

# **MINUTES**

Traffic Advisory Local (TALC)

held at

Council Administration Centre
Committee Room
180 Mort Street, Lithgow

on

Thursday 8 July 2021

at 11:00 AM

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The Chairperson declared the meeting open at 11:02 am.

## 1. Present

Mayor - Councillor Ray Thompson (Chair)
Councillor D Goodwin (entered meeting at 11:27am)
Michelle McGrath - Lithgow Buslines
Warren De Mol - Lithgow Police
Wayde Hazelton - Transport for NSW (RMS)

#### Officers:

Jonathon Edgecombe - Director Infrastructure Services Leanne Kearney - Asset and Infrastructure Planning Manager Damien Sims - Asset Inspection Officer Kaitlin Cibulka - Minutes

# 2. Apologies

Councillor Stephen Lesslie Col Sheil - Lithgow Police

## 3. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the TALC Committee meeting held in 6th May 2021 were presented to Councils Ordinary Meeting held on 24th May 2021.

#### **ACTION**

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

MOVED: Councillor R Thompson SECONDED: W Hazelton

# 4. Declaration of Interest

Nil

## 5. Presentations

Nil

# 6. Staff Reports

# 6.1. Scibbly Gum Lane, Portland - No Through Road Signage Request

The committee were advised that a customer has requested a "No through sign" at the intersection of Scribbly Gum Lane and Portland/ Cullen Bullen Road Portland as motorist think that it is a short cut , however once it is realised that it is a dead end street , they are using the customer driveway to turn around and causing damage to the driveway. It was advised that Council officers have inspected the area and have deemed this request reasonable.

The committee were in agreeance with the below recommendation.

#### RECOMMENDATION

**THAT** Council install one (1) x G9-18 "No Through Road" sign at the intersection of Scribbly Gum Lane and Portland / Cullen Bullen Road, Portland.

MOVED: W De Mol SECONDED: W Hazelton

**CARRIED:** Unanimously

# 6.2. Table Rock Road, Ganbenang - No Through Road Signage Request

It was advised that a resident has requested a "no thorough sign" at the intersection of Table Rock Road and Cullenbenbong Road Ganbenang as google maps are directing motorist through this area as it is believed that they can gain access to Table Rock Fire Trail Road. The committee were advised that Council officers have inspected the site and deem the request reasonable.

The committee were in agreeance with the recommendation below.

#### RECOMMENDATION

**THAT** Council install one (1) x G9-18 "No Through Road" sign at the intersection of Table Rock Road and Cullenbenbong Road, Ganbenang.

MOVED: W Hazelton SECONDED: W De Mol

**CARRIED:** Unanimously

## 6.3. DANGEROUS PARKING - LEMNOS STREET, LITTLETON

The committee were advised that Council is in receipt of a complaint in relation to parking in Lemnos Street. It was noted that the complaint raises concern of speeding in the area and confusion on who has right if way making the area dangerous. Council Officers have carried out investigations and installed traffic counters on the 7.3 meter wide surface and inspected stagnated parking in the area. It was noted that the speed in the area is zoned at 50km, the traffic counters picked up on a few excessive speeds. It was also advised that investigations found that it was not feasible to make a "no parking" area on one side. It is recommended that no changes are made.

Clr R Thompson asked if this should be a condition of development consent in relation to the amount of traffic in the area. It was advised that consideration would be made with any new development in the area.

#### RECOMMENDATION

#### **THAT**

- 1. no changes be made to the existing on-street parking arrangements of Lemnos Street between Beaufort Street and Wirraway Street; and
- 2. Council's Economic Development and Environment Department be advised of concerns for consideration with any future development application that may increase traffic utilising the streets within the Littleton area

MOVED: W De Mol SECONDED: Councillor R Thompson

**CARRIED:** Unanimously

## 6.4. REQUEST FOR SPEED LIMIT REVIEW - GLEN ALICE TOWNSHIP

The committee were advised that the Glen Alice Community Association has raised concerns with speeding within the township. Traffic Counters were placed in the area and was noted that there is an average speed of 83km p/h in the township area.

The Director Infrastructure Services advised that over the last 4 to 5 years the roads in the area have improved therefore increasing the speed design. With the many of the roads in the area now sealed there is additional traffic as a result.

