

**George Town Community Safety Group Committee Meeting
Tuesday 7th September, 2021
Confirmed Minutes**

Meeting opened: 12:31pm

Present: Chair Cr Heather Barwick, Cr Chris Barraclough, Ray Hibbs, John Glisson, Craig Tyeson, Karyl Bruinewood, Jon Herron, Sergeant Luke Moore and Simone Lowe.

Minute Secretary: Abbey Allison

Apologies: -

Motion: To receive the minutes of the previous meeting of the 3rd August 2021.

Louise unwell, so minutes weren't circulated but minutes are reviewed on 7th of September 2021.

Moved: Cr Chris Barraclough
Seconded: Sergeant Luke Moore

Motion: To accept the minutes of the previous meeting of the 3rd August 2021 as an accurate record of that meeting

CARRIED

Moved: Cr Chris Barraclough
Seconded: Ray Hibbs

Following changes to be made then acceptance of the minutes. Les Pride was present and to remove the second citing of Jason Orr in the present list.

CARRIED

Guest Speaker – Kylie Farrell, Project Officer, Community Development and Engagement, Department of State Growth

Topic: Community Road Safety Grants

Kylie joined the meeting to discuss the Community Road Safety Grants. The Road Safety Advisory Council (RSAC) offers funding to community groups for community initiatives that work to address road safety issues. This funding is provided through the Community Road Safety Grants (CRSG) Program and aims to support the vision of the Towards Zero Strategy.

2021/22 grants are now open and close 30th September 2021. The Grants are split into Small and Medium/Large Grants.

Small Grants - Grants of up to \$5,000 are available for local community road safety projects, such as educational projects to increase road safety awareness in specific categories

Medium/Large Grants – funding up to \$35,000.

The Grants have changed slightly from previous years, for more ease and straight forward of use and to ensure high quality applications.

Kylie has previously worked in stakeholder engagement, so understands what stakeholders want. Previous Grant projects are available online to review, but Grants have changed slightly this year to be more diverse to meet changing road safety behaviors.

Signage: small grants does include signage for educational projects. Digital Message boards will be available for hire but not purchase in large scale projects.

Other key areas of discussion were:

- Grants don't necessarily need to be road safety, for example training for Mountain Biking and cycling – bike safety and the importance of helmet wearing.
- Grants don't need to target all groups
- Question was raised about being able to purchase motorcycle helmets to give to the Police to give to motorcycle users with our helmets.
- Grants to cover traffic management course especially for smaller community group running small events but still require some sort of traffic management plan, Kylie said this is an option but will need to clarify as this could be part of the staff salary payment option.
- Education, targeting older drivers is a good one to look into and can be its own category.
- Kylie happy to provide her contact details if anyone would like further information and discuss further.

The speed limit on Doctors Hill was discuss and was wondering if a Change of Speed limit signage was going to placed to accommodate the change of speed limit to 80 from 100? Kylie happy to check with the roads infrastructure team, not her department so didn't have the answer today.

Kylie left 12:58

Briefly discussed Doctors Hill, not everyone was aware of the 80 speed limit through Doctors Hill. Also briefly discussed was the reduce speed limit speed coming into George Town then no workmen could be seen on the road. Jon did clarify that work was being done on the sides roads and mentioned the signage could be better presented.

Correspondence:

Acceptance - Resignation by Representative from Hillwood Progress Association – Carolyn Smith. The reason why Carolyn has placed her resignation is she is no longer the President of Hillwood Progress Association. Awaiting the new President.

Welcomed Jon Herron to the committee. Jon has recently joined Council as the Manager Infrastructure and Works.

Business arising from the minutes:

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Notice of Motions

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Action List Update:

02/17 Access parking – Macquarie Street Streetscape Review

Infrastructure and Works Manager reported that the concept has been developed but has not progress further. Car park is due to open in 4 weeks subject to weather. Plants and arbor to go in after the carpark finished.

Infrastructure and Works Manager to confirm how many car spots and where the buses, cars with trailers and caravans are available to park. Anne Street was mentioned. There was concern that it didn't look like enough car spaces would be available. Also to confirm where the food vans will be able to park.

Charging station: Grant has been applied on behalf of the Council and cables have been laid. Northern Anne Street Parking lot as the proposed site. Infrastructure and Works Manager to provide an update.

Question raised if the whole of Macquarie Street (Anne Street down further) was the streetscape review. Infrastructure and Works Manager to provide an update.

12/19 Anne Street Footpath

The Anne Street footpath has gone to market for quotes. Concepts shown. There are resources issues due to lots of grants been successful making resources difficult to source.

03/21 Industry Road – Removal of tress

Infrastructure and Works Manager to provide an update. The removal of tree for Industry Road has been included in this financial year. Council is required to adhered to the procurement policy needing three quotes. It is hoping this can be completed before summer traffic.

