra lighting to be installed.
01/19	Revitalisation of Macquarie Street	Initial plans have been developed.	Council Officers	No further action required.

All meetings commence at 12.30pm in the George Town Council Chambers. A light lunch is provided.

GEORGE TOWN COMMUNITY SAFETY GROUP COMMITTEE

2019 Meeting Schedule

Meeting commences at 12.30 pm.

2nd April

7th May

4th June

2nd July

6th August

3rd September

8th October

5th November

3rd December