



MINUTES

Traffic Advisory Local (TALC)

held at

Council Administration Centre
Committee Room
180 Mort Street, Lithgow

on

Thursday 2nd February 2023

at 11:00 AM

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The Chairperson declared the meeting open at 11:01 am.

1. Acknowledgement of Country

I would like to begin this meeting by acknowledging the Traditional Owners of this land on which we meet today. I would also like to pay respect to Elders both past, present and emerging.

2. Present

Cr Stephen Lesslie
Jackie Barry - Transport for NSW
Col Sheil - Lithgow Police

Officers:

Jonathon Edgecombe - Director Infrastructure Services
Leanne Kearney - Assets and Infrastructure Planning Manager
Kaitlin Cibulka - Minutes

A thanks was also given to Michelle McGrath (Lithgow Buslines) for her years of service to the committee and wish her all the best in her new role.

It was noted that Christian Bustelo will be the new delegate for Lithgow Buslines but was unable to attend today's meeting.

3. Apologies

Christian Bustelo - Lithgow Buslines

4. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 3rd November 2022 were presented to the Council on 28th November 2022

ACTION

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

6. Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest made.

7. Presentations

Nil

8. Staff Reports

8.1. Surveyors Way, South Bowenfels - Speeding Motorists

An overview of the report was given noting that residents with young families have written into Council advising that over the past few years and with the expansion of the estate there are a lot of motorists using excessive speed in the estate.

It was noted that no traffic count data has been collected as yet as the counters are out on other roads and therefore no data can be presented at this meeting.

A suggestion was made that the best way forward would be to have a traffic management study done on the area to have recommendations provided to instantly implement to address safety concerns but also to consider when further development of the area occurs. The committee noted that there is no budget for these works, and they are expected to cost approximately \$10,000.00 to have this study done but all agreed that it would be beneficial. This project could also be expanded into other estates in the LGA.

Cr S Lesslie has no issues with the recommendation but does not want to see the installation of speed humps in the area. The committee agreed that speed humps wouldn't alleviate the issues and there isn't anywhere they could be safely installed.

C Sheils also noted that the police have received complaints about this matter and carry out regular patrols of the area.

J Barry asked if Council is still intending to gain traffic data information. It was advised that data will be collected when traffic counters are available.

J Barry also suggested that developer contribute information. It was noted that this can occur but technically not up to the developer.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT

1. Council seek the services of a consultant to prepare a Local Area Traffic Management (LATM) Plan for the entire Bowen Vista Estate to recommend actions Council can implement to change driver behaviour and increase amenity, liveability, and improve safety and access for all road users when funding resources are available; and
2. The results from the traffic counts currently being completed be used in the Local Area Traffic Management Plan

MOVED: Cr S Lesslie

SECONDED: C Sheil

CARRIED: Unanimously

8.2. LINC - Loading Zone Request

A request has been put forward by LINC for a parking zone or something similar near their office as volunteers have been given general warnings from the Rangers about parking on the footpath when preparing for services, they provide the Lithgow community.

Officers have carried out investigation of the area and are recommending that the current 1-hour parking zone be changed to a loading zone

The committee agreed and have no issues with the recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council relocate the existing disabled parking space adjacent to LINC building in Railway Parade, Lithgow east to allow the installation of a Loading Zone in Railway Parade, Lithgow

MOVED: Cr S Lesslie

SECONDED: C Sheil

CARRIED: Unanimously

8.3. Wolgan Street / Williwa Street, Portland - Sight Distance Concerns

Council is in receipt of a request from the Portland police in relation to sight distance concerns at the intersection of Wolgan Street and Williwa Street Portland.

An investigation has been carried out and whilst the no stopping zone is compliant with legislation there is still low visibility in the area. It is recommended that the no stopping zone be extended to alleviate this issue and making it safer for motorist. The current zone is 10 metres long and if approved will be a 20 metres long zone

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the "No Stopping" zone on the southern side of Williwa Street, adjacent to the intersection with Wolgan Street, Portland to be extended by 10 metres to increase due to safety concerns.

MOVED: C Sheil

SECONDED: Cr S Lesslie

CARRIED: Unanimously

9. General Business

J Edgecombe advised that he has had representation from Cr S McGhie & Cr A Bryce in relation to the installation of the Portland/Sunny Corner Bus Shelter. At the previous meeting there was a resolution to further investigate the option to use the service road out the front of the Portland Cemetery. L Kearney advised that a meeting has been set with Lithgow Buslines to meet next week to discuss this option to see if it viable options for the buses. A report will be brought back to the committee with a recommendation.

The matter of the Pipers Flat bus shelter was raised and was asked when it will be reinstalled. At this stage the works carried out have some defect, no fault to the contractor as its from naturally occurring ground water. Until these defects have been rectified and the works completed then the bus shelter will be reinstalled however there is no official timeframe that can be provided.

An invitation was extended to all committee members to take a tour of the donkey steps trail (Emergency Road) to get in and out of the Wolgan Valley. It was noted that any day except Wednesdays were good. An official invitation will be sent out when dates are confirmed. The committee were advised that this road is currently a 4WD track only however works are being carried out to make it suitable for 2WD.

C Sheil noted that the no stopping zone along Main Street near McDonalds is very old and is covered by overgrown bushes. Administration took this advice and will have general maintenance works occur to the area in terms of trimming the bushes and placing new signage. Should any additional works need to occur a report will be brought back to the committee.

10. Meeting Close

Next Meeting: Thursday 2nd March 2023 at 11:00am in the Committee Room

There being no further business the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 11:26 am.