

# **MINUTES**

Traffic Advisory Local (TALC)

held at

Council Administration Centre
Committee Room
180 Mort Street, Lithgow

on

Thursday 6 February 2025

at 11:00 AM

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L Kearney declared the meeting open at 11:06 am.

## 1. Acknowledgement of Country

Lithgow City Council acknowledges Wiradjuri Elders past and present of the Wiradjuri nation - the original custodians of the land on which the Lithgow's communities reside. The Council also extends our respects to our neighbouring nations.

## 2. Present

Present: Councillor S Ring Councillor E Fredericks, Sergent Steven Chaplin Jackie Barry arrived ( 11:18am)

Officers: Leanne Kearney, Kaitlin Cibulka, Penny Way

## 3. Apologies

Apologies: Chris Bustelo,

Officers: Jonathan Edgecombe

## 4. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the TALC Committee held on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024 were presented to the Council on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

#### **ACTION**

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

# 5. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

NIL

### 6. Declaration of Interest

**NIL** 

### 7. Presentations

NIL

## 8. Staff Reports

#### 8.1. COUNCIL ITEM - WELCOME TO NEW COMMITTEE

L Kearney welcomed the new members of the Committee and gave a brief overview of the purpose and parameters of the Committee.

Nominations were called for Chairperson & Deputy Chairperson

Councillor S Ring was elected Chairperson Jackie Barry was elected Deputy Chairperson

L Kearney consulted the Committee to ensure the date and times for future meetings works for the Committee members.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

#### THAT

- The Committee welcome Deputy Mayor Steven Ring and Councillor Elizabeth Fredericks as the new Council representatives, and Sergeant Steven Chaplin as the new NSW Police representative on the Traffic Advisory Local Committee;
- 2. Deputy Mayor Steven Ring be accepted as the primary Councillor representative and Councillor Elizabeth Fredericks be accepted as the alternative Councillor representative;
- 3. Deputy Mayor Steven Ring be elected as the Chairperson of the Committee and Jackie Barry be elected as the Deputy Chairperson
- 4. Committee meetings continue to <u>be</u> conducted at 11.00am on the first Thursday of each month (pending sufficient agenda items)

MOVED: S Chaplin SECONDED: Councillor S Ring

**CARRIED** 

#### 8.2. COUNCIL ITEM - CARETAKER PERIOD TRAFFIC MATTERS

J Barry updated the Committee on Transport for NSW works, including Sandham Road speed zone review being complete, noting that an unsealed road does not get specific speed zoning other than the road it leads off just warning installed stating drive to conditions.

In relation to Glen Davis / Glen Alice Roads, L Kearney noted that the speed for the road is under review and the community will be informed once complete. Cr S Ring commented that there are community members who are not happy as they have not been consulted. J Barry responded stating she thought community were in support of speed zone review. However, community consultation is not part of the process of a speed zone review as it is based on meeting standards and following the Transport for NSW duty of care along with Council operational consultation. L Kearney added Council's operational input is based on records of complaints or incidents. J Barry advised the community and road users are then notified with new signage, media/social media

campaigns. J Barry with inform the Transport for NSW reviewing officer of the communities concerns.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

THAT Council note the traffic related matters between August 2024 and January 2025.

MOVED: S Chaplin SECONDED: L Kearney

#### **CARRIED**

# 8.3. ACCESSIBLE PARKING SPACE RELOCATION REQUEST - MAIN STREET, LITHGOW

Main Street accessible parking space in front of the Commonwealth Bank did not align with the ramp for access. It was moved in line with the ramp. Although the business paper states the space is 12.3 meters in length, the new space is actually 8 meters. At this stage the ramp has not been changed, however it is included in upcoming projects. L Kearney noted the existing gradient of the road surface impacts the ability to provide compliant on street disable parking in the lower part of Main Street, and it will be difficult to get any compliant accessible parking space there with any new works. An alternative is to place one in Sanford Avenue, and continue to use the spaces allocated in the Naomi Street public car park.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the accessible parking space at 136 Main Street, Lithgow be relocated on space to the east, with appropriate signage, line marking and street furniture relocation

MOVED: Councillor S Ring SECONDED: L Kearney

**CARRIED** 

### 8.4. TOUR DE CURE WESTPAC RIDE 25

L Kearney explained how these type of special events are processed by checking use of our local road, provision of a risk plan, consulting and informing Transport NSW & local Police and providing their up to date insurance (all provided for this proposed event).

J Barry informed that it is crucial that the lead and tail vehicles can not be the allocated support vehicle.

Cr S Ring noted they have a total of seven vehicles in addition to lead and tail vehicles.

#### RECOMMENDATION

THAT permission be granted to conduct the Westpac Ride for a Cure Tour bicycle event travelling through the Lithgow LGA on Monday, 10th March 2025, subject to permission being granted by TfNSW and NSW Police Road Events.

MOVED: J Barry SECONDED: L Kearney

**CARRIED** 

#### 8.5. 2025 VARIETY 4WD ADVENTURE

L Kearney discussed the event not needing any road closures or other requirements. The event predominately uses national parks and off road places. Cr E Fredericks raised concerns that pot holes may put the safety of the drivers at risk. L Kearney responded noting the organisers send out a scout to inspect the route and it is the organisers responsibility to deem the roads are compatible for their event. The organisers are aware of our road conditions and that they have been impacted by natural disasters. Cr E Fredericks wondered if this would be a motivator for the roads/route to be jet patched prior. Cr S Ring advised residents needs take priority over touring events, and the Committee is not an operations committee therefore can not sway the delegation of roadworks, however he did suggest adequate signage be in place informing of current road conditions.

#### RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council endorse the 2025 Variety 4WD Adventure on local roads in the Lithgow Local Government Area on 8 March 2025.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring SECONDED: Councillor E Fredericks

**CARRIED** 

## 9. General Business

In regard to the Great Western Highway / Blackman's Creek Road intersection, J Barry was contacted by customer who explained their concerns. In response J Barry asked for the customer to gathering additional information from residents. The provided information has shared with the local Police who informed patrols occur along that section of road, however were unaware of the issues. Funding has been secured to place a traffic monitoring camera at the intersection of Jenolan Caves Rd and Blackmans Creek Rd to monitor incidents, gather data and provide information. The camera's will be placed in the next couple of months and will be in place for a month gathering data to aid in possibly securing funding as any rectification would take a lot of work. Speed zone review of Riverlett Hill will be conducted looking at consistent speed through the Hartley and Little Hartley areas.

Cr E Fredericks inquired about an investigation for one way proposal in Short Street, Lithgow. L Kearney informed the Committee the investigation is currently underway with Council who are doing an audit around of the area to provide options and solutions. Findings will be addressed in

future TALC Meeting. L Kearney suggests a community feedback and consultation period of 28 days after the TALC Meeting to then adopt and take the recommendations to Council.

J Barry asked for an update on Magpie Hollow Rd, L Kearney informed a quote has been sought and will be forwarded to Transport for NSW for both Magpie Hollow Rd and McKanes Falls Rd.

In response to C Bustelo's email L Kearney advised line marking and signage at the intersection of Browns Gap Road and Great Western Highway will be referred to Transport for NSW for appropriate action. An investigation into the bus zone in Williwa Street Portland will occur as it may be a wave down zone or possibly have timed no parking zones. Regarding enforcement of people illegally parking in bus zones, Council will ask for specific bus stops this is occurring in and times it is occurring to aid investigations and enforcement.

## 10. Meeting Close

Next Meeting: 6th March 2025 at 11:00am in the Committee Room

There being no further business the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 12:02 pm.