



Minutes

Traffic Advisory Local Committee 5 September 2013 2pm

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**MINUTES – TRAFFIC ADVISORY LOCAL COMMITTEE
5 SEPTEMBER 2013**



ITEM: 1 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

PRESENT: Geoff Ferris (Representative for Paul Toole & Lithgow Buslines), Prue Britt (RMS) and Clr Peter Pilbeam (LCC)

APOLOGIES: Maddison Bailey (LCC), Col Sheils (Lithgow Highway Patrol)

OFFICERS: Iain Stewart (LCC), Bob Willison (LCC) and 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
Clr Pilbeam

The minutes are proposed to be presented to the Council on 30 September 2013

ACTION

THAT the Minutes of the meeting of 1 August 2013 be taken as read and confirmed.

MOVED: Prue Britt

SECONDED: Clr Peter Pilbeam

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.

- Three residents supported the one way lane proposal
- Three residents supported entry via Ivatt Street and exit onto Sandford Avenue as the preferred one way direction

ACTION

THAT Council alters the current two way traffic flow and installs appropriate signage in the lane way located between Ivatt Street and Sandford Avenue

Lithgow to one way traffic only with vehicles entering via Ivatt Street and exiting via Sandford Avenue.

MOVED: Prue Britt

SECONDED: Clr Pilbeam

ITEM: 4

SUMMARY

A request has been received for the direction of traffic flow in Naomi Street Lithgow to be reversed to provide a second exit from the car park behind the police station as the exit onto Mort Street becomes congested at times. A traffic and pedestrian study of Naomi Street was conducted noting that this street has high volumes of traffic and pedestrians.

- Over a period of seven days 2722 vehicles accessed Naomi Street.
- Peak times of travel varied.
- The 85th % speed was 29.2 km/h.
- The vehicle type accessing the lane most frequently was Class 2 short vehicles followed by Class 4 three axle trucks or bus.
- Pedestrian counts were taken over a 6 week period on 14 varying days in one hour blocks. The counts were taken at varying times and weather conditions which resulting in 1070 pedestrians counted using the street.
- 536 pedestrians were travelling north
- 534 pedestrians were travelling south

It was noted there would be issues with reversing the traffic flow due to the high number of vehicles using the street presently, vehicles exiting onto Main Street and conflicting traffic from Sandford Avenue and creating issues for vehicles that currently enter Naomi Street via Main Street.

ACTION

THAT Council maintains the current traffic flow in Naomi Street Lithgow and continues to monitor the traffic issues in Naomi Street and the adjacent car park.

MOVED: Geoff Ferris

SECONDED: Prue Britt

ITEM: 5

SUMMARY

Lithgow City Council has engaged Cardno to complete the Lithgow Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan (PAMP) which envelops the section of the Great Western

Highway from the intersection of Magpie Hollow Road and the Great Western Highway through to the end of the 70km/h speed zone just north of the Tourist Information Centre.

Cardno has provided council with a copy of the draft PAMP report. This was forwarded to the TALC members, Disability Access Committee members and the PAMP steering committee for their comment. The draft recommendations shall be listed at a future meeting.

As the document is very detailed a meeting will be arranged to discuss it thoroughly.

ACTION

THAT Council acknowledges the receipt of the draft PAMP document and carries out a meeting with the Traffic Advisory Local Committee to review and discuss the PAMP document and will be discussed at a future TALC meeting.

MOVED: Prue Britt

SECONDED: Geoff Ferris

ITEM: 6

SUMMARY

Council has placed notices in the Mercury newspaper inviting public comment on the proposed one way lane located off Williwa Street at Portland as part of a development application for the Old Convent building on the grounds of St Josephs School at Portland. Submissions close on 20 September 2013. No submissions have been received at the time of the meeting. Police are in favour of the one way lane proposal

ACTION

THAT Council holds 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 in abeyance until the time period for public consultation has ended.

MOVED: Geoff Ferris

SECONDED: Prue Britt

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

At the time of the meeting there was no response received from Thales in regard to the removal of the roundabout.

