

**George Town Community Safety Group Committee Meeting
4th September 2018
Confirmed Minutes**

Meeting opened: The meeting opened at 12.35pm.

Present: Cr Heather Barwick (Chair), Jason Orr, Karyl Bruinewood, Simone Lowe, Peter Groves (*left at 12.40 pm*)

Apologies: Sergeant Kirkby, Kym Clayton

Guest: Mr Craig Hoey, Road Safety Manager, Department of State Growth

Minute Secretary: Louise Dickenson (GTC)

Attendees: Cr Chris Ashley

Motion:

Moved: Mr J. Orr

Seconded: Ms S. Lowe

To receive the minutes of the previous meeting of the 7th August, 2018.

CARRIED

Motion:

Moved: Mr J. Orr

Seconded: Ms K. Bruinewood

To accept the minutes of the previous meeting of the 7th August, 2018 as an accurate record of that meeting.

CARRIED

General Business:

Emergency Management

The Chair welcomed Mr Peter Groves to the meeting. Mr Groves provided a brief description of his role and background of his expertise as Council's Emergency Management.

Macquarie Street, George Town Speed Limit – Department of State Growth

The Chair welcomed Mr Craig Hoey to the meeting. Mr Hoey provided a presentation which included:

- 2013 – 2018 crash history of Macquarie Street. There has been 22 incidents with 1 in 2013 rated as serious.
- Examples of various road signage i.e. school children art; 3D road paint style; temporary planter boxes; raised crossings; speed cushions.

Mr Hoey recognised that Macquarie Street is a built up area with a lot of pedestrian traffic and that community ideas would be welcomed.

The first step to reduce the speed limit on Macquarie Street would be for the Committee/Council to write to the Department of State Growth which would be forwarded to their engineers to review technical aspects of the request.

State Growth would like to have schools involved and this would provide an opportunity for State Growth to promote educational messages to students.

Mr Hoey outlined grants that may be available for the Committee to apply for various projects i.e. Vulnerable Road Users Grant and the Road User Safety Advisory Grant. These grants would be dependent on community engagement and Council's contribution towards the project which could include in-kind contributions.

The Chair advised that David Richardson has been appointed the new Team Leader – Infrastructure and Works and he will be invited to attend the George Town Safety Group Committee meetings.

The Chair advised that the wheelie bin stickers with the conjunction of State Growth have been printed and shipped to Council reception. It was agreed that an accompanying letter will need to be provided with the stickers to assist in identification of those distributing the stickers and information for the residents. There will be one (1) sticker per household and it is to be placed on the rubbish bin.

Bee Bop Dance Studio Pedestrian Safety

Cr Ashley raised concern for the safety of attendees of the Bee Bop Dance Studio with vehicles parking and driving to collect attendees. The hours of operation of the dance studio are from 3.00 pm to 10.00 pm. The following options were suggested to provide extra security for students:

- The speed limit from the shops to Mary Street be reduced between the hours of 3pm and 10pm.
- Installation of speed cushions.
- No drop off zone/a drop off zone
- Speed humps in this location.
- Extra signage along this section of the Street.
- Variable message board.

Mr Hoey advised that a community road safety grant could be applied for a variable message board. Mr Hoey provided an example of a partnership with the Department of State Growth, Glenorchy City Council and Lions. The Council pays the Lions Club to place the variable message board when and where required. This message board can also be used for traffic management and community safety signs. This is an issue that the Department of State Growth can further investigate in conjunction with the Council.

Simone suggested that colour on the main road would brighten the area and provided improved visual for motorists.

The Committee thanked Mr Hoey for his attendance, presentation and statistics provided to the last Committee meeting. The next meeting Mr Gary Bailey from the Department of State Growth and Mr Hoey be invited.

Motion:

Moved: Ms S Lowe

Seconded: Mr J Orr

That this Committee recommends that Council, in conjunction with a partnership with the Department of State Growth, to consider the reduction of Macquarie Street speed limit to 40 km and to include road markings; raised pedestrian crossing and line markings.

CARRIED

Correspondence:

The Chair tabled correspondence from the Committee to the General Manager.

Business arising from the minutes and the Action Sheet:

Nil.

Notice of Motions: Nil.

Action List Update:

10/15 Speed Restrictions at an Emergency Incident

To stay on the Action List until legislated by State Government. This is being actioned by Department of State Growth and there will be public education around this issue.

11/15 Speed restrictions on Dalrymple Road

Further discussions to be held until new Team Leader Infrastructure and Works commences with Council.

12/15 No Smoking Signs

Currently with LGAT to declare all School Crossing areas smoke free.

3/15 Speeding in Hurst Street, Lulworth

Further discussions to be held until new Team Leader Infrastructure and Works commences with Council.

5/16 Wheelie Bin stickers

Stickers have been dispatched to Council. See above for previous discussion.

2/17 Disability Parking – Macquarie Street

Further discussions to be held until new Team Leader Infrastructure and Works commences with Council.

General Business

1. Macquarie Street, George Town speed limit – see above for discussion.
2. Draft Safety Plan. Finalised plan will be submitted to the next Committee meeting for ratification prior to being presented to Council for adoption.

The Chair closed the meeting at 1.55pm.

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.
11/15	Speed restrictions on Dalrymple Road	Bridport Road speed limit now adjusted down. Committee request to Council to investigate options for speed reduction on Dalrymple Road.	Council Officer	Awaiting appointment of new Team Leader.
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.
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	Awaiting appointment of new Team Leader.
05/16	Wheelie Bin speed reminder stickers	Possibility of progressing this project if outside funding can be sourced	Cr Barwick	Committee adopted "Please Slow Down Consider our Kids". Awaiting stickers.
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. To be discussed at Sept. meeting.
	Community Safety Plan 2016-2019 - Draft	Comments to be forwarded on the Draft Community Safety Plan		To be considered at September Committee meeting.

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