

**George Town Community Safety Group Committee Meeting  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2021  
Confirmed Minutes**

**Meeting opened:** 12.30 pm

**Present:** Chair Cr Heather Barwick, Cr Chris Barraclough (Deputy Chair), John Glisson, Simone Lowe, Senior Sergeant Robert King, Jason Orr, Carolyn Smith, Acting Manager Infrastructure and Works Gavin Barrett

**Minute Secretary:** Louise Dickenson

**Apologies:** Craig Tyeson, Ray Hibbs, Karyl Bruinewood, Inspector Ruth Orr

**Motion:** To receive the minutes of the previous meeting of the 1<sup>st</sup> June 2021.

Moved: John Glisson

Seconded: Carolyn Smith

Carried

**Motion:** To accept the minutes of the previous meeting of the 1<sup>st</sup> June 2021 as an accurate record of that meeting with amendment of the date to the 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2021.

Moved: Jason Orr

Seconded: Cr Chris Barraclough

Carried

**Correspondence:**

Nil.

**Business arising from the minutes:**

1. Ms Lowe advised that at the last meeting in regards to the safety of the fencing, message was taken to CFF and positive feedback was received on the planting of the trees along the fence.

**Notice of Motions**

Nil.

**Action List Update:**

02/17 Access parking – Macquarie Street Streetscape Review

The Chair queried the status of the S Group Concept Plan for Macquarie Street. The Acting Manager Infrastructure and Works advised that it has been provided to the Committee and

the Council. The concept plan has not progress further mainly due to funding. The concept plan includes the streetscaping, funding, access parking changed to new standards. The A/Manager further advised that another 5 disabled parking bays will be placed in conjunction with the Regent Square works and also further disabled parking bays have been allocated at the Woolworths new parking lot.

#### 12/19 Anne Street footpath

The A/Manager provided a detailed presentation on the Anne Street footpath stating that it will be completed in Stages. Further scoping and costings of the project will need to be undertaken by Council. The timeframe will be subject to contractor availability and scoping but would like project commenced and completed this year.

Moved: Cr Barraclough

Seconded: Mr Glisson

That the Committee accept the report from Acting Manager Infrastructure and Works on Anne Street footpath.

Carried.

#### 06/20 Macquarie Street Pathway

The Acting Manager advised that Council undertakes regular inspections on the footpath. If a loose paver is reported or noticed it is repaired. Until funding is secured for the streetscape concept plan there is no further information about upgrading.

#### **General/Other Safety Business:**

1. The Chair advised that she had received an email regarding a log truck parking illegally on Gordon Square and is doing damage to the kerbing. It was agreed that it is both a Council and Police issue. If damage is being noticed, a service request should be forwarded to Council. Also the complaint should be encouraged to contact the Police.

The Chair advised she will advise the complaint to contact the Police and complete a service request for Council.

It was also mentioned that a truck is parked on a road reservation in Victoria Street. The Police are able to use discretion and the truck parking is not classified as a hazard. If it does, the police are to be notified.

Mr Glisson advised the Committee of a case, many years ago, of parking on nature strips and the removal of parked vehicles off nature strips. The repercussion was no one tended to their nature strips. Senior Sergeant advised that the rulings for parking on nature strips has changed and owners can park on their own nature strip.

2. The Chair advised that an enquiry was received from the Weymouth Progress Association. It is as follows: Tas Fire found the water flow from the dam into the stand pipe in Ralph Street is poor. Requested that Council to clean out the dam and establish a satisfactory water flow.

The Acting Manager advised that a Council Officer is investigating this query and which authority is responsible for the standpipe.

3. The Chair advised that the second enquiry from Weymouth Progress Association was in regards to the widened access to the beach near where the dead seal was buried has enabled some quad bikes to ride along the beach. It was requested that a board is installed to restrict vehicular access. The Chair advised that she has been in contact with Crown and the requested to be forwarded to Crown land. Council to write to Phil Thompson, Property Services, Parks.

#### **Area Reports:**

##### Pipers River Neighbourhood Watch/Lulworth Progress Association – Jason Orr

- No safety issue from Lulworth Progress Association.
- The next meeting of Pipers River Neighbourhood Watch will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of August and will have Commander Stuart Wilkinson to attend as a guest speaker.

##### Tas Police – Senior Sergeant Robert King

A Crime report has been received by the Inspector. (Committee will received under separate cover).

The vacancies within George Town Police have been filled.

##### George Town Neighbourhood House – Simone Lowe

Ms Lowe advised that they have been working in the drug and alcohol space. Also advised that the syringe exchange program is being used.