It was noted that removal of the roundabout may increase speed as this was one of the initial reasons for the roundabout installation. A second reason was to allow easy access for trucks and buses over the roundabout. Traffic counts noted that 57 heavy vehicles entered the site over a two week period.

The Police noted that this is mainly an enforcement issue and if the cause could be removed and speeds reduced this would be ideal. Raising the height of the roundabout slightly may stop drivers speeding over it but heavy vehicles can still roll over the roundabout. Removal of the roundabout may assist with enforcement procedures.

ACTION

THAT Council reviews the design of the existing roundabout at the intersection of Martini Parade, Bayonet Street and Amiens Street Lithgow to determine if it complies with Australian Standards and line mark the roundabout to highlight the structure.

MOVED: Geoff Ferris

SECONDED: Prue Britt

ITEM: 8

SUMMARY

Lithgow High School has requested that changes are made to the existing bus zone and parking area to increase safety. Lithgow Buslines consulted with drivers with the drivers noting that the design of proposed changes was good, but there are issues with parents and care givers not obeying the parking signs. This is an enforcement matter.

ACTION

THAT Council accepts the requested changes to the existing parking signs and bus zone at Lithgow High School and conducts enforcement and education of the area in conjunction with the Police.

MOVED: Prue Britt

SECONDED: Geoff Ferris

ITEM: 9

SUMMARY

A resident has contacted Council with the following requests for Reserve Road Marrangaroo-

1. Lower the speed limit to 60km/h
2. Orange Street lights for foggy areas
3. Grading of the road shoulders
4. Armco railing installation on culverts
5. More wildlife signs
6. School bus signs

A petition from Reserve Road residents was tabled and received at the meeting by Cllr Pilbeam.

A speed zone review was conducted by the RMS in June 2012 of Reserve Road with recommendation being-

That the speed zone on Reserve Road at Marrangaroo between the Great Western Highway and the entrance to the Army Camp remain at 80km/h.

Police have recommended that the road surface be repaired and place Armco railing over the culverts. The 80km/h speed zone should remain.

The Police have noted that this is a rural area and that the placement of fog lights and animal signage in every rural area is not possible.

ACTION

THAT Council writes to the residents of Reserve Road Marrangaroo care of Cllr Higlett thanking the residents for the petition and noting that:

- Reserve Road is to be resealed
- Armco railing is to be erected over culverts and
- The outcomes of the speed zone assessment that Road and Maritime Services conducted in 2012.

MOVED: Prue Britt

SECONDED: Geoff Ferris

ITEM: 10

SUMMARY

Lithgow City Council has received a development application for a 56 room motel with 70 car parking spaces at 5 Kirkley Street Southbowenfels.

The development application included a traffic impact assessment and the proposed development had been assessed in terms of:

- Trip generation and impact on the public street network
- Off street parking demand and supply

- Design of the proposed parking layout
- Access driveway requirement
- Servicing of the site

Their conclusions were:

1. The proposed development will have little or no impact on the traffic capacity of Kirkley Street
2. The proposed parking provision meets the requirements of Council's Development control plan and the traffic and impact assessment notes that there will be no impact on existing on street parking supply in the area due to the proposed development
3. The proposed parking layout complies with the Australian Standard in terms of dimension and gradient.
4. The proposed driveways meet the requirements of the Australian Standards in terms of width, grade and sight distance requirement
5. No reverse in or out vehicular movements from and on the public road have been proposed
6. Minimal impact on the amenity of the surrounding development has been anticipated.

The traffic impact assessment has concluded that-Based on the findings the proposed motel development could be supported given that the development will have no detrimental impact on the existing traffic and parking environment in the area.

A site inspection was conducted. It was noted that there is ongoing development in the area with Bowen Vista (residential development); the retirement village with another 99 units will be built over the next 3 to 4 years and the Brethren Church. The whole area and future growth needs to be included in any assessment.

RMS noted that contributions from developers should be arranged to provide for infrastructure upgrades in the future especially in regard to ingress and egress from Kirkley Street onto the Great Western Highway.

