



MINUTES

Traffic Advisory Local (TALC)

held at

Council Administration Centre
Committee Room
180 Mort Street, Lithgow

on

Thursday 9 June 2022

at 11:00 AM

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The Chairperson declared the meeting open at 11:05 am.

1. Present

Councillor Stephen Lesslie - Chair
Shane Milne - Lithgow Police
Michelle McGrath - Lithgow Buslines
Wayde Hazelton - Transport for NSW

Officers:

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

2. Apologies

An apology was received and leave of absence granted to Col Sheils who is unable to attend due to work commitments.

Procedural Motion

That a leave of absence be granted to Col Sheils .

MOVED: Cr S Lesslie

SECONDED: S Milne

3. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the TALC Committee held on 7th April 2022 were presented to the Council on Tuesday 26th April 2022.

ACTION

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

4. Declaration of Interest

Nil

5. Presentations

Nil

6. Staff Reports

6.1. Signage and Speed Zone Review Request - Megalong Place and Kanimbla Drive, Kanimbla

L Kearney provided an overview of the report advising that a request has been received to reduce the current speed zone from 80km and install wildlife signage in the area. Council has carried out investigations in the area to capture traffic count data and characteristics. It was noted that the average speed traveled is 72.8 kms with zero crashes recorded in the area.

Based on this information, the recommendation below notes that the speed limit remain unchanged. As for the wildlife signage, this is not a practice Council would tend to do being in a rural nature its is expected and motorist should be aware of wildlife etc.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT

1. The speed limit in Kanimbla Drive and Megalong Place, Kanimbla Valley remain at 80km/h; and;
2. Wildlife signage is deemed unnecessary as motorists should expect the occurrence of animals due to the rural setting and environment.

MOVED: Cr S Lesslie

SECONDED: S Milne

CARRIED: Unanimously

6.2. AMENDMENT OF BUS ZONE - HASSAN STREET, LITHGOW

L Kearney provided advice on the report noting that the area is zoned mornings and afternoon , however the area is not used a bus pick up of an afternoon. A consultation has taken place with the Lithgow Buslines , St Patrick's School & Church. Correspondence was received from St Patrick's School and concur with zoning the area for the morning. M McGrath advised that Lithgow Buslines have no issue with the proposed changed as the zone is only used in the mornings.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the school bus zone located in the angled parking area on the western side of Hassan Street, Lithgow be amended to be operational from 8.00am to 9.15am school days.

MOVED: Cr S Lesslie

SECONDED: M McGrath

CARRIED: Unanimously

6.3. TALC - Terms of Reference

The committee noted that this item returned to this agenda , due to some adjustments need to be made as per advice from W Hazelton.

W Hazelton advised he email amendments through this morning. Email was reviewed by the committee.

"What is the Traffic Advisory Local Committee?

Transport for NSW (TfNSW) is the legislated organisation responsible for the control of traffic on all public roads in NSW. TfNSW has delegated some, but not all, of these functions to Lithgow City Council (link to delegation document). This delegation requires that before Council acts on these functions they must refer the matter to the Local Traffic Committee for recommendation.

The Local Traffic Committee (LTC) is primarily a technical review committee, which considers the technical merits of the proposal in line with current technical guidelines, and road safety and traffic management goals."

Also under Traffic Issues in the Regulatory Issues box, 'traffic signals' needs to be moved to the 'Issues outside Council's authority' box."

The committee agreed with the re wording and minor changes to the fact sheet to communicate better to the community about what the TALC Committee does and does not do.

There were no changes to the Terms of References and will remains as they are.
An amended copy of the fact sheet will be emails to the committee to confirm changes discussed above.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT

1. Council adopt the revised Traffic Advisory Local Committee (TALC) Terms of Reference (TOR); and
2. Council arrange for the LCC TALC Fact Sheet to be available on Council's website.

MOVED: Cr S Lesslie

SECONDED: W Hazelton

CARRIED: Unanimously

7. General Business

Cr S Lesslie raised a serious issue of parking in front of residential accesses , particularly in Vale Place Lithgow. A letter of regulations and guidelines were issued to residents ,however the offence has been re occurring. This matter was raised to seek advice from around the table on how to deal with this matter.

It was discussed that the resident should contact local police when this occurs so that they can attend and deal with the issue at the time.

The committee also discussed and suggest that Council carry out monthly social media campaigns in relation to parking laws and regulations. Possibly add information through Council connections that are issues to residents to provide awareness.

The committee can nominate an item at each meeting to campaign and this can be administratively dealt with.

8. Meeting Close

Next Meeting: Thursday 7th July 2022 at 11am in the Committee Room.

There being no further business the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 11:25am.