

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

Meeting opened: 12.29 pm

Present: Cr Barwick (Chair), Cr Barraclough, Ray Hibbs, Les Pride, John Glisson,

Minute Secretary: Ms L. Dickenson

Apologies: Tas. Police
Karyl Bruinewood
Lisa Bailey
Jason Orr
James Cameron
Carolyn Smith
Lisa Crosswell
Craig Tyeson
David Richardson
Karen Schnitzerling

Gallery: Mr Kevin Ellis
Mrs Rainbow

Moved: Mr L. Pride

Seconded: Mr J. Glisson

Motion: To receive the minutes of the previous meeting of the 2nd February, 2021.

CARRIED

Moved: Mr J. Glisson

Seconded: Mr L. Pride

Motion: To accept the minutes of the previous meeting of the 2nd February 2021 as an accurate record of that meeting with the alteration of honing to hooning.

CARRIED

General Business

The Chair welcomed Mr Ellis to the meeting and invited him to speak in regards to his correspondence that he had sent to the Safety Committee re defibrillators and public toilet access at the Memorial Hall. Mr Ellis also mentioned that an incident had occurred at the Hall due to the toilets not being freely accessible.

There are currently Covid-19 signs on the doors but not about the opening of toilets or defibrillator.

Mr Ellis stated that he had not received any communication from Council regarding his letter. Mr Ellis went on to say that Tamar FM could be supplied with the keys to the hinged door as well as the automatic doors but will need to close the doors at 3pm as they only have one announcer on duty.

Mr Ellis stated that he was writing as a resident not on behalf of Tamar FM.

Motion:

Moved: Mr J. Glisson
Seconded: Cr Barraclough

That the Committee requests the Council to consider:

1. Provides Tamar FM with the keys to the front doors; and
2. That the doors are opened when the flags are raised and closed when the flags are then taken down; and
3. Responds to Mr Ellis correspondence.

CARRIED

It was stated that there are public toilets at the Hub.

The Chair thanked Mr Ellis for attending the meeting.

The Chair called upon Mrs Rainbow to speak to the meeting.

Mrs Rainbow advised that on the George Town Council noticeboard is a sign about York Cove Rivulet having human excrement in the water. This occurred last Sunday and a resident has contact TasWater who advised the resident "that they don't work on Sundays". Further discussion took place on this issue.

Motion:

Moved: Mr J. Glisson
Seconded: Mr D. Pride

The Committee expressed their concern and requests that Council:

1. Investigate the raw sewerage, mentioned on the Council's noticeboard on Macquarie Street, at the York Cove riverlet and report outcomes back to the Committee.

CARRIED

The issue of public accessing the George Town Council's noticeboard is required to be investigated.

Correspondence:

Nil.

Business Arising from the Minutes:

- Mr Ellis has not received a reply from Council.
- East Tamar Highway – remove this off the action list. Unanimously agreed by the Committee.
- Gees Marsh Road to be included on the action list.
- Macquarie Street pedestrian safety to be included on the action list
- Industry Road removal of trees to be included on the action list.
- York Cove Rivulet drain safety as raised by the Bellingham Progress Association last meeting to be included on the action list.
- Regent Square safety rail outside of the toilets to be included on the action list.
- Hillwood slip lane – That Council contact State Growth instead of the Hillwood Progress Association. To be placed on next month's agenda.
- School Road trimming of trees; Walden Street access to recreation ground and vegetation to be cleared; and signage on Blamey Street of no dumping of rubbish still to be action.

The Chair advised that she had received correspondence in regards to an incident at Weymouth on the approach to the one lane bridge. A pot hole requires actioning.

Motion:

Moved: Cr Barraclough
Seconded: Mr R. Hibbs

That the issues be listed on the Action list.

CARRIED

General/Other Safety Business:

Cr Barraclough raised the issue of the upcoming Mountain Bike track that Council should consider widening the road at the turn off to Mt George to make it safe.

The Committee agreed that an adjustment of the road and recommendations from the Department of State Growth should be sought.

Motion:

Moved: Cr Barraclough
Seconded: Mr J. Glisson

That the Committee is concerned about the Main Road/Mt George Road intersection and council consider improving this junction to facilitate the increase of traffic from the mountain bike trail.

CARRIED

Area Reports:

Bellingham Progress Association - Mr R. Hibbs

Mr Hibbs advised the Committee that there is a safety concern at the intersection of Smith and Howard Streets. Motorists don't give way. It was requested that a giveway and/or a stop sign be installed. To be placed on next months agenda.

George Town Neighbourhood Watch - Mr D. Pride

The next meeting of Neighbourhood Watch will be held next Thursday at 6.30 pm.

Chair – Cr Barwick

The Chair advised that the Accessibility Policy is out for consultation. At the Hub there are parking spaces for "parents with prams" and under the Federal Act it must have disability parking. A request for a report on why there are two parking spaces for prams and not disability are at the Hub.

It was requested that all policies in relating to Safety are to be tabled at the Safety Committee meetings. The Councillors' stated that they had not received the policy by mail.

As part of the consultation on policies, it was requested that it be emailed to all organisations for their input.

The Chair also requested that a letter be written to the George Town Neighbourhood House requesting a representative to attend the Safety Committee meeting.

There being no more business meeting closed at 1.27 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.
06/20	Gees Marsh Road, Bellingham	Speed reduction request for Gees Marsh Road	Manager Infrastructure & Works	Signs installed.
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.
01/21	Gees Marsh Road, Bellingham	Advanced speed warning signs to be installed.	Manager Infrastructure and Works	
02/21	Macquarie Street pedestrian crossing	The installation of a rumble strip or painting of white lines prior to the crossing to be completed.	Manager Infrastructure and Works	
03/21	Industry Road	Removal of trees for improving of motorists site distance	Manager Infrastructure and Works	
04/21	York Cove Rivulet drain safety	TasWater to action safety issue – to stop children from climbing on the drain	Manager Infrastructure and Works	
05/21	Regent Square safety	That the colour of the safety rail be changed	Manager Infrastructure and Works	

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	rail outside of toilets	so children are able to see the rail more clearly		
06/21	School Road	Trimming of trees to be undertaken.	Manager Infrastructure and Works	
07/21	Walden Street	Access to the recreation ground and Walden Street vegetation to be cleared	Manager Infrastructure and Works	
08/21	Blamey Street	No dumping of rubbish sign to be installed	Manager Infrastructure and Works	