

**George Town Community Safety Group Committee Meeting
Tuesday 2nd February, 2021
Confirmed Minutes**

Meeting opened: 12.30 pm

Present: Cr Barwick (Chair), Cr Barraclough, Sergeant Wilson, Karyl Bruinewood, Lisa Bailey, Jason Orr, Ray Hibbs, James Cameron, Carolyn Smith, Lisa Crosswell, Craig Tyeson, John Glisson, David Richardson

Minute Secretary: Ms L. Dickenson

Apologies: Nil.

Gallery: Cr Peter Parkes
Mrs Rainbow

The Chair thanked all for their attendance at today's meeting.

Motion: To receive the minutes of the previous meeting of the 1st December, 2020.

Moved: John Glisson
Seconded: Cr Barraclough

Carried

Motion: To accept the minutes of the previous meeting of the 1st December, 2020 as an accurate record of that meeting.

Moved: John Glisson
Seconded: Cr Barraclough

Carried

Correspondence:

1. Follow up correspondence/motion – Mr J. Glisson

Discussion took place on the Council motion 136/17 – 17/5/17 – Accessible Car Parking – Macquarie Street upgrade. It was identified that this motion has been actioned by Council officers.

2. Weymouth Fire Management and Community Recovery Plan – Community Profile Survey Analysis

Tabled for the Committee's information.

3. Correspondence received from Mr K. Ellis in regards to access to the Memorial Hall Public Toilets and Defibrillator

Discussion took place on the defibrillators within the municipality and public access. The defib at Memorial Hall is not accessible after hours and it was suggested that it be placed on the outside of the Hall with sign indicating its location. There is also Covid restrictions that need to be considered.

There are defibs that are located at Hillwood, Hub, Woolworths in George Town and Lulworth which are registered.

The Committee wishes to encourage all organisations to register their defibrillators and for them to be accessible to the public where possible.

The toilets at Memorial Hall have been closed due to vandalism. It has been requested that the public toilets are opened with Tamar FM who could assist in the opening and closing.

Motion

Moved: Mr J. Glisson

Seconded: Mrs L. Bailey

This Committee requests the Council to encourage:

1. All clubs and organisations with defibrillators to register them on the appropriate app and to include accessibility (times and location); and
2. Where possible to have the defibrillator available to the public.

Carried

Motion

Moved: Mr J. Glisson

Seconded: Mr J. Cameron

This Committee requests the Council to contact Mr Ellis to consider the hours of opening of the Memorial Hall doors for access to the public toilets.

Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes:

Nil.

Notice of Motions:

Nil.

Action List Update:

02/17 Access parking – Macquarie Street Streetscape Review

Further discussion took place on the Macquarie Street access parking. The Safety Committee had received the results of the audit on accessible carparking previously. As Council upgrades the infrastructure the accessible carparking will also be upgraded to the current Australia Standards. This will be included in the Macquarie Street design.

12/19 Anne Street Footpath

The Chair advised that Council is including this project in the advocacy document as it will cost approx. \$500,000. The Chair requested that this be placed on the website for the public's information.

The western side of Anne Street is undeveloped land. The Manager I&W advised that infrastructure conditions can be placed on DA's once submitted by a developer i.e. kerb and channel; footpath.

East Tamar Highway 80 km Zone

The Chair stated that within State Growth's correspondence that they would consider an 80km zone if Council requested it. Tas Police have already stated that it was not a good idea.

06/20 Gees Marsh Road, Bellingham – Speed Limit

Signs have been installed and has been positive. Advised that advanced warning signs could also be installed. Manager Infrastructure and Works to follow up.

06/20 Macquarie Street Pathway

An audit on the pathway's safety has been completed. This audit is ongoing and conducted fortnightly.

General/Other Safety Business:

Bell Buoy Beach Access – Cr Parkes

Cr Parkes raised the issue that access to Bell Buoy Beach is steep and can be slippery. The Manager Infrastructure and Works advised that this access is on Crown land. It was proposed that Cr Parkes can send through correspondence to Crown either as a resident and/or Council for the access to be investigated to be improved.

Motion

Moved: Cr Barraclough
Seconded: Mrs K. Bruinewoud

That the Safety Committee requests the Council to contact Crown on the safety of the access of the pathway on to Bell Buoy Beach.

Carried

Defibrillator – Mrs Rainbow

The Chair invited Mrs Rainbow to speak. Mrs Rainbow suggested that an international sign/sticker be placed advising of a defibrillator. Stickers are provided on purchase of defibrillators.

Macquarie Street Pedestrian Crossing – Mrs Rainbow

The Macquarie Street pedestrian crossing is dangerous as drivers are inattentive. Council and the Committee have no control over driver behaviour.

