



Minutes

Traffic Advisory Local Committee 1 August 2013 2pm

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**MINUTES – TRAFFIC ADVISORY LOCAL COMMITTEE
1 AUGUST 2013**



ITEM: 1 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

PRESENT: Geoff Ferris (Lithgow Buslines), Sharon Grierson (RMS), Clr Peter Pilbeam and Col Sheils (Police)

APOLOGIES: Maddison Bailey, Bob Willison and Prue Britt

OFFICERS: Iain Stewart (LCC), Kym Snow (LCC)

ITEM: 2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes were endorsed by two members of the Committee being:

Prue Britt
Col Sheils

The minutes are proposed to be presented to the Council on 19 August 2013

ACTION

THAT the Minutes of the meeting of 4 July 2013 be taken as read and confirmed.

MOVED: Col Sheils

SECONDED: Prue Britt

ITEM: 3

SUMMARY

A resident has written to council requesting that the laneway located at the rear of Sandford Avenue and Ivatt Street be changed to accommodate one-way traffic only. Residents in the affected area have been issued with a survey and request for comment on the one way lane proposal. No written feedback had been received at the time of the meeting.

ACTION

THAT Council hold the request for the lane way located between Ivatt Street and Sandford Avenue Lithgow to be changed to one way traffic in abeyance until further information has been received.

MOVED: Col Sheils

SECONDED: Sharon Grierson

ITEM: 4

SUMMARY

A request for the installation of Armco railing to provide pedestrians with a safer route along the section of footpath located between the intersection with Rabaul Street and the Great Western Highway and the intersection of First Street and the Great Western Highway was submitted to the RMS.

A second letter requesting an update on this matter was sent to the RMS. RMS noted that this area does not meet the Australian Standards for Armco railing to be installed and provided other alternatives which are not feasible in this location.

This area has been addressed in the Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan (PAMP) currently being conducted by Cardno. Recommendations on this location and issue shall be addressed in the draft PAMP.

ACTION

THAT Council holds the request for Armco railing for safer pedestrian access along the section of the Great Western Highway located between Rabaul Street and First Street Lithgow in abeyance until the results of the draft Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan are received.

MOVED: Col Sheils

SECONDED: Sharon Grierson

ITEM: 5

SUMMARY

TALC addressed a development application from the Environment and Development Department for the lane way located adjacent to the Old Convent building on the grounds of St Josephs School at Portland to be made to one way traffic only. Parking issues were addressed also.

A site inspection was conducted and several issues were raised and forwarded back to Environment and Development for their consideration.

A meeting was held with the convent owner who noted that the building will not be used in school hours and there will only be 2-3 people staying at one time on weekends so parking and traffic will not be an issue on site. Council shall reseal the lane.

Under the one way traffic flow proposal, traffic shall enter the lane off Williwa Street and exit via Paine Street.

ACTION

THAT Council seeks public comment on the proposal for the lane way located adjacent to St Josephs School in Portland to be changed from the current two way traffic flow to accommodate one- way traffic only.

MOVED: Col Sheils

SECONDED: Geoff Ferris

ITEM: 6

SUMMARY

A resident has contacted council requesting that council replace the existing Give Way sign located at the intersection of George Coates Avenue and James Street with a Stop sign to improve safety.

An inspection was conducted. Site distance meets the Australian Standards. There is no existing Give Way sign.

ACTION

THAT Council installs a Give way sign, hold line and centerline at the intersection of George Coates Avenue and James Street Lithgow.

MOVED: Col Sheils

SECONDED: Geoff Ferris

ITEM: 7

SUMMARY

A resident has written to council expressing concern over:

- The recent crashes in Martini Parade Lithgow
- Speeding drivers in Martini Parade Lithgow
- Speeding drivers driving straight over the roundabout using it as a jump, not obeying road rules and doing burnouts
- Access/exit to driveway

Speed and traffic counts were taken on Martini Parade. Results indicate that 44091 vehicles travelled on this section of Martini Parade over the 2 week period and the 85th percentile speed was 59km/h.

Heavy vehicle counts were taken at the entrance/exit to Thales to determine the number of heavy vehicles using the site. The main kind of heavy vehicle using the entry/exit to Thales is three axle truck or buses and four axle trucks. The greatest

percentage of vehicles entering the site are classified as short vehicles- sedan, wagon's, 4WD, utility, light van, bicycle and motorcycles.