05/21 Regent Square – railing

Infrastructure and Works Manager reported a temporary mesh screen is currently in place while on-going work continues to the toilet block. Manager to provide final design concept once work has been completed.

CARRIED

07/21 Walden Street

Infrastructure and Works Manager reported vegetation to be cleared to gain access to the recreation ground. This is in progress.

09/21 Neighbourhood House Issue – Showering facilities for homeless

Ms Lowe informed the committee that she is still investigating, has been in contact with the Housing Department about a suitable space. Advised that a bathroom upgrade is in the works but does not fix the showering issue. There is a definite need for showering facilities but not urgent. Other options are available, but these are not well communicated and need to be confirmed. Such as showers at the Hub. Infrastructure and Works Manager to confirm what options are available to the old RSL building.

General/Other Safety Business:

Suicide Prevention Training

Low Head Progress Association member advised the committee of Suicide Prevention Training run by Cores Australia and Relationships Australia. (I have included the flyers for further information). The committee agreed to take the first step and ask Relationships Australia to join the next Safety Committee meeting.

Area Reports:

Beechford Residents and Property Association – Karyl Bruinewood

Still a concern about the culvert in front of 8 Esplanade. Council has been notified. Infrastructure and Works Manager to have another look. Wasn't necessary considered a safety issue. Similar culvert issue for 5 Bakers Street.

Bellingham Progress Association – Ray Hibbs

Large gumtree has died. Council issue, send through service request.

George Town Chamber of Commerce – Pat Marron

Nil.

George Town Emergency Management – Mr Peter Groves

Nil.

George Town Hospital and Community Centre – to be confirmed

Nil.

George Town Community Hub (DoE) – Lisa Crosswell

Nil.

George Town Neighbourhood House – Simone Lowe

Service request has been put forward for the Footpath old plastic park. Concern about insufficient parking outside Neighbourhood House. People safety issue.

Hillwood Progress Association –

Nil.

Low Head Progress Association – John Glisson

Mr Glisson asked if the Council has COVID-19 action plan in case of a break out in Tasmania. Infrastructure and Works Manager advised that a COVID-19 action plan is in the works as per last leadership meeting. All councils are working on a COVID-19 action plan with the State Government. Question was asked if there will be the opportunity for community to be involved? And for the Safety Committee to make recommendations. Infrastructure and Works Manager to follow up.

Mr Glisson also inquired about the Terms of References – review of terms every 12 months. Just wanted clarification.

Lulworth Community Association - Jason Orr

Nil.

Port Dalrymple School – Stuart Austin

Nil.

Pipers River Neighbourhood Watch – Jason Orr

Nil.

Tas Police – Sergeant Luke Moore

Advised that all is going well. The George Town Police department is at good strength and no major issues to report. Just a few ramming of car doors. Reported COVID-19 has been very good for Police in terms of less drugs into the state that in turn creates less crime.

Advised of new legislation regarding to stopping the backlog on cases in the Magistrate Courts and how the Police can charge, give cautions and move on orders.

Made the request to provide an update first incase something urgent arises and needs to attend to immediately.

A request was made for Tasmanian Police to provide a crime report each meeting. Sergeant Moore will be happy to provide.

Weymouth Progress Association – Craig Tyeson

DIPWE acknowledge their submission regarding water quality and will receive advise in due course. Advised Mr Tyeson is awaiting feedback to discuss green hydrogen for local communities, also awaiting feedback regarding the budget submission for disability access to Weymouth Main Beach Recreation Area (old caravan park). Infrastructure and Works Manager to confirm.

Mr Tyeson also asked whether there were any Roadshow dates confirmed yet?

Rehabilitation has started on walking tracks and thank Boral for the donation of road base.

Mr Tyeson inquired about Tasmanian Police attending local Progress meetings, Sergeant Moore is happy for members to send through invites and someone will attend if available and beneficial to the Police as well. Mr Tyeson believes it would be beneficial for the local communities to know how their local Police Officers are.

Cr Chris Barraclough

Cr Barraclough advised of an open drain still at Hillwood on Post Office Road, no action has been taken. Water is spewing after it rains. Infrastructure and Works Manager advised that some work inspection has been performed but will confirm the outcomes.

Also advised of a footpath along kanamaluka Trail near lovers inlet where it merges with road gets quite bogged and very difficult to go around. Enquired where it needs some drainage? Infrastructure and Works Manager to advise.

Cr Barraclough asked each committee member their thoughts on the importance of the Safety Committee, general consensus was that everyone agreed it was important as it gives everybody the opportunity to have a voice. It was also stated like many committees there will be highs and lows in the amount of work being achieved and that the committee keeps the safety issues broad not just focusing on roads.

Chair, Cr Heather Barwick

The Chair asked permission for the received minutes as a report to Council approve the minutes in the committee meeting then sent to Council. All agreed.

There being no more business meeting closed at 2:11pm

Next meeting Date:

5th October 2021

2nd November 2021

7th December 2021