

## AGENDA ITEM 15.2 (B) ATTACHMENT

### George Town Community Safety Group Committee Meeting

6<sup>th</sup> August 2015.

### Minutes (Unconfirmed)

**Meeting opened:** The meeting opened at 12.35pm

**Minute Secretary:** Mrs. Anne Cameron Manager Community Development GT Council

**Apologies:** Rhonda McCoy, DHHS; Inspector Darren Hopkins (represented by Acting Inspector Justin Bidgood); Don Mackrill; Terri Cameron; Joy Cox; Cr Tim Parrish; Anne Blythman (represented by Ali Bell, Adult Literacy Coordinator)

**Motion:** That the previous minutes be accepted as an accurate record of that meeting

Moved: Amanda Cruse

Seconded: Cr Heather Barwick

Motion Carried

### **Business arising from the minutes and the Action Sheet:**

#### Crime Stoppers Event

It was reported to the meeting that no date has been set for Crime Stoppers Week 2016, but Council will be contacted when the dates are known.

#### Roadside Crash Marker Program

A report to Council will be considered in the August meeting of Council.

#### Dalrymple and Bridport Roads Speed Limits

It was reported to the Committee that an agenda report was presented to Council at its July meeting and Council resolved to accept the information provided in the report by the Manager Infrastructure and Works. The report detailed information relating to requests to appropriate State departments for speed reductions on Bridport Rd and reasons for refusal by the departments, vehicle accident statistics on Dalrymple Road between April 2010 and April 2015, and works proposed by Council in 2015-16 to address high risk areas of the road including the installation of advisory signage for motorists.

Tas Police noted that they can make a recommendation for speed reductions to the road manager (eg Council) and Acting Insp. Bidgood agreed to discuss this with other officers.

The Committee also resolved to seek further information about the 'advisory signage' from the Manager Infrastructure & Works, and have the information presented at the next meeting.

The Committee will ask that the engineer's report be provided to the Safety Committee when completed.

## Draft Safety Plan/Terms of Reference

Council's endorsement of the development of a Draft Safety Plan is the subject of an agenda report at Council's August meeting.

## Update of Line marking from State Growth and GT Council

Nothing further to add. No information from Committee members about locations where lines are very faded and a safety risk.

## Emergency Services workers' authority to control traffic at an incident

This matter is the subject of an agenda report to Council at the August meeting and will be reported back at the September Committee meeting

## Macquarie Street Zebra Crossing modification

This matter is the subject of an agenda report to Council at the August meeting and will be reported back at the September Committee meeting

## **General Business:**

### Tasmanian Community Road Safety Grants Program

Information about the Grants Program was circulated to members.

Lisa Bailey (Port Dalrymple School) noted that the school is considering several school community safety issues and possible grant applications

As the closing date for the first round of applications is September 11<sup>th</sup>, the Committee resolved to support and promote proposals being put forward by community groups.

(Moved: Ali Bell, Seconded: Lisa Bailey)

### George Town Community Safety Plan

The Chair Cr Barwick proposed that the previous draft plan be discussed at the next meeting with a view to revising and updating into a current Safety Plan.

## **Area Reports:**

### Port Dalrymple School Lisa Bailey

Correspondence from the Co-President of the Student Leader Board to the School Association was tabled. In the letter (See Attachment 1), concern is raised about the impact on health of adult school community members smoking in close proximity to the school crossing particularly at the close of school when the crossing is heavily used. Concern at this practice was also endorsed by the George Town Neighbourhood House. Tas Police noted that the local government authority can regulate activities on footpaths.

It was agreed that Council's Municipal Planner should be invited to the next Community Safety Meeting to discuss possible actions, prior to requesting Council's consideration of assistance.

George Town Neighbourhood House Simone Lowe

No major concerns currently. The GT Neighbourhood House is currently working with some young people who have moved in to George Town and are unsettled. Neighbourhood House staff are happy to facilitate other services who might be working with the young people.

