

**George Town Community Safety Group Committee Meeting
5th December 2017
Confirmed Minutes**

Meeting opened: The meeting opened at 12.35pm.

Present: Cr Heather Barwick (Chair), Cr Tim Parish (Deputy Chair), Jason Orr (LCA), Cr John Glisson (GTCC), Inspector Michael Johnston, Northern District (Tas. Police), Nancy Donnelly (HPA), Lisa Bailey (PDS), Simone Lowe (GTNH), Don Mackrill, Rebecca Dwyer (Wattle Group), Sergeant Dwayne Kirby (Tas, Police)

Minute Secretary: Louise Dickenson, GTC

Apologies: Kym Clayton, Anne Blythman (Community Hub), Gary Byard (WPA),

Attendees: Mayor Bridget Archer

Motion: To receive the minutes of the previous meeting with the following amendments:

- Refuse to read refuge; and
- Motor to be changed to Major Street

Moved: Cr Glisson

Seconded: Cr Parish

CARRIED

Motion: To accept the minutes of the previous meeting as an accurate record of that meeting with the amendments.

Moved: Cr Glisson

Seconded: Inspector Johnson

CARRIED

Correspondence:

1. Think Big Printing – Outdoor Bin Stickers

The Chair advised that the quote will be valid until an application for the grant for the stickers has been submitted. The Chair will advise the committee of the progress.

2. Outcomes for Health Bill

The outcome from the Health Bill from the Hon. Ivan Dean was tabled for information

3. Concerns re Police Presence in George Town – Ms Jan McKay

The police advised that they had not received the correspondence until the agenda from the Safety Committee was sent out. Discussion took place and was agreed that the Committee to readdress the letter to the Police. The appropriate action is direct to the police.

Action: The Chair to reply to Ms McKay advised that her correspondence will be forwarded to the Police for their action.

4. Vehicular beach access at Beechford – Dr Kaminski

The police advised that they have received other complaints regarding vehicles accessing Beechford beach. Discussions have been held with Parks and Crown on signage at the beach. It was agreed the appropriate action is to direct the enquiry to the police.

Jason advised that the signage has been received at Lulworth and will be erected. Signage normally is vandalized and it is the "hoons" that are generating the complaints.

Action: The Chair to reply to Dr Kaminski and the Police will contact him directly.

5. Old Coast Road/Lagoon Beach South End – Ms Helen Wood

Correspondence from Ms. Wood will be followed up by the Police. The Police already patrol Low Head and will continue to do so.

Business arising from the minutes and the Action Sheet:

Action List Update:

11/15 Speed limits on Dalrymple Rd

To remain on Action List; pending a response from Council Officers.

12/15 No Smoking Zones at school crossing – ‘Watch’ only

South George Town Primary School have had their sign installed today. The Chair advised that the signs will be erected on existing poles at each school. It was discussed that the Committee had agreed upon that “Penalties Apply” be removed but after further discussion between the Chair and the General Manager it was agreed that the sign is standard.

Moved: Lisa Bailey

Seconded: Jason Orr

That the Committee authorises the General Manager to install the signs for “No Smoking” at school crossings today at the George Town schools.

CARRIED

13/15 Pedestrian Safety at Hurst St

A report is to be submitted to Council to consider a budget allocation in its review of the 2018/2019 budget.

04/16 Pedestrian safety in vicinity of Macquarie Street/Sorrell Street intersection

Currently awaiting further information and to be considered in the 2018/2019 budget review of Council.

05/16 Wheelie bin speed reminder stickers

The Chair advised that correspondence had been received by Craig Howie advising that the Committee had missed out on the grant for this year. In his email, it was advised that the Committee submit an application for grant funding in the next round and have provided an initial support of the project. Also Mr Howie would like to speak with the Committee regarding crash statistics and their use for road safety initiatives and also the process for the grant submission for the bin stickers.

Action: Chair to advise Mr Howie of 2018 meeting dates and invite him to attend one of these meetings.

02/17 Disability parking – Macquarie Street

Committee awaiting report.

03/17 Weymouth Bridge

Council has been provided with a grant of \$225,000 and currently looking at designs. This item to stay on the agenda.

05/17 Use of Community Notice Board

The Chair advised that she would follow up the criteria for the use of Notice Boards with the General Manager.

06/17 Weymouth traffic flow to boat ramp

The Chair advised that she had received the outcome of the survey sent to Weymouth residents on a proposed one-way loop. The responses were as follows:

- 90 surveys sent out
- 60 returned surveys
- 9 agreeable to a one-way loop
- 1 indifferent
- 50 were not agreeable to a one-way loop

It was requested that the survey comments received be released to the Committee for information. This was a Weymouth Progress Association initiative and derived from the boat ramp being built, the trucks would use a one-way loop system.

