

**George Town Community Safety Group Committee Meeting
Tuesday 4th May 2021
Confirmed Minutes**

Meeting opened: 12.30 pm

Present: Cr Barwick, Cr Barraclough, Senior Sergeant Robert King, Jason Orr, Carolyn Smith, John Glisson, Ray Hibbs, Karyl Bruinwood, Les Pride, Gavin Barrett. Lisa Bailey, Trish

Gallery: Debbie Rainbow

Minute Secretary: Ms L. Dickenson

Apologies: Craig Tyeson, Inspector Ruth Orr, James Cameron, Lisa Crosswell

The Chair welcomed Senior Sergeant to the George Town Community Safety Group Committee. The Committee members introduced themselves.

Senior Sergeant provided an update on the changeover of Police at the George Town Station and the neighbouring Police Stations. Of note, vacancies will be filled by late June.

Motion: To receive the minutes of the previous meeting of the 2nd March 2021.

Moved: Mr J. Glisson

Seconded: Ms C. Smith

Carried

Motion: To accept the minutes of the previous meeting of the 2nd March 2021 as an accurate record of that meeting

Moved: Mr J. Glisson

Seconded: Ms C. Smith

Carried

Correspondence:

Nil.

Business arising from the minutes:

1. Mr Glisson expressed concern on the noticeboard on Macquarie Street and its access from the last meeting. It was agreed that Ms Dickenson to follow up on the lock on the noticeboard.
2. Mr Glisson asked if there was an update on the York Cove alleged sewerage spill. Ms Dickenson provided a verbal updated from Council's Manager Development & Environment which is to be included in the minutes.

York Cove Stormwater

Stormwater monitoring and surveillance in York Cove has been undertaken by Council staff over the past 6 weeks. This work involves Council staff collecting a sample of water in stormwater pipes at 4 locations in York Cove, and on the same day transporting the samples to Prospect for testing by DPIPWE staff.

Each stormwater sample has been tested for bacterial loads (e coli and enterococci).

The test results have provided some current and baseline data for bacterial loads entering the Cove through stormwater. Review of the data shows some elevated levels have been detected but no trends could be established.

At no time has raw sewerage been observed at any of the sample collection locations.

Council staff are continuing to examine reasons why at some locations bacterial loads were found to be elevated. Reasons such as tidal flows, the amount of stormwater release through the pipe at the time of sampling, cross connections and illegal sewer release into stormwater lines are currently being looked at as possible causes. It should be noted that while there were some elevated levels in some samples, this does not necessarily indicate sewerage, as it could also be from animal contamination, such as faeces, milk products, carcasses, and the like. Council will provide an update on this as Council progress from the sampling stage into the investigation stage.

3. The Acting Manager Infrastructure and Works provided an update on the Mount George turn off from the Main Road. A Traffic Engineer's report had been completed and a report was submitted to the April Ordinary Council meeting. It has been recommended that speed humps are to be installed. Letters have been sent to residents regarding the speed humps and weather permitting, work is planned to commence on the 13th May 2021. Part of the Engineer's report it was verified that there is already a slip lane into Mount George and does not require any further improvements. The Acting Manager advised that Council will investigate repainting the white lines and include in Council's program of works. No change is warranted on the intersection.

Motion:

That the verbal report from the Acting Manager Infrastructure and Works be received and noted.

Moved: Cr Barraclough
Seconded: Mr L. Pride

Carried

4. It was requested that a Sharps audit to be brought back to the Safety Committee meeting. The Acting Manager I&W will provide this.
5. The Acting Manager I&W advised that the crossing will have white buffer lines painted at the pedestrian crossing on Macquarie Street. The Acting Manager has contacted the contractor and received quotes but linemarking will need to be completed altogether for George Town. Council has not received a commencement date.
6. Anne Street Footpath extension – Council is still looking at options i.e. wider, shared pathway and will need to be finalised with the contractor. Council will need to securing funding for this project. Once funding has been secured, the concept plan will be placed on the Council's website.
7. Gees Marsh Road – traffic counters were placed on Gees Marsh Road during the Christmas and New Year period and data has been received. Of note there was a small amount of speeding on this road. Council has installed advisory signs, shared use signage, advisory signs

for a reduced speed limit, advanced warning signage on the sharp corner and Chevron trying to make this road safer.