It was noted that the motel development may be a massive overuse of the site and there are issues with vehicles using the intersection of Kirkley Street and the Great Western Highway-specifically vehicles turning right towards Sydney. The committee addressed the traffic impact assessment and would like further information on it, including who developed the assessment, motel occupancy rates, the number of service vehicles and the number of vehicle movements per day.

ACTION

THAT Council holds this item in abeyance whilst the traffic impact assessment is reviewed of the motel development proposal for 5 Kirkley Street Lithgow with a view to having to determine the improvements required for the intersection of Kirkley Street and the Great Western Highway.

MOVED: Geoff Ferris

SECONDED: Prue Britt

ITEM: 11

SUMMARY

A request has been received from a resident to review the current parking arrangements in the vicinity of 60 Cook Street Lithgow. The resident has noted that access to their property is dangerous because;

1. It is located off the laneway
2. They are elderly
3. Increased traffic numbers and trucks accessing Woolworths

The residents fear a truck will go through the side of their property and would like the current parking at the front of the property reviewed.

A site inspection was conducted of the area. Access at the side of the property is adequate. The Fire Brigade access/parking at the front of the property is required for the fire station and emergency situations. The No Stopping at the front of the property is statutory and allows easier movement for vehicles turning into the lane way.

ACTION

THAT Council writes to the resident of Cook Street Lithgow explaining why the current parking zones exist and the reasons why they cannot be changed in this location.

MOVED: Geoff Ferris

SECONDED: Prue Britt

ITEM: 12

SUMMARY

A request has been received for TALC to investigate the installation of a red arrow at the traffic lights for traffic turning left from Lithgow Street into Mort Street Lithgow (drivers travelling the Bells Line of Road to Sydney).

Council can contact RMS in Sydney for information on phasing/timings for traffic lights in our region.

ACTION

THAT this item is held in abeyance whilst Council writes to the resident requesting further information on the request for the installation of a red arrow at the intersection of Lithgow and Mort Streets Lithgow.

MOVED: Peter Pilbeam

SECONDED: Geoff Ferris

ITEM: 13

SUMMARY

A resident has written to Council expressing concern that there is not a dedicated turning lane located at the turn off to Bonaventure Road at Mount Lambie. The resident noted that this is dangerous due to the road user having to stop on the Great Western Highway at the top of the hill with traffic coming up behind them.

This request has been reviewed by an RMS Road Safety and Traffic Analyst who noted that between 1996 and 2013 there has been 1 crash in this location. This data does not support the opinion that there is a road safety problem at this location.

ACTION

THAT Council note RMS crash data and support RMS view in that the intersection of Bonaventure Road and the Great Western Highway does not require a dedicated turning lane into Bonaventure Road.

MOVED: Prue Britt

SECONDED: Geoff Ferris

ITEM: 14

SUMMARY

Committee members met with Road and Maritime Services at La Salle Academy in Rabaul Street to discuss road safety issues raised by residents of the area on 29 August.

It was noted at the meeting that:

- There are low traffic volumes on Rabaul Street
- The narrow street does create a one way traffic lane during the school pick up period of an afternoon when vehicles park on either side of Rabaul Street which causes vehicles to slow down considerably in this area
- Rabaul and Amiens Streets are designated school zones
- The peak traffic and pedestrian periods are during the school pick up and drop off times

- The school buses do not exit the school by right turn at all of an afternoon, buses either go straight ahead to Amiens Street or turn left and head to the Great Western Highway
- The Principal noted that the school peak periods seem to flow as the people travelling in the area are dropping off or picking up school children.
- Police, Rangers, RMS and Councils Road Safety Officer have conducted site inspections during peak periods
- The Police, Rangers and Road Safety Officer have conducted enforcement/ parking education programs in the vicinity of La Salle Academy

Meeting outcomes

- Implementing parking restrictions would affect resident parking in the area
- Implementing parking restrictions may increase vehicle speeds
- Parking restrictions on Rabaul Street would create congestion in other areas as vehicles move to a new location
- Due to the residential area in which the school is situated, engineering solutions are not possible
- The Principal shall continue to place road safety notices for students and parents in the school newsletter
- The Principal noted that the majority of pedestrian movement is safe
- The Police, Rangers and Road Safety Officer shall continue to conduct enforcement/ parking education programs in the vicinity of La Salle Academy
- Flashing lights to be implemented in all schools before the end of 2015

ACTION

THAT Council writes to the resident noting that a meeting has been held with RMS and La Salle Academy in regard to road safety issues raised, detailing the outcomes of the meeting.

