

HINCHINBROOK ROAD SAFETY

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MINUTES OF HINCHINBROOK ROAD SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 6 DECEMBER 2017

Meeting Opened: 10.30am on Wednesday, 6 December 2017.

1. ATTENDANCE

Present: were: Mayor Ramon Jayo (Hinchinbrook Shire Council – HRSAC Chairperson), Mr James Stewart (HSC Executive Manager Infrastructure Services Delivery – EMISD), Dr Jenna Devietti (HSC Works Engineer – WE) Mr Kyle Thomson (HRSAC Secretary), Mr Dave Hunter (Queensland Police Service – QPS), Mr Rodger Bow (State Emergency Services – SES), Mr Rick Butler (Stone River Bus Service), Mr Robert Lyon (North Queensland Bio Energy – NQBE), Mr Micheal Pisano (Canegrowers), Mr Frank Martino (TransNorth Bus Services), Mr Ricky Quabba (Queensland Mechanical Cane Harvesting Association – QMCHA), Mr Kevin Riseley (Department of Transport and Main Roads – DTMR), Mr John Tantalo (Queensland Police Service (Halifax) – QPS), Ms Gail Clarke (Queensland Transport), Ms Beverley Garmon (Queensland Transport) and Ms Coral Gard.

APOLOGIES

An apology for non-attendance was received from: Mr Geoff Bormann (Queensland Police Service – QPS), Mr Luke Giudicatti (Queensland Fire and Rescue Services – QFRS), Mr Paul Marbelli (Canegrowers), Mr Don Oswin (Wilmar Sugar Australia Ltd), Cr Wallis Skinner (Hinchinbrook Shire Council – Councillor), Mr Lenny Toscano (Australia Post), Mr Barry Young (Queensland Rail)

2. CONFIRM MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING OF 4 OCTOBER 2017

Meeting held on 4 October 2017, be approved as a correct record of proceedings.

Moved by: Dr Jenna Devietti

Seconded by: Mr Roger Bow

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES – 4 OCTOBER 2017

3.1 Communication between Transport and Main Roads and Hinchinbrook Shire Council and priority listing of jobs.

Mr James Stewart to compile a prioritised list of areas of concern which need attention and forward onto Denise.

3.1.1 Mayor Ramon Jayo informed of discussions held with Peter Sheedy (Canegrowers). Issue of concern is road condition between Ashton Hotel and Scotts Road (McKell siding).

Discussions were held surrounding the actual location of the area of concern.

Mr Paul Marbelli to find out more information and report back.

Mr Paul Marbelli advised that Mr Peter Sheedy was to get in contact with Council to discuss the matter.

Mr Paul Marbelli to provide further details to Dr Jenna Devietti regarding the location.

Dr Jenna Devietti advised that she had not received any further details from Mr Paul Marbelli.

Council has provided a video to DTMR highlighting the concern. Mr Kevin Riseley will proceed with investigation.

Mayor Ramon Jayo informed of discussions held with Peter Sheedy (Canegrowers). Issue of concern is road condition between Ashton Hotel and Scotts Road (McKell siding).
Mr Kevin Riseley to investigate.

DTMR has responded to the situation and has stated that harvester drivers are of fault. Letter of response was provided to Council.

ACTION: *Copy of response to be forwarded to Canegrowers for their information.*

Matter Closed.

3.1.2 Mayor Ramon Jayo and Mr James Stewart to make a submission regarding changing Abergowrie Road from a critical road to a major road.

Canegrowers organisation attended a meeting in Brisbane to address the situation. It was advised the Report is still in the hands of DTMR.

Undergoing further investigation

ACTION: *Awaiting DTMR response.*

3.1.3 Ricky Butler raised drainage issue on Rows Corner on Stone River Road.

Mr Kevin Riseley to investigate drainage issue on Rows Corner on Stone River Road.

