



Minutes

Traffic Authority Local Committee Thursday 19 January 2012 2 pm

Lithgow Traffic Authority Local Committee (TALC)	
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TRAFFIC AUTHORITY LOCAL COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES – 19 JANUARY, 2012

ITEM: 1 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

Present: Neal Snowden (Police), Prue Britt (RMS), Maddison Bailey (LCC), Iain Stewart (LCC), Bob Willison (LCC) and Kym Snow (LCC), Robbie Park (LCC) and Seth Greenhill (Mountain Sports).

Apologies: Clr Fisher (LCC), Peter Pilbeam (State Members Representative)
Richard Dunbar (RMS),

Officers:

Declaration of Interest: Nil

ITEM: 2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes are to be presented to the Council on 13th February 2012.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Minutes of the meeting of 17 November 2011 be taken as read and confirmed.

MOVED: Neal Snowden

SECONDED: Iain Stewart

ITEM: 3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Sir Thomas Mitchell Drive Lithgow

SUMMARY

TALC recommended to Council that a Stop Sign is installed at the intersection of Sir Thomas Mitchell Drive and Magpie Hollow Road, Southbowenfels.

This matter has been referred back to TALC by Council with the following request- "A possible "Give Way" sign is to be erected instead of a "Stop" sign with the possibility of a median strip to be placed at the intersection of Sir Thomas Mitchell Drive and Magpie Hollow Road at Southbowenfels"

COMMENTARY

Refer to the Australian Standards or RMS standards for Stop and Give way sign installation. Council to follow the standards at this intersection and make a decision on the appropriate sign to install.

RECOMMENDATION – That Council review the site distance measurements at the Magpie Hollow and Sir Thomas Mitchell Drive intersection as detailed in the RMS standards and report back to the next meeting.

MOVED: Bob Willison

SECONDED: Neal Snowden

ITEM: 4 ONGOING ISSUES FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 17 NOVEMBER

A) The intersection of Cox, Lett, Vale and Tramway Streets in Portland

SUMMARY

Concern has been raised over traffic movements at this intersection. Council is to prepare alternate plans for this intersection and present to the Committee.

COMMENTARY

Council and the RTA are developing and reviewing plans for this intersection and they will be presented to the Committee at a future meeting for review.

RECOMMENDATION – That Council note this item is ongoing.

MOVED: Bob Willison

SECONDED: Iain Stewart

B) Sunny Corner and Portland Road speed statistics

SUMMARY

Concern has been expressed over the speed limit on this road.

COMMENTARY

The RTA is analyzing the statistics and shall inform the Committee of the decisions made when the report is complete. It was noted that there are several speed zone reviews in the Lithgow LGA that the RTA are currently reviewing, and it was noted that the Committee are waiting for these results before they can proceed with these matters. The Committee has expressed to the RTA that this speed zone review has been ongoing for quite sometime and that there has been a lot of public comment on this.

The RTA has completed the field work on this issue. The new speed zoning guidelines have been released by the RTA. The RTA will write a report on the speed zone and present to a future meeting.

RECOMMENDATION – That Council note that the RMS will provide a report on the speed zone review of Sunny Corner Road, Portland when this is completed.

MOVED: Iain Stewart

SECONDED: Bob Willison

C) Reserve Road Marrangaroo

SUMMARY

A resident has requested that the speed limit on Reserve Road be lowered from the current 80km/h to 60km/h for the following reasons-

- Heavy vehicles using the road

- 27 residents and 4 industrial establishments using the road
- Vehicles travelling at speeds which the resident feels is unsafe
- The general road condition-pot holes, puddles, patches, road surface, inadequate drainage and wildlife.

COMMENTARY

Traffic counts have been conducted on the road and the local Highway Patrol has been notified and has conducted patrols. It was noted that the review of the speed statistics is one of several in the hands of the RTA and the Committee awaits the results so that a recommendation on this issue can be made.