MOVED: Prue Britt

SECONDED: Geoff Ferris

ITEM 15:

SUMMARY

Council has received information and an amended plan for the running of the Vintage Dirt Bike event weekend which will be held on September 27-29 on the Clear- View Property at Wallerawang.

Traffic Management has been reviewed for the event. The Development Application has been received and approved by council for the event.

ACTION

THAT Council contacts the organiser of the Vintage Dirt Bike weekend event and notes that Council has no objections to the running of the Vintage Dirt Bike event as long as the event coordinator adheres to any event conditions which have been stipulated by RMS, Police or other parties.

MOVED: Prue Britt

SECONDED: Geoff Ferris

ITEM 16:

SUMMARY

The Wallerawang Lidsdale Progress Association has written to Council expressing their appreciation for the work Council carried out on the Main Street at Wallerawang. The Association has raised some issues which are-

- A request to relocate the existing disabled parking space in Main Street approximately 2 metres closer to Doggett Lane to create easier access
- Concerns over the new parking bay opposite the bakery- angle of the marked parking bays which makes it difficult for vehicles to safely maneuver in and out of the area
- The trees which have been planted in the car park impede site distance for drivers

It was noted the trees are deciduous and that the area located near the disabled parking zone is a statutory No Stopping zone.

ACTION

THAT Council notes that further investigation into the issues raised by the Wallerawang Lidsdale Association is required and that Council writes to the Association requesting an onsite meeting to discuss the issues.

ITEM 17:

SUMMARY

Council has received documentation for the NSW/ACT Downhill State Championship event which will be held on 28-29 September.

The Schedule 1 form has been provided to Chris Zammit of Lithgow Police who has noted that the event does not impact on any roads.

ACTION

THAT Council notes the information received in regards to the NSW/ACT Downhill State Championship which will be held on 28-29 September.

MOVED: Geoff Ferris

SECONDED: Prue Britt

ITEM 18:

SUMMARY

Tour de Range information has been received noting that the event shall be held as part of the Celebrate Lithgow event this year on Sunday 17 November from 8am through to 4pm.

ACTION

THAT Council notes that the Tour de Range event information for 2013 was tabled as a late item on the agenda and shall be discussed at the next TALC meeting.

MOVED: Prue Britt

SECONDED: Geoff Ferris

ITEM 19:

SUMMARY

The owner of Salud has contacted Council expressing concern that the request for a loading zone and the existing parking arrangements to be changed was denied. Issues raised by the owner were:

1. Vehicle crashes
2. The suggested area at the rear of the Courthouse Hotel is not large enough for the delivery truck
3. How will changing the current parking affect other businesses in the area?
4. What will happen when parking is taken by the university students in Bridge Street?
5. There is no enforcement of the existing parking so vehicles can park in the two hour parking zone all day

The above issues were not raised in the initial request letter to council. The owner was asked to provide correspondence to Council so it could be addressed at this TALC meeting. Correspondence was not received.

ACTION

THAT Council note the issues raised by Salud in regard to the parking and Loading zone requests and address these at the next TALC meeting.

MOVED: Prue Britt

SECONDED: Geoff Ferris

ITEM 20:

SUMMARY

A request has been received for the committee to consider the installation of a pedestrian crossing adjacent to Bunning's Hardware in Main Street Lithgow.

There is no crash history in this location, the warrants required by RMS for a pedestrian crossing to be installed would not be met at this location and there is an existing crossing in the vicinity of Coerwull School which is very close to this area. If a crossing was put in place at this location 30 metres of parking space would be lost on each side of the road due to the No stopping rules on the crossing approaches and departures.

