

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

Meeting opened: 12.35 pm

Present: Cr Barwick (Chair), Cr Chris Barraclough (Deputy Chair), Sergeant Gavin Spencer, Simone Lowe, Jason Orr, Karyl Bruinewood, Jon Herron, Pat Marron, Stuart Austin

Minute Secretary: Louise Dickenson

Apologies: Craig Tyeson, Ray Hibbs, John Glisson

Guest: Nil.

Motion:

Moved: Cr Barraclough
Seconded: Stuart Austin

To receive the minutes of the previous meeting of the 2nd November 2021.

Carried

Motion:

Moved: Karyl Bruinewood
Seconded: Cr Chris Barraclough

To accept the minutes of the previous meeting of the 2nd November 2021 as an accurate record of that meeting with amendment being Page 3 Area Report Beechford corrected to Bellingham.

Carried

Correspondence:

Nil.

Business arising from the minutes:

Weymouth Progress Association

The Chair advised that she had followed up on the enquiry on the lease agreement with the Weymouth Progress Association regarding the mowing with the General Manager.

The General Manager has provided a response to the Weymouth Progress Association.

Insurance Coverage for Volunteers and Councillors

The Chair raised the issue of volunteers on Committees which was questioned by George Town Neighbourhood House at the last meeting. The volunteers are the same as Councillors travelling from residence to a meeting is covered by MAIB if not by your affiliated organisation. It was question that if volunteers are covered by Council's insurance if you complete the Council's volunteers induction. The insurance of volunteers being on the premises was questioned:

1. Are you covered by your organisation?;
2. Are you covered by Council if you are a non-organisational representative?

Insurance coverage information will be provided to Committee members at the February 2022 meeting.

Bellingham Progress Association

The Bellingham seat near the playground needs to be repaired. Requested that the secretary submit a service request on behalf of Cr Barwick.

Notice of Motions

Nil.

Action List Update:

02/17 Access parking – Macquarie Street Streetscape Review

The Manager Infrastructure and Works advised that when Macquarie Street redevelopment is reviewed the required access parking will be incorporated into the design process.

The Regent Square carpark has an increase to 5 accessibility spaces which is an increase from the 3 on the initial design. The spaces are marked with zebra crossing and plenty of space to open the doors. With accordance with Australian standards.

12/19 Anne Street footpath

Anne Street footpath is included in Council's Capital Works program for this year. Council is working with State Growth re bus routes and bus stops.

03/21 Industry Road – removal of trees

Council will continue to look at all of the roads within the municipality as the weather has caused a number of issues with trees. It is not specifically focusing on Industry Road. The Chair provided a background to Industry Road as Council had received a petition. The Manager Infrastructure and Works advised that some trees have been removed but will continue to monitor. Council had received a substantially higher quote on the removal of trees which Council had not budgeted for. Council will continue to monitor.

05/21 Regent Square – Child safety fence.

The Manager Infrastructure and Works advised that a full safety audit of the whole area will be undertaken and the results of the investigation will be provided to the Committee.

07/21 Walden Street – vegetation to be cleared

This item is to be removed.

General/Other Safety Business:

Update on CORE Meeting

The Chair provided a further update following the meetings held with Melanie Carol and Geraldine Crisp who had previously addressed the Committee. Geraldine for CORE held a session attended by seven persons, which was organised within a short time frame. This was a two hour session. The Chair advised that Meagan Bennett (Manager Liveable and Connected Communities) and herself will meet with Geraldine to sign off on the community action plan. As a Committee \$5,000 will be available for training. Committee members will be invited to attend the sessions and the Chair will speak with the RSL and invite their members to attend.

Due to the short time frame the Lulworth/Tam O'Shanter Golf Club session was cancelled which was aimed at local farmers. These will be held at the end of January 2022.

The following points were noted:

- \$5,000 for training sessions;
- \$1,500 for the Community Action Plan. Meagan and Geraldine will work together and Meagan will sign off on behalf of Council. Timeframes will need to be included in the Community Action Plan.

Manager Infrastructure and Works Report Update

The electric fueling station in Regent Square. A grant has been received for electric fueling station with a location to be determined. The Manager will provide details to Cr Barwick once available.

Area Reports:

George Town Neighbourhood House – Simone Lowe

George Town Neighbourhood House staff are assisting patrons with Covid-19 check-in App for their vaccination status. If any require assistance GTNH can assist.

There was a dog at large along Franklin Street which allegedly tried to attack a child. There are discussions on the street about the dog. Tas Police advised they will follow up with Council's Compliance Officer.

GTNH advised that the no interest loan network of Tasmania offering \$1,500 can be used for security systems and surveillance systems. This loan is only available to healthcare/pension card holders and currently trialing those on a low income.

Tas Police – Sergeant Gavin Spencer

There has been a slight decrease in crime but the majority of crime has a common denominator – residents leaving sheds etc. unlocked and small items stolen.

Residents are reminded to lock their sheds etc.

Also if you see hooning, contact the Police. The Sergeant provided an outline on the legislation and the requirements needed to enforce the laws against hooning.

Port Dalrymple School – Stuart Austin

The Principal Jeanna Bolton has left to take up another role in Launceston, Michael Flanagan is Acting Principal.

Fencing has progressed around the school. Current cat issues in the kindergarten ground and does not meet quality standards.

Thank you to Council for repairing Cimitiere Street.

The school will be focusing on the mandate for vaccination for younger students and roll out in the next year.

Cr Barraclough, Deputy Chair

Cr Barraclough advised the Committee that Council has undertaken water sampling at the York Cove site. Water samples taken indicate that it is not excrement, but tests are still being undertaken.

Cr Barwick, Chair

The Chair advised that with the upcoming fire season that it is a reminder to be prepared for a fire. Suggested that battery operated radios are a good idea.

Also with Christmas fast approaching, the button batteries are dangerous with possibility of young person's swallowing them.

Lulworth Progress Association – Jason Orr

Further to the Chair's advice, Jason reminded that you require a permit under the Fire legislation. Also Red Cross and the Fire Brigade are selling radios. Need to get the message out to be fire prepared.

The Chair wished all a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

There being no more business meeting closed at 1.45 pm.

Meeting Dates (all meetings commence at 12.30 pm):

1st February 2022

1st March 2022

5th April 2022

3rd May 2022

7th June 2022

5th July 2022

2nd August 2022

6th September 2022

4th October 2022

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	Manager Infrastructure & Works	Included in the Macquarie Street Redevelopment in accordance with Australian Standards.
12/19	Anne Street Footpath	Construction of the continuation of the footpath along Anne Street for pedestrian safety.	Manager Infrastructure & Works	Included in Council's Capital Works program for this year. Council is working with State Growth re bus routes and bus stops.
03/21	Industry Road	Removal of trees for improving of motorists site distance	Manager Infrastructure & Works	To be completed in the 2021/2022 financial year dependent on budget constraints.