

**George Town Community Safety Group Committee Meeting
6th March 2018
Confirmed Minutes**

Meeting opened: The meeting opened at 12.30pm.

Present: Cr Tim Parish (Deputy Chair), Karen Tame (SoS), Karyl Bruinewood (BRPA), Simone Lowe (GTNH), Gary Byard (WPA), Lisa Bailey (PD), Don Mackrill (SES), Cr Glisson (GTCC), Nancy Donnelly (HPA), Ruth Orr (on behalf of J. Orr, Lulworth Community Assoc.)

Minute Secretary: Louise Dickenson (GTC)

Apologies: Cr Heather Barwick (Chair), Anne Blythman (Community Hub), Sergeant Dwayne Kirby (Tas. Police)

Attendees: Cr Bridget Archer (Mayor), Stephen Yam (Team Leader Works & Infrastructure)

Motion:

Moved: Mr G Byard

Seconded: Ms K Tame

To receive the minutes of the previous meeting of the 6th February 2018.

CARRIED

Motion:

Moved: Mr G Byard

Seconded: Mr D Mackrill

To accept the minutes of the previous meeting of the 6th February 2018 as an accurate record of that meeting with the following amendments:

- a. 06/17 Change November to March
- b. Action List 05/16 remove Karen from responsibility Officer
- c. Change the wording from Tas. Police attended the Pipers River Neighbourhood Watch meeting where the state president attended an approx. 15 residents" to:
Constable Marita Osborn the State Community Policing Officer and Constable Annabel Shegog from Northern Community Policing services attended and spoke to the group about CrimeStoppers Tasmania and how it works and approx. 15 residents attended".

CARRIED

Correspondence:

Nil.

Business arising from the minutes and the Action Sheet:

Action List Update:

11/15 Speed limits on Dalrymple Rd

To remain on Action List. No further information has been received.

13/15 Pedestrian Safety at Hurst St

Council Officer Mr Yam advised that he met with Mr Orr to discuss pedestrian safety at Hurst Street. The request for relocating of speed humps are to have no impact on residents who had previously expressed concern. The new proposal would need to be forwarded to the State Growth for their advice

and no timeline on a decision has been provided. The previous Council advertisement on the proposed speed humps requesting community comments, Council had received an objection. A response to this objection is to be provided to State Growth.

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

Completed. To be removed from action list.

05/16 Wheelie bin speed reminder stickers

Defer to next meeting.

02/17 Disability parking – Macquarie Street

An investigation into disabled parking will be conducted by Council and a report will be provided to the Committee on the audit and standards.

03/17 Weymouth Bridge

The Deputy Chair advised the Committee on Council's resolution not to accept the grant for the upgrading of the Weymouth bridge. The Deputy Chair advised that it could be considered on future lists of Council to improve the bridge. It has been advised that work will be completed on the site distance and signage to improve the bridge.

Mr Byard questioned what steps Council are going to take to obtain further funding to seek proper funding of the new bridge. Formal letters have previously been sent to Council from the Weymouth Progress Association on the safety of the bridge. Mr Byard reiterated that the alignment is also a key problem.

Discussions took place on the improvement of the conditions of the bridge and to request Council to advise what avenues or future steps can be taken.

Motion:

Moved: Mr D Mackrill

Seconded: Ms S Lowe

The Committee request a full written report in relation to the current and the future plans of the Weymouth bridge situation concurrently and Council consider the appropriate government Minister and Federal Minister to meet with the committee on future directions.

CARRIED

General/Other Business:

Nil.

Area Reports:

George Town Chamber of Commerce – Cr John Glisson

Nil.

George Town Neighbourhood House – Simone Lowe

Assaults have been reported to police. Ms Lowe advised the committee of the concern of homelessness in George Town. Neighbourhood House has taken a lead in supporting the situation. They can find accommodation but real estate agents do not deem persons in this situation a good tenant. An issue was that Housing Tasmania do not provide rental references. The Motel has provided long term tenancy to assist in housing persons. Ms Lowe advised she was flagging this issue to the Committee. The GTNH has been provided

with an extra 1.5 staff to assist in housing. Anglicare is one of the lead agencies in providing assistance. Anglicare assist with bonds and to visit/meet with clients.

Simone will contact Housing Tasmania to discuss a policy change in providing rental references.

Motion:

Moved: Mr D Mackrill

Seconded: Mr G Byard

Due to the Committee's concerns on safety, welfare and homelessness that we request the George Town Neighbourhood House be invited to address Council at their earliest opportunity at a Council Workshop.

CARRIED

Star of the Sea College – Karen Tame

Ms Tame expressed her concern with homelessness in George Town.

The issue of no camping signs along coastal areas was raised. Cr Glisson advised that LGAT has been working in conjunction with Councils in discussing camping site availability and compliance with regulations. It was agreed that the Committee will await the outcome from LGAT.

Weymouth Progress Association – Gary Byard

Had a meeting with DPAC on the 18th march don Mackrill to look at economic low cost camping.

Hillwood Progress Association – Nancy Donnelly

Mrs Donnelly advised that discussions had been held with the Department of State Growth in regards to extra line marking (arrow) from Hillwood Jetty Road onto the East Tamar Highway. Further update will be provided at the next Committee meeting.

Mr Yam offered to provide assistance to the Hillwood Progress Association in liaising with the Dept. of State Growth with obtaining extra line marking. Ms Donnelly will provide Mr Yam with documentation.

Port Dalrymple School – Lisa Bailey

Advised that a used syringe was found at the school. Council offers needle exchange but must be in an approved container.

Ms Lowe offered to provide a message to be sent out as part of an awareness program for the school.

Beechford Residents and Property Association – Karyl Bruinewood

Wished to thank the General Manager for a positive meeting and thank you to Council.

Emergency Management – Don Mackrill

Mr Mackrill advised that the fires have quietened down. The integration of the Bell Bay and the George Town Volunteer Fire Brigades has been completed with six (6) vehicles and 39 members. Also thank you to the Volunteers Association regarding the speed limited passing emergency vehicles. It has been a positive achievement.

The Deputy Chair thanked Mr Yam for attending.

Mr Byard requested that the minutes of the meeting be provided earlier.

The Chair closed the meeting at 1.35 pm.

The next meeting of the George Town Community Safety Committee will be held 16th April 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 Team Leader Works & Infrastructure
05/16	Wheelie Bin speed reminder stickers	Possibility of progressing this project if outside funding can be sourced	Cr Barwick	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 Request through Council officer to kerbside waste collection contractor to be mindful of school bus when approaching Weymouth bridge.

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				Project reviewed and signage and line marking to be completed.x
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		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.