An alternative solution would be to remove the roundabout and place Give Way signage at the exit to Thales and Bayonet Street. Line marking could be placed on Martini Parade to highlight the centerline as this road is quite wide. It is an enforcement issue for the police who have the speed counts.

ACTION

THAT Council investigate the reason why the roundabout was constructed at the intersection of Bayonet Street and Martini Parade and write to Thales to determine if they have any objection to the roundabout being removed and report the results back to a future TALC meeting.

MOVED: Col Sheils

SECONDED: Sharon Grierson

ITEM: 8

SUMMARY

It was noted that there are No Parking signs located at the intersection of Finlay Avenue and Rabaul Street and in Finlay Avenue. The signs are quite old.

A site inspection was conducted of the area to determine why the signs are in this location. It was noted that the signs are not required.

ACTION

THAT the existing No Parking signage located at the Intersection of Rabaul Street and Finlay Avenue on the Southern side of Finlay Avenue be removed.

MOVED: Col Sheils

SECONDED: Geoff Ferris

ITEM: 9

SUMMARY

A request has been received from a local business to have the existing parking times changed from the current 2 hour parking to 15 minute parking and for a 5 minute loading zone to be put in place.

An onsite inspection was conducted. It was noted that a 5 minute loading zone is not possible, the business has side access for deliveries and that this area should be utilised. The two hour parking cannot be altered at this time as this may inconvenience other businesses.

ACTION

THAT Council write to the business owners who have requested a 5 minute loading zone and to change the existing 2 hour parking zones in Bridge Street Lithgow, advising that the side access to the property should be utilised for deliveries and that changing the existing 2 hour parking to 15 minute parking will not be altered as this may impact upon other businesses.

MOVED: Geoff Ferris

SECONDED: Col Sheils

ITEM: 10

SUMMARY

A request has come to Council asking for the existing parking zone times to be changed adjacent to Council, Centrelink and the coffee shop in Mort Street Lithgow to allow no parking restrictions of an evening when people are attending meetings at Council.

A site inspection was conducted and the current times on the parking signage are;
- 1/2 hour parking 8.30am- 6pm Monday to Friday and 8.30am- 12.30pm Saturday
- 1/4 hour parking 8.30am- 6pm Monday to Friday and 8.30am- 12.30pm Saturday

All parking zones should be consistent and changed to ½ hour parking. Saturday timed parking is no longer required.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the existing parking times on the signs located in Mort Street Lithgow adjacent to the Council, Centrelink and Coffee on Mort be changed to ½ hour parking Monday to Friday 8.30am-4.30pm and Saturday timed parking is removed.

MOVED: Col Sheils

SECONDED: Geoff Ferris

ITEM: 11

SUMMARY

A resident has written to Council requesting that something be done in regard to pedestrian access being obstructed adjacent to Bike Stop Lithgow when vehicles using the business park out the front.

A site inspection was conducted and it was noted that vehicles use this area to drop off/pick up motorbikes and that this is the first complaint received. If vehicles park correctly pedestrian access is not impeded.

ACTION

THAT Council writes to the owner of Bike Stop requesting that customer's are asked to not obstruct the pedestrian thoroughfare when parking in the vicinity of the business.

MOVED: Col Sheils

SECONDED: Sharon Grierson

ITEM: 12

SUMMARY

Lithgow High School has contacted Council expressing concern over the bus zone area as people dropping off children to the school do not obey parking rules and obstruct buses and create unsafe situations.

A meeting was held on site to discuss the issues and proposed changes.

The map with proposed changes was addressed at the meeting and it was noted that the current signage is not enforceable. Lithgow Buslines are going to engage feedback from the drivers to determine the best possible area for the bus zones to be located.

ACTION

THAT Council holds the request from Lithgow High School to have the existing bus zones and No Parking areas modified in abeyance until comment has been received from Lithgow Buslines.

MOVED: Sharon Grierson

SECONDED: Col Sheils

ITEM: 13

SUMMARY

Road and Maritime Services have written to Council requesting comment on the Hartley Valley safety upgrade.

ACTION

THAT all TALC members are provided with a copy of the Hartley Valley Safety upgrade documents received from the RMS and asked to provide comment if required by 16 August.

MOVED: Col Sheils

SECONDED: Sharon Grierson

ITEM 14: NEXT MEETING:

Next Meeting: 2pm 5 September 2013
Committee Meeting room
Council Administrating Building
180 Mort Street Lithgow

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2.15pm