8. Audit of Macquarie Street Footpath has been completed. The Macquarie Street footpath will be included in the concept plan for renewal. Data from the audit of the footpath will assist in budgeting and a schedule will be drawn up. The pavers, unfortunately will not be changed but will be fixed as noticed. Some footpaths need further investigation due to trees/tree roots raising the structure.
9. Industry Road – the Chair requested an update on the removal of the trees to improve site distance. An independent traffic report has been completed and quotes received. Work has been programmed for the next financial year.
10. An incident has occurred on the corner of Industry Road and Bridport Road. The Acting Manager I&W has been in contact with State Growth regarding the improvement of the junction. Signage is required. Council will be applying for Black Spot funding for the improvement of this junction.
11. Weymouth and School Road junction is at the design stage with surveying been completed. Awaiting further advice from the Department of State Growth when out of caretaker mode due to election.
12. The Acting Manager I&W advised that the Regent Square fencing will be looked at in the overall design considering the safety of children.

The Acting Manager I&W left the meeting.

Notice of Motions

The Committee noted that the motion from the previous Safety Group Committee meeting was submitted to Council and approved at the Ordinary Council meeting.

Action List Update:

02/17 Access parking – Macquarie Street Streetscape Review
As per advice above from the Acting Manager Infrastructure and Works.

12/19 Anne Street footpath
As per advice above from the Acting Manager Infrastructure and Works.

06/20 Gees Marsh Road, Bellingham – Speed Limit
As per advice above from the Acting Manager Infrastructure and Works.

06/20 Macquarie Street Pathway
As per advice above from the Acting Manager Infrastructure and Works.

General/Other Safety Business:

1. Signage supplied by MAST for ramps/beaches. Carried forward for the next meeting.
2. Craig Tyeson – Request from community members to upgrade the Industry Road/Bridport Road intersection in the light of a recent traffic accident. *As per advice above from the Acting Manager Infrastructure and Works.*

3. The Chair advised that the Neighbourhood House representative nominated is Simone Lowe. Ms Dickenson to send a letter welcoming Ms Lowe to the meeting.
4. The Chair provided advise to the Committee on her motion at the Ordinary Council meeting re camping at Beechford. The Chair advised that through Council's lease with the Crown it does not permit camping at Beechford. This issue has been ongoing since 2013 and recently the issue of dogs on the beach have been raised as well. Council does not have a bylaw and Council knew that illegal camping was occurring even though there are signs stating no camping on the reserve.

The Chair continued to advised that under the Act a Baliff of the Crown are authorised to remove campers. A Baliff can be from Parks and Wildlife as well as TasPolice. The Chair was requesting that Council make a decision on the camping at Beechford. Cr Barwick advised that this is a safety issue and that after it has been forwarded to Council it is to be placed on the agenda of the Safety Committee meeting.

Council does not have any any bylaws to restrict camping within the whole municipality. The regulations of cost neutrality are set by the State Government which the council need to consider.

Senior Sergeant advised that the land is covered by the Conservation Act and Police and Parks and Wildlife are empowered under the Act. If you have any issues/concerns etc. that persons are to contact DPIPWE first and then they will be in contact with Tas.Police. Senior Sergeant suggested that an educational approach to all in the community regarding camping could be promoted.

Area Reports:

Port Dalrymple School – Lisa Bailey

- Safety concern is that children on their bikes/scooters riding to and from school are not wearing helmets. Tas Police may like to provide a presence to remind children about wearing helmets.
- Delta Dogs attended the school to educate prep/Grade 1 on safety around dogs. It was beneficial for the children.

Tas Police – Senior Sergeant King

With the change of personnel at the George Town Police Station, residents are encourage to contact the station by phoning 131 444 for non-emergencies. Emergency number is 000. There have been issues from a safety perspective with youth being a nuisance. Tas Police are aware of the group and providing options to deal with these youth.

George Town Neighbourhood Watch – Les Pride

A meeting of the George Town Neighbourhood Watch will be held this Thursday at the Memorial Hall at 6.30 pm. An invitation was extended to the Senior Sergeant to provide the group with an update.

Also the new playground in Anne Street is a concern for young children running onto the road. This is being addressed as part of the design.

Bellingham Progress Association – Ray Hibbs

Nil.

Low Head Progress Association – John Glisson

Mr Glisson raised the issue of the Terms of Reference not including the option for proxy. This will need to be formally completed by the Chair.