ACTION: *Mr Bob Milne made mention about the owner of the land (on the opposing side of the road from the cane rail line) having laser levelled his property and could be causing the water to back up and pool around the culverts. Kevin Riseley to investigate further.*

3.2 Mr Frank Martino raised concerns that the flashing lights for the QR cane rail crossing on McIlwraith Street are too low and hard to see in a high vehicle.

HRSAC Secretary to send correspondence to QR to enquire if the lights are to standard.

Correspondence was sent. No response has been received to date. Item to be carried.

Dr Jenna Devietti to follow up response from QR.

ACTION: *Dr Jenna Devietti to follow up response from QR. HRSAC Secretary to write a letter to support this.*

3.3 Mr Robert Milne questioned if the linemarking at Wilmar Sugar Australia Ltd crossings are to standard.

Mr Don Oswin to investigate.

Mr Don Oswin advised that he had checked with the appropriate Wilmar Staff regarding the linemarking and they have advised that they are to standard.

Mr Robert Milne requested for Mr Don Oswin to investigate the hold bar located on the intersection of Venables Crossing Road and Lannercost Extension Road.

Dr Jenna Devietti to provide a copy of MUTCD extract for pavement markings to Mr Don Oswin for his review as existing hold bar lines are not to standard.

Mr Don Oswin has informed the Safety Committee that negotiations and prices have been discussed with Council to undertake the works on behalf of Wilmar. Work will need to progress in due course to allow this matter to be resolved.

ACTION: *Wilmar Pty Ltd has undertaken private works through Council to do line marking works.*

3.4 Cr Wallis Skinner raised visibility concerns at the intersection of Beeva Road and Abergowrie Road.

Dr Jenna Devietti advised that Council had applied through black spot funding improve visibility however it didn't get approved.

Mr Kevin Riseley to investigate.

Mr Kevin Riseley inspected the concern and advised that the land owner's cane is currently encroaching the road reserve therefore the concern has been referred to TMR's Corridor Management to get in touch with the land owner.

Mr Kevin Riseley advised that there is an existing agreement with the State Government and the landowner that dates a long way back. The matter has been sent to the Department Natural Resources and Mines (DNRM) and DTMR is awaiting advice.

Mr Kevin Riseley has advised that corridor management has contacted the Department of Natural Resources and Mines (DNRM). DNRM has since provided a lease for the subject area in which Mr Kevin Riseley hopes to have everything signed off by the next meeting held on 6 December 2017.

ACTION: *Negotiations are underway between the landowner and DNRM.*

3.5 Mr Don Oswin advising that the Noorla Heritage Resort has planted trees within their property on Neame Street side as well as Warren Street side which are currently blocking visibility of Wilmar's rail crossing signage.

Dr Jenna Devietti to raise the concern with Council's Environmental Health Department.

This matter was raised with Councils Environmental Health Department and is ongoing.

Mr James Stewart has addressed the situation and is since waiting for a response. Mr Don Oswin advised that the cane season is almost over, so it would be beneficial to action this sooner rather than later. Matter is still ongoing.

ACTION: *Mr James Stewart has instructed the Works Manager to remove the vegetation from the footpath. The trees have been cleared to a sufficient road safety aspect.*

3.6 Lack of speed signage on Townsville Road/Bruce Highway when travelling from Palm Terrace. DTMR to consider installing 60km/hr speed sign outside Commonwealth Bank.

Mr Kevin Riseley to investigate.

Mr Kevin Riseley has since investigated the area and agrees that a sign should be placed within the area. This matter will be actioned under the RMPC agreement between Council and Main Roads.

ACTION: *Sign has been installed.*

Matter closed.

3.7 Mr Ricky Quabba raised concern with rough road surface on newly constructed road along Townsville Road/Bruce Highway South.

Mr Kevin Riseley advised that these works should be completed by September/October and will refer road surface concern to DTMR's Communications department.

