

**George Town Community Safety Group Committee Meeting
7th May 2019
Confirmed Minutes**

Meeting opened: The meeting opened at 12.40 pm.

Present: John Glisson (Chair), Simone Lowe, Jason Orr, Phill Hinds, Craig Tyeson, Lisa Bailey, James Cameron, Julie Kingston

Apologies: Cr Heather Barwick (Chair), Ben Bowring, Kym Clayton, Karen Schitzerling, Karyl Bruinewoud, Mayor Bridget Archer, Nancy Donnelly, Sergeant Kirkby

Guest: Nil.

Minute Secretary: Louise Dickenson (GTC)

Attendees: David Richardson (Team Leader Infrastructure and Works)

The Committee elected Mr John Glisson to chair the meeting in Cr Barwick's absence.

Motion:

Moved: Ms L. Bailey

Seconded: Ms S. Lowe

To receive the minutes of the previous meeting of the 2nd April, 2019.

CARRIED

Motion:

Moved: Mr C. Tyeson

Seconded: Ms L. Bailey

To accept the minutes of the previous meeting of the 2nd April, 2019 as an accurate record of that meeting.

CARRIED

Correspondence:

Motion:

Moved: Mr P. Hinds

Seconded: Mr C. Tyeson

To accept and receive the correspondence as listed:

- Correspondence to CEO LGAT Re: Speed Limit Restrictions at an Emergency Incident
- Correspondence to CEO LGAT Re: Smoking at School Crossings
- Correspondence to Dept of State Growth Re: East Tamar Highway
- 8th Australian Road Safety Awards report
- Gary Byard Correspondence dated 2nd April, 2019
- Received correspondence from Dept of State Growth, General Manager re: East Tamar Highway

CARRIED

Business Arising from the Minutes

Nil.

Notices of Motions:

Nil.

Action List Update:

10/15 Speed Restrictions at an Emergency Incident

No further update.

11/15 Speed Limits on Dalrymple Road

No further update.

12/15 No Smoking Signs

No further update.

02/17 Disability Parking – Macquarie Street

The TLI&W tabled a map of the George Town CBD parking areas for the Committee's information. Discussion was held on when the redevelopment of Macquarie Street would go ahead and this effect on the timing of the disability parking. If the redevelopment is to go ahead it will be dependent on Council funding, successful application for grant funding, community consultation therefore will not be commenced in the very near future. Interim solutions were discussed i.e. temporary disability parking that could be used i.e. Woolworths/Commonwealth Bank parking areas but advised these are privately owned. Disability parking needs to be compliant with Aust. Standards i.e. kerbing and line marking. Further options are to be discussed.

The Chamber also advised that a concern from businesses is that there are people parking long term in the current spots along Macquarie Street and the introduction of a by-law was raised. TLI&W advised that management are aware of the necessity for by-laws for the George Town municipality.

03/17 Pedestrian Safety – Victoria Street

The Team Leader Infrastructure & Works advised that street lighting and signage has been completed.

01/19 Macquarie Street – Pedestrian Safety/Speed Limit

No further update.

General Business:

1. Ideas on how to prevent drug use (and other anti-social behaviour) at playgrounds.

TLI&W advised that the General Manager had been notified that needles had been found in toilets and anti-social behaviour has been observed.

Discussion took place on both issues but also raised a number of questions:

- What age group is in question?
- What was the anti-social behaviour?
- Where was the anti-social observed?
- Was it a perception of the complainant?

The TLI&W advised that Council will be installing CCTV and lights at the new playground site. Also blue lights to be installed in the public toilets to alleviate the problem with drug usage in these areas.

Council to investigate into the number of sharps containers installed and their location. Sharp containers can be installed at a "right" height which restricts children contact.

Is Council aware of any hotspots i.e. drugs/anti-social behaviour?

The Committee wish to invite Council's Youth Officer to attend the June meeting to discuss the Youth Strategy.