RECOMMENDATION- That Council note that the RMS will provide a report on the speed zone review of Reserve Road Marrangaroo, when this is completed.

MOVED: Bob Willison

SECONDED: Iain Stewart

D) Resident parking in Padley Street Lithgow

SUMMARY

A resident has notified Council of their frustration when trying to park out the front of their residence in Padley Street Lithgow, as the parking space is often taken by workers (he believes) from the State Debt Recovery Office (SDRO) and if it is possible to come up with a solution to this issue.

COMMENTARY

Council wrote to the residents of Padley Street and sent a questionnaire to the residents of Padley Street for the Padley Street laneway. The results of the questionnaire and parking observational studies were presented to the Committee. Council will speak with the manager of LINC to clarify the reasons why the Committee recommends that No Stopping signage will be installed in the laneway outside their premises.

RECOMMENDATION- That Council install No Parking signage on both sides of the Padley Street laneway for a distance of 15 metres immediately after the standard No Stopping zone.

MOVED: Maddison Bailey

SECONDED: Neal Snowden

E) Magpie Hollow Road Southbowenfels

SUMMARY

An action request (action request number 04774/10) has been received from a resident asking for Council to consider lowering the current speed limit of 70km/h and 80km/h on Magpie Hollow Road to 50km/h. The section is from the Great Western Highway turnoff into Magpie Hollow Road through to the current 100km/h speed zone on Magpie Hollow Road. The resident has asked for the installation of a traffic mirror at the driveway as the resident feels there is limited sight distance when exiting the property.

COMMENTARY

It was noted that the 70km/h speed zone that starts on Magpie Hollow Road is a continuation of the highway speed limit. Then the zone changes to 80km/h and

100km/h on the other side of the hill. Traffic counters were placed on the road, located just after the 80km/h signage. The results are currently being reviewed by the RTA and a recommendation will be made. Site visibility issues have been investigated and vegetation around both sides of the driveway has been removed and slashed.

The Committee feels that no further action should be taken at this time in regards to changes to the speed zone until the results from the RTA have been received. This item is ongoing.

RECOMMENDATION- That Council note that the RMS will provide Council with a report on this speed zone issue for Magpie Hollow Road at Southbowenfels.

MOVED: Bob Willison

SECONDED: Iain Stewart

F) Speed limit reduction request- Cox's River Road

SUMMARY

A resident has written to Council requesting that the current speed limit of 100km/h is lowered to 80km/h on Cox's River Road between Blackheath Creek Road turn off and Kanimbla Road turn off.

COMMENTARY

It was asked if the reduction in speed request is a direct result of the current state of the road and repairs that are currently being done and this is not the case.

The Committee noted that there is no development between Blackheath Creek Road and Kanimbla Road and in the event of further development occurring, an 80km/h speed zone would be required. The speed zone review will be forwarded to the RTA for their consideration.

The results of the speed zone review have been received and have been forwarded to all Committee members, including the RTA.

RECOMMENDATION – That Council note that the RMS will provide Council with a report on the speed zone request for Cox's River Road at Hartley.

MOVED: Iain Stewart

SECONDED: Bob Willison

G) Fullagar Avenue Lithgow

SUMMARY

A resident has spoken with Councils Ranger and Road Safety Officer expressing their discontent in regards to the sand bags that have been placed in Fullagar Avenue, Evans Close and Chivers Close in Lithgow.

COMMENTARY

The sandbags laid in Fullagar Avenue, Evans Close and Chivers Close were placed on a three month trial basis in an effort to slow down motorists, this was in consultation with residents. Over the time that the sandbags were on the road, Council received several phone calls from residents. The issues were:

1. Sandbags broken and sand going all over the road
2. Sandbags stolen
3. Issue with vehicles having to go on the wrong side of the road as vehicles were parked in front of properties. This did not leave enough room between the sandbags and the parked vehicles for vehicles to travel through. Upon investigation, it was

noted that vehicles were parked too close to the intersection (not the standard 10 metres from the intersection).