It was requested that the speed zone be lowered to 50km speed zone, however the committee agreed to forward request to Transport for NSW (RMS) for a speed zone review and seek their recommendations for the area.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** Council requests Transport for NSW (RMS) to undertake a speed zone review of the Glen Alice Township.

MOVED: W Hazelton SECONDED: Councillor R Thompson

**CARRIED:** Unanimously

# 6.5. Portland / Sunny Corner Road and Ilford Street, Portland - Request for Give Way Sign

Council has received a report from concerned residents as there is confusion of who has right of way and many motorists are cutting corners at the intersection of Portland/ Sunny Corner Road and Ilford Street Portland. Investigations were undertaken and there is merit in installing a giveway sign on Ilford Street and a traffic median to stop motorist cutting corners.

#### RECOMMENDATION

**THAT** subject to availability of resources and funding, Council install a Give Way sign on a concrete traffic median in Ilford Street, Portland with associated line marking to improve motorist behaviour and increase safety.

MOVED: W Hazelton SECONDED: W De Mol

**CARRIED:** Unanimously

### 6.6. BMGS Charity Walk

This event was previously raised at TALC however due to COVID the event was postponed. An application was received with the proposed date of Saturday, 2nd October 2021. It was advised that this is a Saturday of a long weekend and Council have notified the applicants however have not received a response. It was advised that from the last application review they have addressed the escort vehicle matter however no traffic control plan has been submitted.

Many committee members agrees that this event is quite dangerous being held particularly on a long weekend. The committee discussed that should a roads closure be put in place then the event would be consider if it was not held on a long weekend as the risk would be catastrophic.

The committee agreed to reject this event and provide applicant with reasoning and request traffic control plans, road closures and change of date so the event doesn't fall on the long weekend. It was also suggested that Council writes to the Blue Mountains Council where part of the event is proposed to start and advise of the outcome.

Clr D Goodwin entered the meeting at this point in time (11:27am)

#### RECOMMENDATION

#### **THAT**

- 1. Council rejects the event on the basis of safety conditions being held on a long weekend with increase of 4WD & Tourist Traffic in the area and high risk:and
- 2. Advises applicant of outcome with recommendation for amended proposal for discussion; and
- 3. Advises the Blue Mountains Council of the outcome.

MOVED: Councillor R Thompson SECONDED: W Hazelton

**CARRIED:** Unanimously

# 6.7. Cases Lane, Mt Lambie - Safety Concerns

The committee was advised that an investigation has been carried out along the narrow unsealed road (Cases Lane). It was noted that vegetation control is required in the area. It was discussed that a solution would be to install curve warning signage to encourage motorist to slow down. W Hazelton advised that signage would work but do not have advisory speeds on gravel road, and suggests that due to the sharp angle of the curve on the east, W1-1 signs be installed to demonstrate the sharper turn.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** Council install 2 x W1-3 and 2 x W1-1 curve warning signs on Cases Lane, Mount Lambie to warn motorists of the blind corners.

MOVED: W De Mol SECONDED: Councillor D Goodwin

**CARRIED:** Unanimously

# 7. General Business

The following table summarises the progress of actions approved / recommended by TALC, for the Committee's information.

TALC Date	Item	Recommendation	Progress
15/10/2020	Clr D Goodwin - Email correspondence received from Hampton resident (7th September 2020) requesting signage to be installed along Wicketty War Road / Old Bindo Road in relation to road closures during snow and rain events.	Council to investigate appropriately worded signage for installation	
26/11/2020	6.2.Railway Parade - Pedestrian Crossing Audit	Council undertakes the following improvements in relation to the Railway Parade pedestrian crossing:  1. Realign both W6-2 sign in Railway Parade to prevent further collision with parked cars and allow adequate visibility by motorists;  2. Reinstate centerline and edge lane markings in Railway Parade;  3. Relocate waste bin on a fixed stand closer to property boundary, not kerb side; and  4. Review the approach and departure zones for compliance.	Placed on Council's works program to be undertaken when resources are available
26/11/2020	6.4.No Stopping Zone - Main Street / Daintree Lane Wallerawang	A No Stopping zone be created in Main Street, Wallerawang, located 10 metres either side of the intersection with Daintree Lane (including the installation of	Completed 28/4/2021