Wattle Group Mrs. Amanda Cruse

No incidents to report, although traffic after school still uses the Wattle Group car park as a thoroughfare/short cut and this is a hazard for Wattle clients.

George Town Community Hub Ali Bell

No concerns to raise this month.

Tasmania Police Acting Inspector Justin Bidgood

Staff movements have changed slightly from last month in that Justin is Acting Inspector for another 3 weeks. Crime rate is steady, and generally very low, but opportunistic crimes will always be possible while people are not vigilant about:

- Locking vehicles, houses and sheds etc when unattended;
- Leaving valuables out of sight both in vehicles and at home

Family violence disputes have increased slightly over the year. Only approximately half have necessitated arrests. It must be noted that all family violence complaints must be followed up and resolved. They cannot be left without resolution.

There being no more business meeting closed at 1.55pm

Next meeting: Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2015

## Action List

REF	SUBJECT	DETAIL	RESP.OFFICER	DATE ACTIONED & STATUS
5/13	Funding for the CCTV project	This item to remain active. Grant funding to be sought	Committee	Ongoing. Council staff to investigate current funding options and report to the next meeting
6/15	Roadside Crash markers	Request to Council to investigate which other councils are continuing with the program, and how they go about implementing the program (funding, family contact, etc)	Anne Cameron	Request to Works Department for report to Council (August agenda)
7/15	Launceston Safe in Winter Handbook	City of Launceston Safety handbook to be considered during GT CSC deliberations about a Safety Plan. Need copies to go to Committee members. Agenda Report to be prepared for August Agenda	Anne Cameron	Electronic copy delivered to committee members 3/7/15  Agenda Report to be prepared (August agenda)
8/15	White line markings	Need to document locations where white lines need renewal, for referral to Works Department	All committee members	
9/15	Zebra Crossing – Macquarie St	Concern raised that the crossing is a hazard with potential to injure users because driver visibility on approach is compromised. Recommendation to refer to Council for investigation	Anne Cameron	Customer Service Request for investigation raised with Works Department.
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	Anne Cameron	Report to be prepared for August Council agenda
11/15	Speed restrictions on Dalrymple and Bridport roads	Committee request to Council to investigate options for speed reduction on Dalrymple and Bridport roads	Anne Cameron  Anne	Report prepared for July Council Agenda Investigate

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			Anne  Tas Police	details of advisory signage Request engineer's report when completed Possibility that Tas Police could make recommendation to Council for speed reduction – to be discussed by Tas Police
12/15	Possible actions in response to PDS Student Board letter	Issue of smoking (health hazard) in close proximity to school crossing at peak crossing usage time. Council may have some capacity to manage behaviours in public places/footpaths. Municipal planner to be invited to next meeting to discuss.	Anne	

## Attachment 1

Lachlan Hinds  
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Dear Mr. Gibbons,

As Co-President of the Student Leader Board, I find myself writing to you and the School Association today regarding an issue that concerns both me and my fellow student representatives.

We feel the health of our students here at Port Dalrymple School is of the utmost importance. The dangers of second-hand smoking have long been found to contribute to the development of respiratory illnesses such as bronchitis, pneumonia, asthma as well as increase in the chance of SIDS.

The school crossing located on the School Shop side of Agnes Street seems to be a popular location for people to smoke. We find this concerning as the crossing is a fundamental part of road safety for our students but at the same time, they are constantly being exposed to second hand cigarette smoke.

As someone with younger siblings myself, my family find themselves at a cross-roads. Whilst the use of a school crossing is important in ensuring safety when crossing the road, at what cost does it come when being exposed to deadly toxins?

I believe this issue to be one of importance, as do many of my peers. I hope, in writing to you, something can be done to resolve the situation. I look forward to and encourage any further discussion you wish to have regarding my concerns and hope to work with you in finding a resolution.

Yours Sincerely,

Lachlan Hinds  
Co-President, Port Dalrymple Student Leader Board