As requested by the committee, the resident who lives on the other side of this intersection has been written to and asked for comment.

Letter received from the resident written too- neighbourhood dispute/ against the traffic island being extended. Railway trucks etc use this intersection and the extension of the island would make it difficult for them.

RECOMMENDATION – That Council note that TALC will keep the matter in Fullagar Avenue under review.

MOVED: Bob Willison

SECONDED: Iain Stewart

H) Proposed bus pull off area-Great Western Highway/ Baaners Lane intersection Little Hartley

SUMMARY

The Hartley District Progress Association has written to council expressing concern over the bus movements at the above intersection of an afternoon. The bus coming from Mount Victoria travelling to Lithgow pulls over to let the school children off at the intersection. The bus effectively blocks the intersection for approximately 2 to 3 minutes whilst dropping off the children off. This brings up safety issues as the bus is blocking the intersection and vehicles wanting to turn into or out of Baaners Lane have to wait until the bus leaves.

The Association has asked for an existing earth barrier to be moved south to allow the bus to have an area to safely pull over and drop the children off without blocking the intersection.

COMMENTARY

An inspection of this site was conducted on 13 October. The actions that the Progress Association has asked for would not be viable at this location due to a road side drain, the height of the embankment and vegetation. An alternate location has been suggested. Jones Bros Bus Company has been contacted and there are approximately six children using this bus stop of an afternoon. This is the last stop the bus makes before heading up Brown's Gap Road and back in to Lithgow. The committee would like to find out more information on where the children who get off at this stop go, do they live in Baaners Lane or other locations as an alternative bus stop location may be able to be used.

As requested by TALC the Hartley Progress Association was written to and asked for further information on this matter.

TALC had not received any correspondence from the Hartley Progress Association at the time of the meeting.

The RMS noted that the Department of Transport should determine where bus stop locations are. The Committee needs to find out if the bus is still stopping in this location of an afternoon.

RECOMMENDATION- That Council note that TALC is investigating the bus pull off area located at Baaners Lane and the Great Western Highway at Hartley further and will report back to the next meeting.

MOVED: Iain Stewart

SECONDED: Bob Willison

I) Disabled parking zone-Wallerawang Grocery Store-Main Street Wallerawang

SUMMARY

Council has received a request for a disabled parking zone to be installed in Main Street Wallerawang outside the grocery store (Wallerawang Friendly Grover- 60b Main Street).

COMMENTARY

The committee noted that the business should be contacted to determine if they have any objections to a disabled zone being installed at this location. The findings shall be reported to the next TALC meeting.

As requested by TALC further investigation into the proposed installation of a disabled zone at 60b Main Street Wallerawang has been conducted. The owners of the Wallerawang Grocery Store have been written too and asked for comment on the proposed installation of the disabled parking zone.

The Manager of the store came into Council and has suggested that the disabled parking zone is placed near the doctor's surgery or the chemist. The Manager feels that having the disabled parking space out the front of his store would stop people from using the shop as they often park out the front. Most people stop, quickly come into the store and leave, this parking space is utilized a lot.

RECOMMENDATION- That Council note that the committee will investigate a more suitable location for the disabled parking zone and is waiting for feedback. This will be reported back to the next meeting.

MOVED: Bob Willison

SECONDED: Iain Stewart

J) Speed limit Browns Gap Road Hartley

SUMMARY

A resident has written to council again in regards to the speed limit reduction request on Brown's Gap Road at Hartley. The resident first wrote to council in September 2009 as did the Hartley District Progress Association on this issue. The resident has asked that this matter be assessed urgently; several other road safety issues have been mentioned and these have been addressed.

COMMENTARY

It was noted that the speed zone review is in the hands of the RMS. The Committee has expressed to the RMS the need for this to be completed as soon as possible as the review needs to be resolved.

The speed zone of Hartley Vale has been completed.

RECOMMENDATION- That Council note that the RMS will provide Council with a report on the speed zone request for Brown's Gap Road at Hartley.

