

HINCHINBROOK ROAD SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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MINUTES OF HINCHINBROOK ROAD SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 4 OCTOBER 2017

Meeting Opened: 10.27am on Wednesday, 4 October 2017.

1. ATTENDANCE

Present were: Mayor Ramon Jayo (Hinchinbrook Shire Council – HRSAC Chairperson), Cr Wallis Skinner (Hinchinbrook Shire Council – Councillor), Mr James Stewart (Executive Manager Infrastructure Services Delivery – EMISD), Mr Rick Quabba (Queensland Mechanical Cane Harvesting Association – QMCHA), Mr Rodger Bow (State Emergency Services – SES), Mr Kevin Riseley (Department of Transport and Main Roads – DTMR), Mr Robert Giuliano (Infrastructure Services Delivery Compliance and Technical Officer – ISDCTO), Dr Jenna Devietti (Hinchinbrook Shire Council - Works Engineer - WE), Mr Frank Martino (TransNorth Bus Services), Mr Rick Butler (Stone River Bus Service), Mr Don Oswin (Wilmar Sugar Australia Ltd), Mr Paul Marbelli (Canegrowers), Mr Robert Milne (Hinchinbrook Shire Council – Maintenance Supervisor), Ms Marito Stecko (Queensland Transport).

APOLOGIES

An apology for non-attendance was received from: Mr Robert Lyon (NQBE), Mr Jeff Aitchinson (Hinchinbrook Traffic Control).

2. CONFIRM MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING OF 2 AUGUST 2017

Meeting held on 2 August 2017, be approved as a correct record of proceedings.

Moved by: Mr Robert Giuliano

Seconded by: Mr Ricky Butler

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES – 2 AUGUST 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.

List to include:-

- Rows Corner located on Stone River Road;
Matter Closed. To be taken off next agenda.
- Corner of Fairford Road and Abergowrie Road – Water ponding; and
Matter Closed. To be taken off next agenda.
- Abergowrie Road – Drop in the road just past the Ashton Hotel heading towards Ingham and Rail crossing's after re seal.

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.

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.

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

Mr James Stewart advised that he had a meeting with Mr Peter Sakkas (DTMR) on 22 November 2016, and went through a whole register of various concerns involving DTMR. Commitment has been made to continue these meetings on a two monthly basis.

Matter Closed. To be taken off next agenda.

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

To be carried.

To be carried. Dr Jenna Devietti to follow up with Mr James Stewart regarding the matter.

Undergoing further investigation

Mr Robert Milne advised that an asphalt overlay will go over the previous works on Rows Corner.

Matter Closed. To be taken off next agenda.

Mayor Ramon Jayo advised that Council is looking to include corner of Fairford Road and Abergowrie Road drainage issue in the amended TIDS program.

Mr James Stewart has advised that the works has been raised with DTMR utilising TIDS funding, to which DTMR indicated that TIDS funding would need to be redirected back to DTMR to program the design and works via the department procedure

Matter Closed. To be taken off next agenda.

Item to be carried for when Mr James Stewart has a meeting with Peter Sakkas (DTMR).

Matter Closed. To be taken off next agenda.

Asphalt overlay has been completed at Rows Corner on Stone River Road.

Matter Closed. To be taken off next agenda.

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

ACTION: *Remaining items to be carried to next meeting held on 6 December 2017.*

- 3.2 Mr Frank Martino enquired why there is no school zones for the Ingham State High School which poses a safety concern with the speed limit being 60km/hr.

Dr Jenna Devietti to investigate the standard for a school zone at a High School and if they are required.

Dr Jenna Devietti has been in contact with Ms Alison Barlow regarding what is an eligible school for school zones.

Ms Alison Barlow has since emailed Dr Jenna Devietti updated TMR document on speed limits and management and suggested she speak with Dearn Chisholm regarding the enquiry.