An option that a trial of a one-way loop was suggested but this would need to be approved by the Department of State Growth.

Motion:

Moved: Lisa Bailey
Seconded: Dwayne Kirkby

Item 6/17 Weymouth traffic flow to boat ramp be removed from the Action List as per the results of the survey. The Chair to write to the Weymouth Progress Association.

CARRIED

General/Other Business:

Update on Road Safety Grant Application

See 05/16 above.

10/15 LGAT Legislation – Manage Speed of passing drivers at an incident

This item is stay on the list. Minister the Hon. Rene Hidding has expressed some concerns on some areas of the proposed legislation regarding the reduction of the speed limit to 40 km. It has been suggested that this reduction may cause accidents.

Area Reports:

Port Dalrymple School - Lisa Bailey

Advised that as school holidays are from 21st December 2017 until 7th February 2018 that drivers are to be mindful of children being around.

Cr Parish

Reported that the West Tamar towers have approx. eight red lights on them. Should the towers in George Town/near the airport require further lighting similar to West Tamar towers? Cr Parish to follow this up with Air Services Aust. Not a Committee issue.

Tas Police – Inspector Johnson and Dwayne Kirkby

Reported that crime is down as per Year to Date figures. Victims are being targeted with some being broken into twice. Problem with it being circumstantial evidence and people not prepared to put pen to paper. It is important that offences are reported to the Police. The community are expressing negative comments about George Town and with the possible reintroduction of “Bogan town” returning will not return a positive image. The George Town Chamber of Commerce requested that the police speak with business owners.

The community as well as the police play a role in preventing crime.

Hillwood Progress Association – Nancy Donnelly

Nil.

Lulworth Community Association – Jason Orr

Nil.

George Town Chamber of Commerce – Cr John Glisson

Nil.

George Town Neighbourhood House – Simone Lowe

A report on petty theft which was internal. Motor bike helmets have been donated and requested if there were any persons/community groups who require any helmets?

Emergency Services – Don Mackrill

George Town Combined Emergency Services 33rd Annual Dining in Night - hosted by the George Town RSL Sub Branch was held.

Don raised that National medals are awarded to recipients who have provided 50 years of service to Pipers River, Bell Bay and Hillwood Brigades. Jack O’Hurst has retired from Pipers River with 55 years of service. Don will be contacting Council for support for the 50 years of service medals to be presented to recipients of Pipers River (May 2018) and Hillwood Fire Brigades (July 2018).

Bell Bay hazard reduction was successful. Burns are scheduled for the area at the back of maritime training Centre to road edge and surrounds. The East Tamar will be left with a green belt.

On the 1st December 2017 integration occurred of the George Town and Bell Bay Fire Brigades. There are six units with 30 members. George Town now has one of the largest volunteer brigades.

Fire permits are in place.

Recognition of Service

The Committee recognized Don Mackrill’s outstanding years of service to the George Town Fire Brigade.

Motion:

Moved: Inspector Johnston

Seconded: Cr John Glisson

The Committee congratulated Don Mackrill’s tremendous work and years of service.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Chair closed the meeting at 1.30 pm.

The next meeting of the George Town Community Safety Committee will be held 6th February 2018.

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	Manager Infrastructure and Engineering working with the Department of State Growth to lower limits. No decision from Department yet.
13/15	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	Draft report provided. Application process to Dept of State Growth in progress Update report requested from Manager Infrastructure and Engineering
04/16	Pedestrian safety in vicinity of Macquarie Street/Sorrell Street intersection	Cr Ashley requested through the Chair, that the Committee to look at installing a pedestrian crossing in the area	Council Officer	Capital works project for 2017-18. Update report requested from MI&E.
05/16	Wheelie Bin speed reminder stickers	Possibility of progressing this project if outside funding can be sourced	Karen Tame	Report to Council in line with resolution. Completed report. Committee adopted "Please Slow Down Consider our Kids".
02/17	Disability Parking – Macquarie Street	It has been noted that there is potentially inadequate disability parking in Macquarie Street	Council Officer	Audit to be undertaken by Council officers. Update report requested.
03/17	Weymouth Bridge	Vegetation removal to be considered at budget meetings	Cr Barwick	Completed report to be provided to committee

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		Report from Mr O'Grady to be provided	Paul O'Grady Anne Cameron	Request through Council officer to kerbside waste collection contractor to be mindful of school bus when approaching Weymouth bridge. Council has received Federal grant funding and will review the project when preparing the Capital Works budget for 2018/19
5/17	Use of community notice board to display community education messages	Resolution from the Committee to Council requesting Council's approval to use the Community Notice Board on Main Rd to display community education campaign messages when not being used to promote events	Anne Cameron	To be considered at Council workshop. Report to be provided to Safety Committee once considered by Council

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