MOVED: Iain Stewart

SECONDED: Bob Willison

K) Crane Road Lithgow

SUMMARY

A resident has expressed concern over-

1. Vehicles speeding on Crane Road
2. People drink driving when leaving the restaurant located in Crane Road
3. Vehicles parking on the footpath (grass area) and blocking pedestrian access

COMMENTARY

As requested by TALC the residents of Crane Road have been contacted and asked for their comment on the possible installation of speed humps to assist with traffic calming. All residents of Crane Road were sent a letter asking for comment.

Due to a lack of responses from residents in Crane Road in response to the possible installation of speed humps, the situation will continue to be monitored and kept under review.

Residents of Crane Road will be contacted and asked if they would like to attend a meeting to discuss the possible installation of speed humps in Crane Road.

There were no replies at the time of this meeting.

TALC has suggested Crane Road is made into a one way street.

RECOMMENDATION- That Council note that residents of Crane Road will be written to by Council and asked for their comment on the possibility of making Crane Road a one way street.

MOVED: Iain Stewart

SECONDED: Bob Willison

L) Clwydd Street Lithgow

SUMMARY

A resident has met with Council in regards to the continuous damage being caused to the fence on the corner of Clwydd Street and the laneway which runs behind it. The resident has asked for a protective barrier of some kind to be erected to stop the damage.

COMMENTARY

The committee conducted a site inspection of the area and it was obvious that heavy vehicles are using the laneway and damaging the fence as there were tyre marks going across the grass where the fence is missing. The laneway does have speed humps installed. Further investigation into this issue is needed including observational studies to determine when and where the heavy vehicles are coming from and going too, information from residents on this issue and traffic counts.

As requested by TALC, traffic, speed and vehicle counts have been taken on Clwydd Street. Further investigation into the issue has been taken, with a letter requesting further information being sent to the resident who initially wrote to council on this matter.

Further investigation into this issue is being undertaken and the situation monitored. Traffic and speed counts in Gas Works Lane have been conducted on the eastern

end between King and Clwydd Streets and the western end of Gas Works Lane between Knight and Spring Streets.

Low speed limits and low vehicle numbers were recorded. Low heavy vehicle numbers reported as well. There has been no response from the resident who initially wrote to council on this matter.

RECOMMENDATION- That Council note that there will be no further action into this matter in Clwydd Street pending information from the resident who requested this issue be investigated.

MOVED: Iain Stewart

SECONDED: Bob Willison

M) Rabaul Street Lithgow

SUMMARY

Council has received a letter from several residents of this area requesting the following-

1. Pedestrian crossing installed- as a result of speeding vehicles in Rabaul Street, requesting a pedestrian crossing to slow traffic down and for the school to use,
2. No parking signage across driveways- often people park across driveways and residents cannot get out of their driveway. Concern if there is an emergency.
3. Make Rabaul Street No Parking- people parking on both sides of Rabaul Street, the street is very narrow and when people stop to chat, residents feel there will be an accident. Residents requesting Rabaul Street is made into No Parking on both sides to make this a safe street to drive through.

A comment was made that there are no 40km/h road stencils and that the dragon's teeth road marking are gone. This is because the road has been resurfaced. This stenciling will be redone.

COMMENTARY

Spoke with the resident who dropped the letter into Council. Let her know that speed counters will be placed in Rabaul Street the week of 14 November and data from this will determine if/when vehicles are speeding and that police can enforce. Council's work engineer has organised the restencilling of the 40km/h and dragons teeth.

The speed and traffic counters results have been analysed.

The installation of No Parking signage along this street would not be feasible, residents are asked to contact the police if people are parking across their driveways and the RMS will be conducting observational studies of this school zone in the New Year. The RMS has sent council new fluoro signs to replace the existing signs in the school zone.

RECOMMENDATION- That Council note that Council Rangers and the Road Safety Officer will be conducting school zone patrols and school zone parking education and enforcement during the first two weeks of Term 1. Police will have an increased presence at all local schools zones and will be working with council to address the speeding issues at La Salle Academy.

