

**George Town Community Safety Group Committee Meeting
5th February 2019
Confirmed Minutes**

Meeting opened: The meeting opened at 12.32 pm.

Present: Cr Heather Barwick (Chair), Sergeant Kirkby, Phill Hinds, John Glisson, Ben Bowring, Craig Tyeson, Nancy Donnelly, Karen Schitzerling, Mayor Bridget Archer

Apologies: Jason Orr, Karyl Bruinewood, Kym Clayton, Steven Yearsley

Guest: Shane Power (General Manager)
Craig Hoey (Manager Road Safety Branch, Department of State Growth)
Bec McKinney (Department of State Growth)
Chris Ashley

Minute Secretary: Louise Dickenson (GTC)

Attendees: David Richardson

Motion:

Moved: Mr J. Glisson
Seconded: Mr C. Tyeson

To receive the minutes of the previous meeting of the 4th December, 2018.

CARRIED

Motion:

Moved: Mr J. Glisson
Seconded: Mr Phill Hinds

To accept the minutes of the previous meeting of the 4th December, 2018 as an accurate record of that meeting.

CARRIED

The Chair welcomed the General Manager Shane Power to the meeting and the members introduced themselves providing a short background on their area of expertise/employment.

The Chair advised that the Committee's submission to the Australia Road Safety Awards has been accepted and thank you to referees being Mr Craig Hoey and Mr John Glisson. The submission unfortunately missed naming the Lulworth Progress Association but if the award is won; the Lulworth Progress Association as well as the other groups will be mentioned. The Awards will be held in Melbourne and the Chair request the Committee's support to attend.

Motion:

Moved: Mr Craig Tyeson
Seconded: Sergeant Kirkby

To request Council's support for Cr Heather Barwick to attend the Australia Road Safety Awards on behalf of Council and the Committee.

CARRIED

Correspondence:

Motion:

Moved: Ms K. Schitzerling

Seconded: Mr J. Glisson

To accept the following correspondence:

1. Australian Road Safety Awards Submission (see above).
2. Vulnerable Road User Program (VRUP) 2019-20 grant (to be discussed in general business)
3. Community Safety Plan for George Town
The Committee members received a signed copy of the final Safety Plan.
4. Macquarie Street Redevelopment Status (Report and Site Plan) – (to be discussed in general business)
5. Youth Strategy 2018
Members received a copy of the Youth Strategy which will be discussed at the next Committee meeting.

CARRIED

Business Arising from the Minutes:

Hillwood Turning Arrows

Mrs N. Donnelly advised the committee that the Hillwood Progress Association have been working with State Growth to complete the line marking from Hillwood to the East Tamar Highway. The Team Leader Infrastructure & Works advised he has had discussions with the traffic engineers at the Dept. of State Growth on the signage plan for Hillwood. The line marking should be completed in the next couple of months.

Bee Bop Dance Studio

The Team Leader Infrastructure & Works has had discussions with Mr Hoey regarding exploring options into improving the safety of pedestrians attending the studio on Victoria Street. Options included the installation of advanced warning signs and extra street lighting.

Motion:

Moved: Mr P. Hinds

Seconded: Sergeant Kirkby

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.

CARRIED

Weymouth

Mr Tyeson thanked Council for the installation of the advisory signs on the approach to the bridge. Also there is degradation of the road edges on Ralph and Campbell Streets which requires further attention by Council.

Notice of Motions: Nil.

Action List Update:

10/15 Speed Restrictions at an Emergency Incident

To continue to be listed.

11/15 Speed Limits on Dalrymple Road

Correspondence has been sent to Mr Hoey re Council's resolution.

3/15 Pedestrian Safety at Hurst Street

The Team Leader Infrastructure & Works advised that the speed humps will be installed by the end of this month depending on weather. Materials have been ordered.

02/17 Disability Parking – Macquarie Street

The Chair advised that Council will be developing a Disability Parking policy for discussion in the next 3 months. It was requested that a report on disability parking in Macquarie Street be brought back to the June Committee meeting from the Team Leader Infrastructure & Works.

It was suggested that the disability parking form part of the Macquarie Street redesign. Mayor noted that she had received a request for disability parking near the RSL which may be situated at Bathurst Street for consideration.

General Business:

Macquarie Street, George Town

The Chair advised that she had received comments on the redesign of Macquarie Street expressing concern over the proposed one-way and pedestrian safety around the Hub.

The road counter results for Macquarie Street were positive with the average driver travelling 38 km along the Street.

The proposed revitalization of Macquarie Street is to encourage the public to start the conversation. It was suggested to allay any concerns from the public that research or a case study into other main street redevelopments be undertaken. The streetscape design is proposed to encourage businesses and economic growth for the area.

This item to be left on the agenda.

Department of State Growth

The Chair then invited Mr Hoey who provided the Committee with information on the available community grants:

The Vulnerable Road User Program

This program is for infrastructure projects to increase safety.

Committee suggested wombat crossing in Macquarie Street. The submission should include:

- Crash history;
- High pedestrian area;
- Co-contribution by Council;
- Decrease the speed limit zone to 40km;

- Extra signage; and
- Community engagement.

Under the Vulnerable Road User Program to look into with the future/proposed Mountain Bike Trail grant this will encourage more cyclists into the township. Macquarie Street redesign could also look into bike lanes in the street scape.

