

**George Town Community Safety Group Committee Meeting**  
**4<sup>th</sup> June, 2019**  
**Confirmed Minutes**

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

**Present:** Cr Heather Barwick (Chair), John Glisson, Nancy Donnelly, Jason Orr, James Cameron, Lisa Bailey, Sergeant Kirkby, Karen Schitzerling, Lisa Crosswell

**Apologies:** Simone Lowe, Ben Bowring, Bridget Archer, Craig Tyeson, Phil Hinds, Karyl Bruinewoud

**Guest:** Erin Bowring, Youth Officer

**Minute Secretary:** Louise Dickenson (GTC)

**Attendees:** David Richardson (Team Leader Infrastructure and Works)

The Chair thanked Mr John Glisson who chaired the last meeting in Cr Barwick's absence.

**Motion:**

Moved: Mr J. Glisson  
Seconded: Mr J. Cameron

To receive the minutes of the previous meeting of the 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2019.

**CARRIED**

**Motion:**

Moved: Mr J. Glisson  
Seconded: Mr J. Cameron

To accept the minutes of the previous meeting of the 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2019 as an accurate record of that meeting.

**CARRIED**

**Correspondence:**

The following correspondence was received:

- Correspondence to CEO LGAT Re: Speed Limit Restrictions at an Emergency Incident and Smoking at School Crossings.  
The Chair provided a summary of the response received from LGAT to the meeting. No further action will be required of the Committee in regards to legislating these motions. The Committee can forward these issues through the Department of State Growth's campaigns. To be brought back under General Business.
- Correspondence to Kym Clayton, Pipers River Neighbourhood Watch.  
Noted
- Department of State Growth – Community Road Safety Grants Funding Program.  
Noted.
- Correspondence to Gary Byard re Industry Road and Installation of Signage.  
Noted.
- Vulnerable Road Safety Grant.  
Noted.

**Presentation by:** Youth Officer, Erin Bowring

Ms Bowring provided an extensive background on the developments within the Youth Strategy and youth programs at George Town.

Some of the issues raised and topics of discussion were:

- A youth event is planned to launch the new playground at Regent Square highlighting this space as a shared space.
- Surrounding youth are some significant health problems i.e. autism/ADHD that by-standers perceive are anti-social behaviour. Is there information/documentation to educate others?
- Ms Bowring will be meeting with Headspace in the near future and will have further conversations with health services that can be provided in George Town.

#### Youth Strategy

- The Youth Strategy – focusing on a positive message without sweeping the usage of drugs “under the carpet”.
- The data contained within the strategy is still being collected re further data collection on the primary strategies contained within the Strategy. Ms Bowring will continue to hold conversations with youth that are open to providing their thoughts to add to the data collection.
- To look into preventative program. Ms Bowring proposed that service clubs, coaches etc. could provide coaching and mentoring with the Youth

The Youth Strategy will take time to build relationships. An aim is to have the youth valued and to respond to their concerns. Data and reports have been done previously. Ms Bowring has advised that groups will not be set up that may fail due to change over of Youth Officer. She will contact schools that suits both parties to discuss systems to be put in place that match up with the schools i.e. involvement in the mountain bike trail.

Ms Bowring aims to provide the youth with regular feedback on survey results.

The Chair thanked Ms Bowring for her attendance and her presentation.

#### **Business Arising from the Minutes**

The safety incident as discussed at the last meeting re needles/syringe. A lot of questions were raised at this meeting. Also it was advised that recently a syringe was picked up from a nature strip and taken to school. This was disposed of safely.

Clients who medically require syringes are managed through nurses.

Action: Team Leader Infrastructure & Works to follow up with audit on syringe facilities within George Town and to be presented to the next meeting.

#### **Notices of Motions:**

Nil.

#### **Action List Update:**

10/15 Speed Restrictions at an Emergency Incident

No further action.

11/15 Speed Limits on Dalrymple Road

No further update.

12/15 No Smoking Signs

No further action.

02/17 Access Parking – Macquarie Street Streetscape Review

Concept plan proposed in Council's 2019/2020 budget.

03/17 Pedestrian Safety – Victoria Street

Completed.

01/19 Macquarie Street – Pedestrian Safety/Speed Limit

Grant has been successful. To be commenced as soon as practical.

#### **General Business:**

#### **Area Reports:**

##### Low Head Progress Association

Mr Glisson requested that the Community Safety Plan be reviewed. *Action:* Members to review the Community Safety Plan for discussion at the August 2019 Safety Committee meeting.

##### Community Road Safety Grants

The grant for the variable road sign was unsuccessful. The Chair has spoken with Mr Hoey who has proposed a loan of a trailer sign to George Town Council for six months. The Committee was encouraged to re-apply if Council requires a variable message sign at the next round of funding.

##### George Town Hub

Mrs Crosswell advised that teenagers are currently using a space at the Hub to "hang out". The Hub is looking into a designated teen space.

##### Hillwood Progress Association

Mrs Donnelly requested that there could be signage to warn motorists of walkers along the foreshore and Leam Road. The General Manager will be sent a request for the signage.

It was also discussed about educating pedestrians about walking in the dark to wear highly visible clothing. This could be included in Council's newsletter etc.

Line marking at Hillwood is yet to be completed. Line marking is currently being conducted in George Town and the Team Leader Infrastructure and Works has been advised that the Hillwood line marking is programmed for completion.

##### Lulworth Progress Association/Pipers Rivers Neighbourhood Watch

Mr Orr advised that the Lulworth Progress Association's youth event including fireworks was successful.

##### Port Dalrymple School

Mrs Bailey advised that the school Preventative/Discovery ranger attended the school to talk about the protection of penguins and also cat management.

##### Tas. Police

Sergeant Kirkby advised that the past 8 weeks have been busy in and around George Town. Burglaries have occurred with consequent arrests being made.

George Town Hospital and Community Centre

Awaiting the security screens to be installed for the nurses station.

Chair Cr Barwick JP

Cameras have been put in place at Low Head for the safety of the penguins. The Parks and Wildlife have been working with Council.

The Waste Transfer Station continues to be broken into which is an ongoing issue.

Agenda item for the next Committee meeting will be the correspondence received from Environmental Health Officer on residential burning off.

The Chair thanked Craig Tyeson for providing members a copy of the risk management plan.

The next meeting will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2019 commencing at 12.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 1.55 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	No further action on legislation.  To look into State Growth's campaign.
11/15	Speed restrictions on Dalrymple Road	Committee request to Council to investigate options for speed reduction on Dalrymple Road.	Council Officer	Correspondence received. Awaiting outcome.
12/15	No Smoking Signs	Issue of smoking in close proximity to school crossings at peak crossing usage time.	Cr Barwick	No further action on legislation.
02/17	Access Parking – Macquarie Street Streetscape Review	It has been noted that there is potentially inadequate access parking in Macquarie Street	Council Officer	Proposed in 2019/2020 Budget – First stage is concept.
01/19	Macquarie Street – Speed Limit/Pedestrian Safety	The Macquarie Street speed limit – Council is still looking at doing a 40 km zone and raised crossing as part of traffic calming project.	Council Officers	Grant has been successful. To commence as soon as practical.

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.

2<sup>nd</sup> July

6<sup>th</sup> August

3<sup>rd</sup> September

8<sup>th</sup> October

5<sup>th</sup> November

3<sup>rd</sup> December