Ms Lowe raised there is an ongoing issue of providing showers for those who are homeless and/or sleeping in cars. Ms Lowe has previously spoke with Council in regards to the showers at Memorial Hall and/or the George Town Football Club. The RSL have provided shower bags (towel, soap etc.). It was suggested by Jason Orr that there might be showers at the old RSL building for mountain bikers that could be used for the homeless.

Ms Lowe stated that there is no way to gauge how many homeless persons are in George Town. There is no way to get the data.

The Acting Manager advised that the following would need to be considered if using Council facilities:

- Constant monitoring
- Cleaning (Covid restrictions)
- Vandalism
- Not used for the intended purpose

Also the Neighbourhood House building which is owned by Housing Tasmania have had an architect to draw plans to include showers for the homeless. If applying for grants, Covid information is required.

Acting Manager recommended that a meeting be held with Ms Lowe and Council's Facilities Coordinator, Project Officer and Acting Manager to discuss.

The Chair requested that George Town Neighbourhood House Issues be included in the action list.

#### Low Head Progress Association – John Glisson

Nil.

#### Hillwood Progress Association – Carolyn Smith

1. Reminder to residents for checking on neighbours "are you ok?" campaign. Council may be able to assist with the promotion as well as Neighbourhood Watch.
2. A concern was raised on the latest extension of the berry farm overspray and spray drift going over the bus stop area at Jetty Road. The new pipes are 10 to 20 metres of the bus stop. A real concern by residents. The Chair advised she will raise this issue with the Manager Development and Environment.
3. Ms Smith read out a concerned resident's issue of the safety of Archers Road. It requested a speed reduction and widening of the road. The resident further advised that there have been near misses and accidents on this road. People use Archers Road as a short cut. The Chair advised that she had requested a 10 year rolling plan for sealing of roads from Council. It was further advised that nothing can happen this financial year. Tas Police requested the times that the occurrences of people using the road as short cut. Ms Smith to provide details to Tas Police. This item to be placed on the Action List.

Acting Manager advised that traffic counters have been placed and would show patterns. A/Manager to provide the details to Tas Police. Signage is installed stating local traffic only. The road is under the control of Council and maintenance occurs. It is a designed 80 km road under the Department of State Growth road usage standard. Speed limit changes would need to be authorised by the Transport Commissioner.

A report will be provided to Council on Archers Road.

#### **Other Business**

1. The Committee were informed that the Hub have showers which are available for the homeless.
2. On behalf of the George Town Safety Committee wishes to thank Tas Police for their efforts on the speeding through road works on Dalrymple Road. It has made a great improvement.

3. The Chair provided a background to the last meeting on the Terms of Reference. At this stage, nothing has changed with the Committee's Terms of Reference. The motion passed by the Committee on proxy will form part of the review process.

4. Sharps Collection

The sharps collection data is as follows:

2/6/21

4 collected from the Elizabeth St Toilet block.

20 collected from the Anne St toilet block.

17/6/21

Full box of diabetic syringes left in right hand toilet block, removed and transferred to Waste Transfer station safe storage area.

29/6/21

5 sharps containers transported from Reception to WTS storage area.

2 syringes removed from Hillwood Jetty toilet block.

Hillwood Hall - nil.

There being no more business meeting closed at 1.45 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.
	Sharps Audit	Quarterly report to be provided to the Committee.	Manager Infrastructure & Works	Quarterly report (verbal only) provided each quarter.
03/21	Industry Road	Removal of trees for improving of motorists site distance	Manager Infrastructure and Works	To be completed 2021/2022 financial year.
05/21	Regent Square safety rail outside of toilets	That the colour of the safety rail be changed so children are able to see the rail more clearly	Manager Infrastructure and Works	Included in the design for Redevelopment.
06/21	School Road	Trimming of trees to be undertaken.	Manager Infrastructure and Works	To be completed 2021/2022 financial year.
07/21	Walden Street	Access to the recreation ground and Walden Street vegetation to be cleared	Manager Infrastructure and Works	To be completed 2021/2022 financial year.
08/21	Blamey Street	No dumping of rubbish sign to be installed	Manager Infrastructure and Works	This is on Crown land – Council will investigate.
09/21	Neighbourhood House Issue	Showering facilities for homeless	A/Manager Infrastructure and Works plus Council staff	Meeting to be scheduled.
10/21	Archers Road	Speed limit and road widening	A/Manager Infrastructure and Works	Traffic data to be provided to TasPolice. Council report.