Community Grant

Community grants close on the 22nd March 2019. It is recommended that an application be submitted for the purchase of a Variable Message Board (VMB). Council's co-contribution is welcomed but not necessary and can also be in-kind. The VMB can be used for events and also road safety campaigns i.e. back to school. The cost of the board is approx. \$23,000 and Council would be required to maintain and register the trailer. If successful Council can apply again for the cost of co-ownership with community group i.e. community group who would be willing to program and move the board into relevant positions around the township. This co-ownership is already in place at Glenorchy City Council and Mr Hoey advised that further details if needed will be provided.

Another program is for unlicensed motorcyclists program (holistic program). This program looks into engaging youths in a 8-10 week fully-funded course to obtain their licence. This program would be beneficial in social aspects as well as youth being able to access employment opportunities/employment. The Committee could look at this program for future funding. It may not necessarily assist current riders but the benefits of this program would be for future riders within the George Town municipality.

The Learner Drivers Mentoring program is already in place in George Town run by the George Town Neighbourhood House.

Motion:

Moved: Mr B. Bowring
 Seconded: Mr J. Glisson

That the Committee recommends to Council that Council approves a grant application to the Department of State Growth a submission to the Community Road Safety Grants program for a variable message board for the George Town municipality.

CARRIED

The Chair enquired about the crash markers program. Mr Hoey advised that this program is no longer active.

Mr Hoey also advised that a Tourist Road Safety Strategy may be of interest to Council. It is replacing gateway signage with other tourist safety signage i.e. keep left. This issue to be a future agenda item.

Area Reports:

Tas. Police

Sergeant Kirkby advised that there was damage to business in Macquarie Street over the weekend. Property burglaries are still down but due to recent events, business burglaries have gone up.

CCTV cameras in private properties was discussed.

Port Dalrymple School

Mr Bowring advised that the George Town Future Impact Group has reinitiated meetings looking at supporting employment, education and wellness of the community. Information on this group will be forwarded to the Committee secretary to be forwarded to the Committee.

George Town Neighbourhood Watch

Mr Hinds advised that the Neighbourhood Watch are happy to support any safety initiatives/issues relative to the youth.

Low Head Progress Association

Mr Glisson commented on the condition of the footpath in Macquarie Street. Team Leader Infrastructure & Works advised that an audit will be undertaken on the footpath in Macquarie Street.

Guest: Mr Chris Ashley

Mr Ashley advised that the footpath at the end of Anne Street turning into Low Head Road is non-existent and poses a pedestrian safety hazard. Team Leader Infrastructure & Works will follow up.

Weymouth Progress Association

As previously advised in the meeting, the road edges along Campbell Street and Ralph Street require signage. Also it has been observed that children riding bikes with helmets are being accompanied by adults without helmets. Mr Tyeson advised that the fire trails along The Esplanade have not been cleared by Crown.

The risk assessment report will be presented to the next Weymouth Progress Association meeting for sign off and then will be presented to the Safety Committee meeting.

Mr Tyeson also advised that at the Weymouth boat ramp there are submerged rocks that pose a safety hazard to boaters. It was advised that the Association write to Council about this issue.

Hillwood Progress Association

Mrs Donnelly enquired about the abandoned cars and that their presence is a fire risk as most are usually then burnt out. It was asked if Council can remove them before they are burnt out. These vehicles on the highway are the responsibility of State Growth and local roads are the Council's responsibility. There is a process that needs to go through both at the State and Local Governments with differing intervention levels.

George Town Hospital and Community Centre

Ms Schitzerling advised that there have been incidents reported but mainly with aggressive in-patients. The Leadership team attended the Australian Rural and Remote Safety course. Their policy will be reviewed surrounding the safety of employees. Also the reception and nurses' station have been granted funding for the work areas to be glassed in which will increase their safety.

Cr Barwick

The Chair advised that an enquiry was received by Council on improving the line marking from the overpass to the Information Centre coming into George Town. The Team Leader Infrastructure & Works will review the line-marking program and advise.

Mayor

The Mayor advised that a safety issue has been identified for Low Head residents near the units and Ainslie House on Low Head Road. Most of these residents have mobility issues and are unable to cross the road quickly. The speed limit is currently 50 km. This may be an opportunity to submit an application to the Vulnerable Road User Program for a pedestrian island.

The Chair thanked Mr Hoey and Ms McKinny for their attendance and their advice on the available community grants.

Lulworth

Report emailed by Mr Orr. Been a busy summer period at Lulworth and Tam O'Shanter Bay. This has enabled us to deliver the wheelie bin stickers to a large percentage of residents. We also put a little article about the stickers in our last newsletter. We continue to have vehicles driving on the beach. Some days there can be up to 15 vehicles on the beach. A sign was installed by PWS at the beach entry point but that has not worked. The sign had to be removed to be repaired after it was vandalized. We are currently in discussions with PWS about closing down the access to the beach and only have it accessible in an emergency.

Meeting closed 2.00 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.
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	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.
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 Council Officer	Hurst Street speed humps to be completed end of February 2019 depending on weather conditions.
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	Report to be provided to Feb Council meeting for investigation into improving pedestrian safety in Victoria St.

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.

5th March

9th April

7th May

4th June

9th July

6th August

3rd September

8th October

5th November

3rd December