Discussion took place on what statistics/data that the Youth Officer may be able to share with the Committee on anti-social behaviour or drug hot spots. Also what strategies are proposed to be implemented? The Youth Strategy is on Council's website for members' information.

The George Town Impact Group may be able to provide information on this issue. Council and these groups recommended to engage in information sharing.

It was requested that the TLI&W to obtain details from the General Manager on the specific nature of the complaint.

Ms Lowe advised that Neighbourhood House organise Drug and Alcohol programs in George Town. A guest speaker, if necessary could be organised for the Committee.

Also George Town Neighbourhood Watch will place this issue on their next meeting's agenda.

2. Correspondence to Dept. of State Growth re: East Tamar Highway.

The Department of State Growth, General Manager Mr Shane Gregory has replied to Council stating that the letter has been referred to their "Traffic Engineering team for assessment and further advice, and I will provide a comprehensive response in due course."

Area Reports:

George Town Neighbourhood House

Ms Lowe advised that the police have attended a house (which has been vacant for some time) due to stolen goods being stored there. Proposed that this house be let.

Neighbourhood House was broken into but this has been resolved. Also the duress alarm had been used; but the incident was settled.

Pipers River Neighbourhood Watch

Mr Orr provided the following report.

- Ms Kym Clayton has officially resigned from the George Town Safety Group Committee due to commitments. She wished the committee all the very best for the future.
- Mr Orr will now represent the Pipers River district, as agreed by the Neighbourhood Watch at the 6th May, 2019 meeting at the George Town Safety Group Committee meetings.
- Mr Orr advised that the Pipers River NW held a forum with the Tas. Police and guest speaker was Hon. Michael Ferguson MP with approx. 30 community members attending. It was stated that there has been a number of burglaries around the north coastal regions. As always, if you notice anything unusual please report it to the police.
- No smoking around the George Town hospital grounds was raised with Hon. Michael Ferguson at the forum. It was proposed that George Town Council "piggy back" on to the Hobart Hospital submission being put forward at the next cabinet meeting.

Lulworth Progress Association

- Mr Orr advised that the Easter celebrations/events were a success.
- Wish to express a thank you for cutting back of the vegetation on the main road, new guide posts and the speed humps around Lulworth.
- Mr Orr to discuss with TLI&W the speed signs at the Golf Club.
- Lulworth Progress Association planning for a fireworks night on the 25th May, 2019.

George Town Neighbourhood Watch

Mr Hinds advised that the Neighbourhood Watch have elected new members to their committee. Secretary to send to all Committee members for their information. The GTNW are currently trying to boost their numbers and to have active members. GT NW are looking at providing joint events with the Pipers River Neighbourhood Watch.

Weymouth Progress Association

- Easter events were a success.
- Next meeting of WPA will be held on the 1st June 2019.
- There have been confirmed break-ins at Weymouth.
- The Risk Management Plan will be updated to include drug strategies aligning with Council's strategy. This will be a working document. Also Mr Tyeson will forward a template to Committee members for their assistance in developing a Risk Management Plan for their areas if required.

Port Dalrymple School

Ms Bailey – no safety issues to report.

George Town Chamber of Commerce

The Chair welcomed Mr Cameron to the meeting. Mr Cameron advised that the Chamber of Commerce are focusing on a "healthy" community. The Mountain Bike Track has been funded which will require emerging tourism issues to be resolved i.e. accommodation, traffic management. The Chamber will be working with the Tourism network to assist in these issues.

The Chamber is working with businesses; Council and groups to provide a cohesive outlook and develop a positive attitude around the community.

Low Head Progress Association

Mr Glisson requested that the Safety Plan be placed on the next Committee agenda for discussion. The committee agreed.

Meeting closed 1.27 pm.

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday 4th June, 2019 commencing at 12.30 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 wrote 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 wrote to LGAT on the status of the legislation.
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	Signage and extra lighting completed.
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	Team Leader I&W has submitted an application for funding under the Vulnerable Road User grant.

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.

4th June

2nd July

6th August

3rd September

8th October

5th November

3rd December