

**George Town Community Safety Group Committee Meeting
2nd April 2019
Confirmed Minutes**

Meeting opened: The meeting opened at 12.40 pm.

Present: Cr Heather Barwick (Chair), Mayor Bridget Archer, Simone Lowe, Jason Orr, Nancy Donnelly, John Glisson, Phill Hinds, Sergeant Kirkby, Craig Tyeson, Lisa Bailey

Apologies: Ben Bowring, Kym Clayton, Karen Schitzerling, Karyl Bruinewoud

Guest: Gary Byard JP

Minute Secretary: Louise Dickenson (GTC)

Attendees: David Richardson (Team Leader Infrastructure and Works)

Motion:

Moved: Mr P.Hinds
Seconded: Sergeant Kirkby

To receive the minutes of the previous meeting of the 5th March, 2019.

CARRIED

Motion:

Moved: Mr C. Tyeson
Seconded: Sergeant Kirkby

To accept the minutes of the previous meeting of the 5th February, 2019 with amendments as an accurate record of that meeting.

CARRIED

Correspondence:

The Chair advised that correspondence had been sent to the George Town Chamber of Commerce inviting them to nominate a representative to attend the Committee meeting. As at 2nd April, 2019 no response had been received.

Mr Gary Byard tabled correspondence which will be acknowledged and a response provided at the next Committee meeting.

Business Arising from the Minutes

Nil.

Notices of Motions:

Nil.

Action List Update:

10/15 Speed Restrictions at an Emergency Incident

The Chair advised correspondence will be sent to LGAT requesting an update on the status of the legislation.

11/15 Speed Limits on Dalrymple Road

No further update.

12/15 No Smoking Signs

The Chair advised correspondence will be sent to LGAT requesting an update on the status of the legislation requesting all School Crossings to be declared smoke free zone.

3/15 Pedestrian Safety at Hurst Street

This project has been completed.

Moved: Mr J. Orr
Seconded: Sergeant D. Kirkby

That this item be removed from the action list.

CARRIED

02/17 Disability Parking – Macquarie Street

To be reported in June.

03/17 Pedestrian Safety – Victoria Street

The Team Leader Infrastructure & Works advised that extra street lighting has been ordered through Aurora to be placed on an existing pole as well as “Children Crossing” sign.

01/19 Revitalisation of Macquarie Street

Revitalisation of Macquarie Street to be removed from list.

Macquarie Street – Speed Limit/Pedestrian Safety to be placed back on the agenda.

The Macquarie Street speed limit – Council is still looking at doing a 40 km zone and raised crossing as part of traffic calming project. The revitalization of Macquarie Street is a long term project.

Team Leader I&W has submitted an application for funding under the Vulnerable Road User grant for the short term project.

General Business:

1. The Chair advised that a member of the gallery at the last Ordinary Council meeting made comments on the roundabout and the intersection/merging lane from the Bridport Highway on to the East Tamar Highway not being long enough. There is sometimes a long line of traffic when the surrounding business employees finish work. The Chair and TLI&W have had discussions on this topic. TLI&W advised the process is to write to the General Manager of State Growth who would then normally forward to planners/engineers to investigate the potential options.

It was suggested that the likelihood of the bike trail and the potential for increased traffic may be mentioned in the correspondence to State Growth.

Discussion took place on the amount of traffic/truck movements into the Bell Bay Precinct and previous businesses in this area.

2. The Mayor advised the Committee that the line of site at the Weymouth and Bridport Highway intersection is overgrown with vegetation. To be actioned.

Area Reports:

Lulworth Community Association

Local speeding in Scott Street at Lulworth has been an issue for residents. Police to be notified with details. Mr Orr will follow up and inform the Neighbourhood Watch as well.

Fairway Drive, Lulworth does not have a speed limit sign. The installation of 50 km speed signs was raised. Mr Orr to discuss with TLI&W.

Hillwood Progress Association

Hillwood Road intersection onto the East Tamar highway project is yet to be completed. TLI&W advised that it is on the Department of State Growth's program for completion.

George Town Neighbourhood Watch

George Town Neighbourhood Watch have held their elections and tabled the Domestic Violence brochure recently finalised.

George Town Neighbourhood House

Ms Lowe has requested discussions with Council on the homeless using facilities i.e. bathroom. Ms Lowe will contact Team Leader Community & Development.

Weymouth Progress Association

Mr Tyeson advised that from the last meeting, the rocks at the boat ramp had been moved. The Erosion project has been completed.

Weymouth Progress Association has held their AGM. Easter Saturday, the tennis courts will be opened up for the market. Thank you to Jason for his assistance.

The Risk Management Program from the WPA was presented to the Committee identifying potential hazards to initiate discussions. Some hazards are completed.

A project identified was to put in place remedial rocks at the boat ramp. For funding of this project an application should be submitted to MAST and a budget submission to Council. Mr Tyeson went on to explain that a section of breakwater is collapsing upon itself due to the wave action. Quotes are being sought.

Low Head Progress Association

Mr Glisson advised that an incident occurred on the main street due to the pavers lifting in some sections by tree roots. TLI&W advised that Council staff are inspecting the footpath fortnightly.

It was reported that there was an incident at the GT airport (as reported in the news) and a fire at Low Head which Mr Glisson was in attendance at.

Port Dalrymple School

Ms Bailey advised that there was a correction to the report of last month. No student was involved in the reported incident. Security cameras have been upgraded at the school.

There has been a problem with students not attending school. Port Dalrymple has a no sign out policy. It would be advantageous if businesses would continue to cooperate with the school by asking if the students should be at school. Sergeant Kirkby suggested that this will be mentioned to patrols to stop/ask/confirm if students should be at school (during school term). Port Dalrymple's Attendance Policy will be updated.

Tas Police

Sergeant Kirkby reported that Family Violence is mainly reactionary. 17% down on burglaries but motor vehicles is up.

Cr Chris Barraclough raised the issue with the Chair about the speeding out the front of the school in Agnes Street. Sergeant Kirby will follow this up.

George Town Neighbourhood House

International persons have been at the Pier pontoon on Saturdays where anti-social behaviour has been observed. Police will follow up on this matter. Also the anti-social behaviour being observed at the Skate Park. Lights and surveillance to be investigated.

Cr Barwick – Chair

The Chair reported on her attendance at the 8th Australian Road Safety Awards. A copy of the report will be sent out to Committee members.

The Chair thank the Committee on agreeing for her to attend this very worthwhile award ceremony.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 1.50 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 to write 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 write 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	Report to be provided to Feb Council meeting for investigation into improving pedestrian safety in Victoria St. Signage and extra lighting to be installed.
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.

7th May

4th June

2nd July

6th August

3rd September

8th October

5th November

3rd December