ACTION: *Mr Kevin Riseley advised at this meeting the bump car had identified four (4) locations requiring correction. Concern was raised by the committee in relation to alleged pooling / ponding of water on the pavement during rain events. The specific location given was in the north bound lane at the immediate start of the overtaking lane/s section. A further concern regarding pavement seal bleeding and the extent was also raised by the committee.*

Matter Closed.

3.8 Mr Ricky Butler raised concerns with hedge height on property (Alan Quagliotto) near train line on corner of Neame Street and Gedge Street as it is blocking visibility.

HRSAC Secretary to send correspondence to property owner requesting hedge to be trimmed.

Correspondence was sent to Alan Quagliotto dated on 31 August 2017. [Item 4 – Outwards Correspondence]

Alan Quagliotto has since taken action and trimmed his hedge but it was advised by Mr Ricky Butler that the works were not sufficient enough. Dr Jenna Devietti and Mr Don Oswin will approach Alan to resolve the matter.

ACTION: *No further action has been taken. Dr Jenna Devietti and Mr Don Oswin to approach Alan to resolve the matter.*

3.9 Mr Ricky Butler raised concern that nothing has still been done regarding Abergowrie Road dips and Dalrymple Road dip.

Mr Kevin Riseley to investigate further.

Mr Kevin Riseley has since investigated the road conditions but said it was sufficient due to the advisory signs located before the dip. The Safety Committee then advised Mr Kevin Riseley that the area needs to be driven with a heavy vehicle/bus to have an understanding of the problem. Mr Kevin Riseley will investigate in a Heavy Vehicle in the near future. HRSAC Secretary to provide a letter to DTMR to support this undertaking.

HRSAC provided letter to DTMR.

ACTION: *Mr Kevin Riseley advised following consultation with Senior Road Safety Officer - DTMR a drive through in a heavy vehicle would not occur and recommended HSC place this onto the agenda for their two monthly meetings between HSC and TMR Management.*

Matter Closed.

3.10 Cr Wally Skinner raised concern with van continually parked outside Doc's Auto Clinic near Gedge Street and Lynn Street intersection obstructing view.

HRSAC Secretary to send correspondence to Doc's Auto Clinic to move van.

Correspondence was sent to Doc's Auto Clinic dated on 31 August 2017. [Item 3.13 – Outwards Correspondence].

Doc's Auto Clinic has not taken any further action. Dr Jenna Devietti and Mr Don Oswin to approach Doc's to resolve the matter.

ACTION: *Don Oswin and Dr Jenna Devietti had a meeting with Doc's Auto Clinic and a number of concerns were discussed. Doc's Auto Clinic has agreed and objects to be moved.*

Matter Closed.

- 3.11 Mr John Tantalo raised concerns regarding the intersection width and lighting at the intersection of Keast Street and Ferrero Street, Lucinda. This intersection also contains a cane tram level crossing accessing the port shunting yards.

Hinchinbrook Shire Council to confirm whether lighting is working at this location and provide outcomes to DTMR

ACTION: *Hinchinbrook Shire Council confirmed prior to the meeting the lighting is working at this location. DTMR following receiving of AADT information from HSC for Ferrero Street conducted a review of lighting requirements and advised 'No Lighting or Flag Lighting' was the result of the assessment. Request by HSC for Mr Kevin Riseley to email through the investigation findings.*

- 3.12 Mr John Tantalo raised concerns regarding the increasing number of near miss collisions at the intersection of Macrossan Street and Alma Street, Halifax.

HRSAC to provide a response to Mr John Tantalo advising him that nothing can be done in regards to this intersection

ACTION: *HRSAC Secretary provided a letter of response to Mr John Tantalo.*

Matter Closed.

- 3.13 Mr James Stewart advised that at the recent Infrastructure Services Delivery Portfolio Meeting a question was raised that the stop signs at Hawkins Street should be changed to give ways signs. Dr Jenna Devietti sent a letter to DTMR requesting some advice in relation to this situation but no response was given to date.