It was noted that there is no off street parking at the store.

ACTION

THAT Council notes the request for a pedestrian crossing in the vicinity of Bunning's Hardware in Main Street Lithgow does not meet RMS requirements for the installation of a pedestrian crossing and other facilities in the vicinity are sufficient.

MOVED: Prue Britt

SECONDED: Geoff Ferris

ITEM 21:

SUMMARY

A request has been received by Council and RMS to have a speed zone review completed on the Castlereagh Highway at Lidsdale as well as the installation of school bus stop signage and concealed driveway signage.

RMS contacted the resident who was concerned about her children catching the school bus in a 100km/h speed zone, as the resident's property is located just off the highway adjacent to an overtaking lane for Mudgee bound vehicles and at the end of an overtaking lane for Lithgow bound vehicles. Overtaking lanes assist drivers to safely overtake slower vehicles without risking head on collisions.

The resident was advised by RMS that a speed zone review would not be completed as this is a State Highway. Lithgow Buslines has noted that they will contact the resident and discuss safe options to pick up and drop off school children in this area.

ACTION

THAT Council provides Lithgow Buslines with the contact details for resident of Castlereagh Highway at Lidsdale.

MOVED: Geoff Ferris

SECONDED: Prue Britt

ITEM 22:

SUMMARY

TALC members met with the Manager Road Safety and Traffic Management from RMS to discuss the pedestrian access at Good Luck Hollow on the Great Western Highway Lithgow. RMS noted that the provision of a shared path in this area would be funded on a 50/50 basis by RMS. There are issues with the current footpath in this location including the footpath alignment, the storm water facilities located to the east of the footpath and the area where the footpath meets First Street.

ACTION

THAT Council notes that RMS supports funding a shared path on a 50/50 basis with Council in the vicinity of Good Luck Hollow at SouthBowenfels.

MOVED: Prue Britt

SECONDED: Geoff Ferris

ITEM 23:

SUMMARY

A complaint has been received in regard to the work carried out on the cycle way at Marrangaroo by RMS. The complaint letter has been forwarded to RMS for their information and action.

ACTION

THAT Council writes to RMS noting the issues presented in regard to the cycle way at Marrangaroo on behalf of TALC.

ITEM 24:

SUMMARY

A request has been received for 2 hour parking signage and zones to be erected in the vicinity of 1127 Great Western Highway Lithgow as vehicles which are for sale are parking in this area all day and taking up parking spaces for businesses in this area.

It was noted by the committee that this item has been addressed previously by TALC and if timed parking was implemented this may:

- Cause the vehicles parking there now to move to a different location which may create further issues
- Enforcement would be an issue
- Parking in this area is under Councils jurisdiction

It was noted that there are parking spaces available in the area daily and that businesses are required as part of their development application to provide off street parking for customers. The business employees park in this area as well.

ACTION

THAT the request for two hour timed parking in the vicinity of 1127 Great Western Highway is placed on the next TALC agenda.

MOVED: Geoff Ferris

SECONDED: Prue Britt

ITEM 25:

SUMMARY

A resident has requested that work be carried out on the access to his property on the Castlereagh Highway and on Mac Donald's Hole Road for a musical event on New Years Eve for caravan travellers. The property lies within the Lithgow LGA, whilst the driveway is located within the Mid Western LGA.

A development application has been received for the event, no insurance has been provided. RMS noted that there is no crash history at the access to the property on the Castlereagh Highway and that MacDonald's Hole Road is not suitable for caravan access.

ACTION

THAT Council notes that the request for work to be completed on the access to Bills Bunkhouse off the Castlereagh Highway will not be completed as there is no crash history at this location.

MOVED: Geoff Ferris

SECONDED: Prue Britt

Next Meeting: 2pm 3 October 2013
Committee Meeting room
Council Administrating Building
180 Mort Street Lithgow

There being no further business the meeting closed at 4.17pm