MOVED: Bob Willison

SECONDED: Iain Stewart

N) Lithgow Legacy 50 Main Street-disabled parking zone request

SUMMARY

Lithgow Legacy has relocated its offices to 50 Main Street Lithgow and has requested that a disabled parking zone is installed in close proximity to their premises as a lot of elderly and people who use mobility aids attend the office.

COMMENTARY

Currently there are 5 disabled parking zones in Main Street Lithgow. Due to the nature of Legacy's business, a disabled parking space in close proximity to their building would be desirable.

There will be further consultation with the businesses located in this section of Main Street (50-30 Main Street) to try and accommodate a disabled parking space in the area.

Council received a reply from one business on this issue.

The committee conducted a site inspection of the area. There are currently two disabled parks in his section of Main Street. The installation of a disabled parking zone in Eskbank Street would not be viable option due to the footpath/gutter. It was noted that there are 4 steps leading into the Legacy building and no hand rail. It was noted that there are usually parking spaces available in this section of the Main Street.

RECOMMENDATION- That Council note that no further action shall be taken in regards to the request to have a disabled parking zone installed in the vicinity of 50 Main Street Lithgow.

MOVED: Iain Stewart

SECONDED: Bob Willison

O) Request for more disabled parking spaces in Main Street Lithgow

SUMMARY

A resident has contacted Council requesting that there are more disabled parking spaces placed in Main Street Lithgow. The resident said that the current parking spaces are too far away from shops etc and walking may not be an option for some people who use these spaces.

COMMENTARY

Currently there are 5 disabled parking zones in Main Street Lithgow. This issue shall be reviewed as part of the disabled parking zone assessment.

The committee conducted a site inspection of the disabled parking zones located in Main Street Lithgow. Along with the 5 current disabled parking spaces in Main Street, there is the No Parking zone located outside Lithgow General Medical Practice for drop off/pick ups and adequate off street disabled parking.

RECOMMENDATION- That Council note that no further action shall be taken in relation to the request for more disabled parking zones in Main Street at this time.

MOVED: Bob Willison

SECONDED: Iain Stewart

P) Queen Elizabeth Park Lithgow-Disabled Parking zone

SUMMARY

A resident has requested that Council install a disabled parking zone in front of the park in Main Street Lithgow. This is because there is currently no disabled parking zones close to the toilet block and some people have trouble walking/ getting to the facilities from considerable distances away.

COMMENTARY

Currently there is no disabled parking zones close to the toilet block and some people have trouble walking/ getting to the facilities from considerable distances away. The current parking zones etc need to be investigated along Main Street in front of the park.

The committee conducted a site inspection of this area and the existing parking signage.

It was noted that the new toilet facilities will be in the same place as the existing ones.

It was noted that there is a bus zone followed by general parking. The footpath in this area is raised, cracked and a trip hazard, especially at the entrance to Queen Elizabeth Park. There is no ramp access off the footpath for a disabled parking zone. Council will investigate an upgrade to the footpath in this location.

RECOMMENDATION- That Council move the current bus zone and install a disabled Parking zone outside the front entrance to Queen Elizabeth Park in Main Street Lithgow.

MOVED: Maddison Bailey

SECONDED: Iain Stewart

ITEM 5: NEW BUSINESS:

1. Speed Zone Reviews-RMS

SUMMARY

Lithgow City Council has been notified that the Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) intends to conduct speed reviews of the following roads as part of the Ministers top 100 roads project-

- MR253 Jenolan Caves Road at Hampton
- T100-010 HW5 Great Western Highway-between Lithgow and Mount Victoria
- T100-010 HW5 Great Western Highway-between Bathurst and Mount Victoria
- T100-004 HR 516- Bell to Lithgow and 516 Bells Line of Road

COMMENTARY

The RMS noted that the initial site inspections of the speed zone review of the Jenolan Caves Road /Hampton has been completed and a report will be compiled. The top 100 speed zones have been identified in NSW and this is what the focus will be on.