Mr Kevin Riseley recommends that the stop signs remain in place to reduce traffic accidents.

ACTION: *Mr Kevin Riseley advised stop signs are in place where available sight distance is below MUTCD specified distances. A preliminary investigation was undertaken and it found the stop sign was warranted.*

Matter Closed.

- 3.14 Paul Marbelli has received a concern regarding the Como Road intersection and the difficulty in Heavy Vehicle Machinery crossing south onto the Bruce Highway.

Noted. Paul Marbelli to find out more information regarding the situation.

ACTION: *Cane Growers had made mention that in the preliminary plans; it was written that a crossing was supposed to be constructed. Once the construction had finished, the crossing had been missed. It was identified that a permit is required to cross the road. Mayor Ramon Jayo has stated that this issue is out of scope for the HRSAC and is to be removed.*

Matter Closed.

- 3.15 Paul Marbelli has received a complaint regarding the concrete causeway located along the Bruce Highway near the Gairloch turnoff that the bitumen on approach has sunken but the causeway has not causing it to be bumpy when travelling along that road.

Noted. Mr Kevin Riseley to investigate.

ACTION: *Mr Kevin Riseley has investigated and found that the centre causeway is noticeable and the situation has been reported to maintenance to fix*

- 3.16 Ricky Quabba advised that issues were raised with a molasses truck having to take a wide turn at the intersection at Cartwright Street and Herbert Street and proceeding to drive along the parking bays to avoid hitting other vehicles. He suggested that we take out the parking bays to allow B Double trucks to utilise that space to turn. Dr Jenna Devietti advised that this was not a B Double route and molasses trucks should not be travelling along this road. It was also suggested that taking out the carparks would not be favourable with the members of the public.

ACTION: *Further investigation has been undertaken which has found that Cartwright Street is a B-double route and therefore QUBE's is permitted to travel on this section of road. Given this*

Information, an investigation is now required for the intersection of Cartwright/Herbert Street as it appears that this intersection is inadequate for B-double travel paths. Mr Kevin Riseley to further investigate.

- 3.17 Don Oswin advised that trees had been planted within the easement along Wallis Street, Treboone.

Mr James Stewart to Investigate

ACTION: *Mr James Stewart proceeded with an investigation and found that the trees were in fact planted within Wilmar's Rail Corridor. HRSAC Secretary notified Wilmar of the findings.*

Matter Closed.

- 3.18 Mr Don Oswin advised that a report was provided by employees that on a number of occasion's cars have been running red lights along Cartwright Street in the late hours of the night

HRSAC to advised Geoff Bormann of the situation.

ACTION: *HRSAC Secretary sent a letter to Geoff Bormann. No further action required.*

Matter closed.

- 3.19 Dr Jenna Devietti requested an update from Mr Don Oswin regarding advice from Council in relation to the pavement marking requirement adjacent to the road crossing on Morleys Road which needs to be undertaken by Wilmar in accordance with the Rail Crossing Agreement

Mr Don Oswin to confirm Michelle Galipo is investigating.

ACTION: *Dr Jenna Devietti is yet to hear a response.*

- 3.20 Mr Robert Giuliano showcased the new multi message sign Council received through funding to help raise awareness of road safety around the Shire.

Noted. Robert Giuliano press release to be published.

ACTION: *Press Release was published.*

Matter Closed.

4. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Outward Correspondence

- Don Oswin, [Wilmar Sugar Pty Ltd] – Inspection of Trees along Wallis Street, Trebonne. [Item 3.17]

Incoming Correspondence

- Censored Author [provided by Queensland Police Service] dated 11 July, 2017 – Request to review infringement notice due to tram crossing line too close to flashing lights for visibility in large vehicles on Herbert Street, Ingham.

HRSAC Secretary to send correspondence to DTMR to investigate further requesting to move lines back even if existing markings are to standard to give further notice for larger vehicles.