		appropriate R5-400 signs)	
26/11/2020	6.5.5 minute Parking Zone - Cooerwull Infants School, Lithgow	1. Council install a 5 minute Parking zone during morning and afternoon school drop off / pick up times on the western side of Malvern Street, between Malvern / Martini Lane and Methven Street, Lithgow, to allow parents / careers to safely drop off and pick up students in the morning and afternoon; and 2. Council notify the school to advise that the zones must be managed and communicate with parents/ care givers; and 3. Council completes a review of the implementation of the 5 minute Parking zone be undertaken after two (2) terms (July 2021).	Placed on Council's works program to be undertaken when resources are available
26/11/2020	6.6.5 minute Parking Zone - Cooerwull Primary School, Lithgow	1. Council install a 5 minute Parking zone during morning and afternoon school drop off / pick up times on both sides of Ordnance Avenue, between Main street and Main Street Lane, Lithgow, to allow parents / careers to safely drop off and pick up students in the morning and afternoon; and 2. Council notify the school to advise that the zones must be managed and communicate with parents/ care givers; and	Placed on Council's works program to be undertaken when resources are available

		3. Council completes a review of the implementation of the 5 minute Parking zone be undertaken after two (2) terms (July 2021).	
26/11/2020	6.7.5 minute Parking Zone - St Joseph's School, Portland	1. Council install a 5 minute Parking zone during morning and afternoon school drop off / pick up times on the western side of Williwa Street, between High Street and Portland Road, Portland, to allow parents / careers to safely drop off and pick up students in the morning and afternoon; and 2. Council notify the school to advise that the zones must be managed and communicate with parents/ care givers; and 3. Council completes a review of the implementation of the 5 minute Parking zone be undertaken after two (2) terms (July 2021).	Placed on Council's works program to be undertaken when resources are available
26/11/2020	6.8.5 minute Parking Zone - Zig Zag Public School, Lithgow	1. Council replace the existing No Parking Zone with a 5 minute Parking zone during morning and afternoon school drop off / pick up times on the southern side of Victoria Avenue, between Mills Street and the end, Lithgow for quick entry and exit, and to minimise traffic / pedestrian congestion and risk when used properly by all parents and careers; and 2. Council notify the school to advise that the	Placed on Council's works program to be undertaken when resources are available

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		zones must be managed and communicate with parents/ care givers; and 3. Council completes a review of the implementation of the 5 minute Parking zone be undertaken after two (2) terms (July 2021).	
26/11/2020	Traffic Count Request  – Sandford Avenue	It was requested for traffic counters to be installed in the bottom section of Sandford Avenue from Coalbrook Street to Macauley Street and report back to a future TALC Committee meeting.	In progress, traffic counters have been installed in Sandford Avenue at four (4) locations between Young Street and Tank Street
11/03/2021	No Stopping Zone – Hassans Walls Road, Lithgow	It was resolved for Council to  1. install the appropriate No Stopping signage in Hassans Walls Road, Lithgow either side of the intersection with QE Park Lane, and 2. advise residents of expected compliance with the NSW Road Rules at this intersection.	Signage was installed and residents notified by letterbox drop 30/3/2021

L Kearney provided the members an update on previous matters that were raised at past committee meetings.

It was noted that the whole school zones at each school are being audited at with any works required expected to be carried out in the October School Holidays.

The committee discussed the new traffic medians that have been installed in at the top end of Main Street and Hassans Walls Road. It was advised that Council has received initial feedback in relation to the Hassans Walls Road area. The matter was discussed on social media by residents however Council was unable to take these comments into consideration as anything other than community discussions.

CIr D Goodwin asked about the Great Western Highway matter with water pooling on the road in large rain events. W Hazelton advised that he passed this matter into his colleagues who have

advised that there was a blocked drain which has now been cleared. It was noted that the area will be monitored during large rain events to confirm if the drainage is sufficient.

Clr D Goodwin also asked about signage on Jerrys Meadow Road. L Kearney advised that this was being looked at by TfNSW through their last representative J Barry. L Kearney advised that she would send the request through to W Hazelton to follow up.

W De Mol asked about line marking on Barton Avenue, Wallerawang and Browns Gap Road. It was advised by J Edgecombe that these areas will be addressed and are on the priority list for line marking this financial year (when weather condition are suitable for line marking to be undertaken).

# 8. Meeting Close

Next Meeting: Thursday 5th August 2021 at 11:00am in the Committee Room

There being no further business the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 11:39 am.