Mitigation method is to encourage reporting of incidents to the police. Also a white line/rumble strip just prior to the speed hump was suggested. MI&W to investigate.

Industry Road – Verbal Update from Manager Infrastructure & Works

An independent traffic engineering report has been completed with warning signage and access issues to residents' driveways has been addressed. Further removal of trees for site distance will be completed. Residents will be informed.

Area Reports:

Bellingham Progress Association – Mr R. Hibbs

Mr Hibbs advised that the drain along the waterfront in York Rivulet is dangerous. There is nothing to stop children from climbing on it. The Manager I&W advised that this owned by TasWater and has logged a request deemed a serious safety issue.

Beechford Residents and Property Association – Mrs K. Bruinewood

There has been positive feedback on the new playground on Regent Square. She has noticed that when you look at the bar in front of the toilets it is camouflaged with the road. This will be considered when the toilet block is updated.

George Town Chamber of Commerce – Mr J. Cameron

The George Town Chamber of Commerce AGM will be held on the 23rd February 2021 and if attending must register.

Hillwood Progress Association Inc. – Mrs C. Smith

The question of when the acoustics on the hall will commence was asked. MI&W advised that it will be mid-February. This is not a safety issue.

Council has been holding discussions with associations on lease agreements. Mrs Smith advised that Council is getting the Progress Associations to take over work health and safety ownerships. She has been in touch with the Department of Justice. The Chair advised that this will be brought back to Council.

The pontoon area has no footpath and slippery and there is a lack of garbage bins in this area. It was asked that a service request to be lodged on the specific issues.

Traffic engineers report has been received with recommendations for the roads within Hillwood. Consultation with residents will occur on the safest environment proposed for users.

The slip lane into Hillwood from the East Tamar highway is not long enough. As this road is owned by Department of State Growth, Hillwood Progress Association Inc. to contact them.

Regent Square/Macquarie Street carpark with include line marking including accessible car spaces.

Pipers River Neighbourhood Watch/Lulworth Progress Association – Mr J. Orr

Mr Orr advised that fire awareness program will be conducted.

Pipers River Neighbourhood Watch meeting was successful. Positive comments received on the state of Industry Road.

Weymouth Progress Association – Mr C. Tyeson

Mr Tyeson advised that the bushfire expo was held on the 19th and has tabled the survey results for the Committee. 180 residents were surveyed and received 90 replies. A street by street analysis will be completed and provided to Tas. Fire and Emergency personnel for their information to assist in case of emergency.

Thank you to the Council for the sealing of the bbq area and resolving the issue of dead seals.

Mr Tyeson advised that he has submitted service requests for:

- School Road and trimming of trees for site distance. This is on private property.
- Walden Street access rec ground and vegetation to be cleared.
- Signage on Blamey Street.

The clearing of the drainage and there are deep edges along side of roads. It was requested that a submission to be made to Council.

Also new website: Weymouth.org.au

The opening of the Weymouth Kitchen will be occurring on the 19th February 2021.

Cr Barwick, Chair

The Chair thanked Inspector Mollineux for his attendance and contribution to the Safety Committee.

TasPolice – Sergeant Wilson

Advised that a new Sergeant will be in attendance at the next safety Committee meeting. Two new members for the George Town police station.

It was reiterated that if persons/residents notice or are aware of any criminal activity that they are encouraged to report. If they are required to investigate a person these incidents lend weight to the investigation.

No needles have been found in Plastic Park and no fires have been lit. It has been noticed that hooning and used needles have been found at Hillwood. These are to be reported to Tas Police.

There being no more business meeting closed at 2.10 pm.

Action List

REF	SUBJECT	DETAIL	RESP.OFFICER	DATE ACTIONED/ACTION REQUIRED & STATUS
02/17	Accessible Parking – Macquarie Street Streetscape Review	It has been noted that there is potentially inadequate access parking in Macquarie Street Raised crossing to be installed as part of traffic calming project.	Council Officer	Included in the Macquarie Street Redevelopment.
12/19	Anne Street footpath	Construction of the continuation of the footpath along Anne Street for pedestrian safety.	Manager Infrastructure & Works	To be included in Council's advocacy plan.
	East Tamar Highway – 80 km zone	Request for the East Tamar Highway approach to George Town to be reduced to a speed limit of 80 km	Manager Infrastructure & Works	Response received from Department of State Growth.
06/20	Gees Marsh Road, Bellingham	Speed reduction request for Gees Marsh Road	Manager Infrastructure & Works	Signs installed. Completed
06/20	Macquarie Street pathway	To investigate the footpath along Macquarie St for safety	Manager Infrastructure & Works	Completed
	Sharps Audit	Quarterly report to be provided to the Committee.	Manager Infrastructure & Works	Quarterly report (verbal only) provided each quarter.