Correspondence was sent to Gayl Walker from Transport and Main Roads dated on 31 August 2017

- Jim Kirchner, Cane Supply Manager [Wilmar Sugar Australia Ltd] - Condition of Abergowrie Road, Ashton Section.

ACTION: *Mr Kevin Riseley to further investigate with a heavy vehicle. Letter of support was sent to DTMR. Awaiting Response.*

- Brett Whitbread, Acting Regional Director [DTMR] – Condition of Abergowrie Road, Ashton Section

ACTION: *DTMR has written a response to HRSAC. Copy of the letter to be provided to Canegrowers Organisation.*

RESOLUTION: *That the Correspondence report be accepted as read.*

Moved by: Mr Ricky Butler

Seconded by: Dr Jenna Devietti

5. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

- 5.1 A concern was passed on by Mr Don Oswin to Dr Jenna Devietti regarding a water ponding issue at the intersection of Pumping Station Rd and Fairford Rd. Mr Don Oswin stated that the issue could cause a vehicle to hydroplane.

ACTION: *Mr Bob Milne to Investigate.*

- 5.2 It was identified that the need for a 'No Right Turn' sign should be placed at both exits to Herbert Street, Ingham adjacent to McDonald's to stop people from driving down the wrong side of the road.

ACTION: *Mr Kevin Riseley advised when in the process of investigating the existing levels of R2-2 signage along Herbert St previously, the Mc Donald's carpark entry and exit configuration was found to not be in accordance with the original DA. Mr Kevin Riseley advised this was referred to TMR Corridor Management with a suggestion to line mark the southern exit with a left turn direction arrow (on the Mc Donald's driveway) which may help with resolution of the issue.*

- 5.3 Mr Ricky Quabba has raised concerns that the Toobanna Road Works ponding issues are still occurring.

ACTION: *Mr Kevin Riseley advised the roadworks are currently under the defect maintenance period. It was identified that there are a total of 16 defects which have been recorded. It was noted that this was not a Road Safety concern and was also covered in a previous item.*

Matter Closed.

- 5.4 Mr Micheal Pisano has made mention that there are some concerns regarding a water ponding issue on the intersection of Sunnybank Rd and Renouf Rd. It was identified that the road corner has depression in the road, causing the water to pond.

ACTION: *HRSAC Secretary to put through Works Request.*

- 5.5 Mr Micheal Pisano raised concerns regarding the lack of flashing school speed zone signage located around Victoria Plantation State School and that Mr Pisano would like some flashing signage erected. Main roads representative, Gayl Walker made mention that the volume of traffic is not sufficient enough to upgrade the area.

ACTION: *Ms Gail Clarke to put through a request and come back with a response.*

- 5.6 Mr Bob Milne has made mention that concerns were raised regarding the roughness of the road on the approach to the Trebonne railway line. It was identified that no maintenance issues could be found. Mr Bob Milne advised the area was resealed around 3 years ago with a recent derailment at this location resulting in the pavement having to be patched in places.

ACTION: *HRSAC Secretary to write a letter to the Department of Transport and Wilmar Sugar Pty Ltd.*

- 5.7 Mr Ricky Quabba has made mention that he has had a near miss while merging lanes travelling north on Halifax Rd. Mr Quabba has asked if the Department of Transport could put a sign that states "Merge Left" instead of the existing signage that states "Form One Lane".

ACTION: *Kevin Riseley to investigate further, but it was identified by Queensland Police representative and majority of the Hinchinbrook Road Safety Advisory Committee (HRSAC) members that the incident occurred due to lack of knowledge of the road rules when merging.*

6. **NEXT MEETING**

The next HRSAC Meeting is scheduled at 10:30am on Wednesday, 7 February 2018, in the Council Chambers

7. **CLOSURE**

Meeting closed at: 11:50am on Wednesday, 6 December 2017


Mayor Ramon Jayo
CHAIRPERSON