Motion:

That the Committee recommend to Council that the George Town Safety Group Committee's Terms of Reference be altered to include members to nominate a proxy and to be formally completed through the Chair.

Moved: Mr J. Glisson
Seconded: Cr C. Barraclough

Carried

Beechford Residents and Property Association – Karyl Bruinewood

It was requested that street signs be placed on Esplanade, Beechford in three places i.e. Esplanade 1-4; etc. This will assist for deliveries and emergency vehicles. Ms Dickenson to follow up with Council and advise of the status at the next meeting.

George Town Community Hub (DoE) – Trish Scholwin (Acting Manager)

Nil.

Hillwood Progress Association – Carolyn Smith

Pleased to report that the 70 km sign has been installed at Jetty Road. Ms Smith advised that she has been told that the Launceston Running Club and the Motorcycle Association will be at Hillwood in June. The usually temporarily close roads. Council has not received any requests from road closures and neither has Tas. Police. Residents should also be notified of road closures. Senior Sergeant advised that there is a requirement for organisers to have a traffic management plan and the appropriate permits to interrupt traffic flows.

The Chair write to the Launceston Running Club and Motorcycle Association regarding their traffic management plans for holding their events at Hillwood.

Ms Smith also advised that she had not received a copy of the correspondence regarding the Hillwood slip lane to the State Growth from Council, and from the Safety Committee. Ms Dickenson to provide a copy of the correspondence.

Hooning has been occurring near the Hillwood bus stop.

Also a house at Hillwood appears unkept. Council has no authorization to enforce a clean up of a persons house.

Lulworth Community Association/Pipers River Neighbourhood Watch - Jason Orr

Nil from Lulworth Community Association. The Pipers River Neighbourhood Watch met last night and would like to thank Andrew Taylor from the SES for his attendance and discussions. The PRNW newsletter has included all activities that are occurring.

Cr Barraclough – Deputy Chair

Cr Barraclough advised that he has noticed that persons riding motorbikes are not wearing helmets. Also loud vehicles driving around George Town. The Senior Sergeant advised that these vehicles are known to police and will continue to monitor.

There being no more business meeting closed at 1.58 pm

Action List

REF	SUBJECT	DETAIL	RESP.OFFICER	DATE ACTIONED/ACTION REQUIRED & STATUS
02/17	Accessible Parking – Macquarie Street Streetscape Review	It has been noted that there is potentially inadequate access parking in Macquarie Street Raised crossing to be installed as part of traffic calming project.	Council Officer	Included in the Macquarie Street Redevelopment.
12/19	Anne Street footpath	Construction of the continuation of the footpath along Anne Street for pedestrian safety.	Manager Infrastructure & Works	To be included in Council's advocacy plan.
06/20	Gees Marsh Road, Bellingham	Speed reduction request for Gees Marsh Road	Manager Infrastructure & Works	Signs installed.
06/20	Macquarie Street pathway	To investigate the footpath along Macquarie St for safety	Manager Infrastructure & Works	Completed
	Sharps Audit	Quarterly report to be provided to the Committee.	Manager Infrastructure & Works	Quarterly report (verbal only) provided each quarter.
01/21	Gees Marsh Road, Bellingham	Advanced speed warning signs to be installed.	Manager Infrastructure and Works	Completed
02/21	Macquarie Street pedestrian crossing	The installation of a rumble strip or painting of white lines prior to the crossing to be completed.	Manager Infrastructure and Works	To be completed
03/21	Industry Road	Removal of trees for improving of motorists site distance	Manager Infrastructure and Works	To be completed 2021/2022 financial year.
04/21	York Cove Rivulet drain safety	TasWater to action safety issue – to stop children from climbing on the drain	Manager Infrastructure and Works	Awaiting response from TasWater. Not a Council responsibility.
05/21	Regent Square safety rail outside of toilets	That the colour of the safety rail be changed so children are able to see the rail more clearly	Manager Infrastructure and Works	Included in the design for Redevelopment.
06/21	School Road	Trimming of trees to be undertaken.	Manager Infrastructure and Works	To be completed 2021/2022 financial year.
07/21	Walden Street	Access to the recreation ground and Walden Street vegetation to be cleared	Manager Infrastructure and Works	To be completed 2021/2022 financial year.
08/21	Blamey Street	No dumping of rubbish sign to be installed	Manager Infrastructure and Works	This is on Crown land – Council will investigate.