RECOMMENDATION- That Council note that the information has been received and await the results of the speed zone survey of the Jenolan Caves Road and Hampton roads from the RMS.

MOVED: Bob Willison

SECONDED: Iain Stewart

2. Letter from Paul Toole- SDRO Update

SUMMARY

Council has received a letter from Paul Toole MP responding on behalf of the Minister in relation to the State Debt Recovery Office request for more disabled parking.

The SDRO complies with the Australian standards (2890.6) for disabled spaces. As noted in the response there are no plans to increase the amount of disabled parking.

RECOMMENDATION- That Council note the above information in relation to the State Debt Recovery Office and disabled parking.

MOVED: Iain Stewart

SECONDED: Maddison Bailey

3. Jones Bros Bus Company- First and Third Street Lithgow

SUMMARY

Council has received a request from Jones Bros Bus Company for the following-

- A) Extension of the current No Stopping times in Third Street Lithgow to 1pm on Saturdays
- B) The same side of First Street made into a No stopping zone for the same times as Third Street

COMMENTARY

Currently the No Stopping sign in Third Street states-No Stopping-7.30am to 12 pm Saturday.

A site inspection was conducted of both streets by the committee. Jones Bros was contacted and asked for the bus route direction for these streets and the reason for the extension of the times in Third Street. The last bus comes at 12.56pm on Saturday.

Members of the committee will arrange to meet with Jones Bros on site in First Street to clarify the issue of a No stopping zone and report back to the next meeting.

RECOMMENDATION- That Council approve the extension of the current No Stopping sign times in Third Street to 1pm on Saturdays.

MOVED: Iain Stewart

SECONDED: Maddison Bailey

4. Request for traffic calming devices- First Street Lithgow

SUMMARY

Council has asked that TALC investigate the possibility of traffic calming devices for First Street Lithgow to stop drivers speeding along this street.

COMMENTARY

Speed and traffic counters were placed in First Street with the speed counts indicating that there are high speeds in this street. Council is to investigate the directions vehicles are travelling and report this information back to the next meeting. Dates and times of the speeds have been passed onto police. This matter shall be reviewed in two months.

RECOMMENDATION- That Council note that the local Highway Patrol will be conducting patrols of this street and that TALC will investigate the issue further and report back to the next meeting.

MOVED: Maddison Bailey

SECONDED: Bob Willison

5. St Pats School crossing request- Bent Street Lithgow

SUMMARY

A resident has raised concerns over the school crossing in Bent Street. The resident has witnessed on a number of occasions children using the crossing outside of patrolled times thinking that it is safe to cross. The resident has asked council to consider having this marked like the two at Lithgow Primary School.

COMMENTARY

This matter was raised with the RMS School Liaison Officer in Parkes, who has noted that this is a children’s crossing only, which is supervised as part of school zone times only. This is not a pedestrian crossing. The RMS said this is a matter for council to address.

The committee conducted a site inspection of the crossing. It was noted that there is inadequate street lighting; council has requested to Endeavour energy that the lighting is improved at this location. It was noted that the school was sent information on children’s crossings last year as part of the road safety program. The Rangers, Police and Councils Road Safety Officer will be conducting school zone education and enforcement during the first few weeks of Term 1 and information will be distributed on the children’s crossing to parents/caregivers and students.

This crossing could be utilized as a pedestrian crossing as a lot of people cross at the intersection of Bent and Hassan Streets into the Coles complex. That Council notes that there will be road safety education and enforcement conducted at this location by Police and Council Officers.

RECOMMENDATION- That Council conducts traffic/speed and pedestrian counts and crash history of the children’s crossing in Bent Street Lithgow and report this information to a future TALC meeting.

MOVED: Bob Willison

SECONDED: Iain Stewart

ITEM 6: GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Lithgow Flash Carnival- Traffic Management Plan

SUMMARY

Council has received the traffic management plan for the Lithgow Flash Carnival which is to be held on 25 February.

COMMENTARY

The Events Coordinator was asked if insurances are up to date and are sighted by Council. The answer to both questions was yes.

RECOMMENDATION- That Council approve the running of the Lithgow Flash event as per the approved traffic management plan and any event consent conditions.

MOVED: Bob Willison

SECONDED: Maddison Bailey

2. Lithgow Triathlon- Traffic Management Plan

SUMMARY

Council has received the traffic management plan for the Lithgow Triathlon which is to be held on 26 February.

COMMENTARY

The Triathlon commences at 7.30am on Sunday morning. The Waste Management Facility will open late due to the Triathlon after 10am.

RECOMMENDATION- That Council approve the running of the Lithgow Triathlon as per the approved traffic management plan and any event consent conditions.

MOVED: Iain Stewart

SECONDED: Maddison Bailey

3. Excelsior Road and Castlereagh Highway

SUMMARY

Council has received a request to have a mound of dirt lowered on the right hand side of the intersection of Excelsior Road and the Castlereagh Highway to improve site distance when exiting Excelsior Road.

COMMENTARY

An inspection is required of this intersection to determine exact location of mound and if this is a job for Council or the RMS. After investigation, it has been determined that this is a matter for the RMS.

RECOMMENDATION- That this matter be referred to the RMS for action.

MOVED: Bob Willison

SECONDED: Iain Stewart

4. Airlie Mine

SUMMARY

Airlie Mine has sent correspondence to Council requesting that the speed limit at the entrance to the mine be reduced from 100km/h to 80km/h for a distance of 200 metres on each side of the entrance to the mine.

COMMENTARY

The RMS noted that this is a speed reduction issue and should be referred to them. The correspondent shall be written to and informed that the correct avenue for them to take is by contacting the Centre for Road Safety on the RMS website and nominating this road for a speed zone review.

RECOMMENDATION- That Council note that Airlie Mine will be written to by council and provided with details on how to lodge a speed zone review with the RMS.

MOVED: Maddison Bailey

SECONDED: Bob Willison

5. Police Investigation Unit Report- Pedestrian fatality at the intersection of Kirkland Link and Lithgow Street.

SUMMARY

Council has received a report from the NSW Police Investigation unit as a result of the pedestrian fatality at the intersection of Kirkland Link and Lithgow Street in Lithgow.

COMMENTARY

As a result of this report several recommendations have been made two of which council can address. These are;

1. The lack of sufficient overhead street lighting being projected across the south side of the intersection,
2. The design and location of the eastern pedestrian kerb ramp being offset to the raised concrete centre median increasing pedestrian exposure across the south lane of Kirkland Link.

RECOMMENDATION- THAT Council note that Endeavour Energy has been contacted by Council in regards to the over head lighting at the intersection of Kirkland Link and Lithgow Street and that Council will investigate the recommendation further and report back to the next meeting.

MOVED: Iain Stewart

SECONDED: Bob Willison

6. Mort Street and Hartley Valley Road Lithgow

SUMMARY

Council has received correspondence from a resident concerned with speeding vehicles through Hartley Valley Road from Berry Street to the corner of Mort Street. The resident has noted in his correspondence that he believes there are 600 or more drivers speeding on these roads on a daily basis. The resident has asked for-

1. More 50 km/h speed zone signage in this area
2. A built up area sign
3. 50 km/h painted on the roadways

COMMENTARY

The Police have been notified of this issue and speed and traffic counters have been placed in Mort Street and Hartley Valley Road.

RECOMMENDATION- That Council note that the speed and traffic counts of Hartley Valley Road and Mort Street will be analysed and presented to a future meeting.

MOVED: Iain Stewart

SECONDED: Maddison Bailey

Meeting Closed: With no further business the meeting was closed at 3.45 pm

ITEM 7: NEXT MEETING:

Next Meeting: 2pm on Thursday 2 February 2012
Council Committee meeting room
Lithgow City Council
180 Mort Street Lithgow