Mr James Stewart advised that Dr Jenna Devietti confirmed that school zone signage could comply.

Mr James Stewart and Dr Jenna Devietti to discuss further with the High School.

An onsite meeting with the Ingham State High School principal has been scheduled for Friday, 10 February 2017.

Dr Jenna Devietti advised that following from the meeting held on 10 February with Ingham State High School, it has been proposed that a school zone be put in place. Design plans are currently being finalised for approval by Transport and Main Roads. Removal of some parking bays will occur.

Ms Alison Barlow advised that once the school zone is in place, Transport and Main Roads will undertake data counts to determine if flashing school zone signage are warranted.

Dr Jenna Devietti advised that the plan for the school signs have been finalised and now awaiting for design to be completed for restricting access to adjacent car parking so both projects can be completed at the same time. Communication will be sent out to the parents of the school kids to notify of the works.

The restricted access plan has been finalised by Design and a meeting has been scheduled next Tuesday, 8 August 2017, with Dr Jenna Devietti and Ingham State High School Principal.

ACTION: *Dr Jenna Devietti has advised the works have since been completed.*

Matter Closed.

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

3.4 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.

ACTION: *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.*

3.5 Cr Wallis Skinner raised visibility concerns at the intersection of Beaver 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.

Dr Jenna Devietti advised that the audit has been carried out and Council is awaiting feedback

ACTION: *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.*

3.6 Ricky Quabba advised that there was a recent incident where a car almost drove into the Royal Hotel coming from Townsville Road and request if signage could be installed to prevent this from happening.

Mr Kevin Riseley to investigate.

Mr Kevin Riseley advised that it has been investigated and deemed low risk. The committee members would like DTMR to reconsider as it still poses a safety risk. Mr Kevin Riseley to consult with Ingham Police and consider options.

ACTION: *Mr Kevin Riseley has consulted with Ingham Police and states that there is no recorded crash history, and given the circumstances around the previous incident there is no reasoning to have a sign allocated in that area.*

Matter closed.

- 3.7 **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 Council's Environmental Health Department and is ongoing.

ACTION: *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.*

- 3.8 **Lack of speed sign 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.

ACTION: *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.*

- 3.9 **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 that the roughometer audit will be completed the end of the first week of October.*

- 3.10 **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].

ACTION: *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.*

- 3.11 **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.

ACTION: *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.*

- 3.12 **Mr 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].

ACTION: *Doc's Auto Clinic has no taken any further action. Dr Jenna Devietti and Mr Don Oswin to approach Doc's to resolve the matter.*

4. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Outward Correspondence

- Alan Quagliotto – Request to trim hedge located on the corner of Neame Street and Gedge Street. [Item 3.11]
- Doc's Auto Clinic – Request to move vehicle at the intersection of Gedge Street and Lynn Street. [Item 3.13]
- Gayl Walker, A/Principal Advisor [Transport and Main Roads] – Request to reposition hold line located at Herbert Street Tram Crossing.[Item 4 – Inwards Correspondence]

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.

ACTION: Correspondence was sent to Gayl Walker from Transport and Main Roads dated on 31 August 2017 [Item 4 – Outwards Correspondence].

- 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.

RESOLUTION: That the Correspondence report be accepted as read.

Moved by: Mr James Stewart

Seconded by: Mr Robert Giuliano

5. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

- 5.1 **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.** Mr Kevin Riseley stated the intersection width is up to standard and fits in with the rest of the intersection along that stretch of road.

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

- 5.2 **Mr John Tantalo raised concerns regarding the increasing number of near miss collisions at the intersection of Macrossan Street and Alma Street, Halifax.** Safety Committee discussed that the priority of this intersection has been amended based on safety concerns and investigation have been undertaken to install a roundabout. The current configuration has been determined by DTMR based on previous investigations

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

- 5.3 **Mr John Tantalo requesting for an inspection to be undertaken on a bump in the road on Mill Road, Macknade, near the Lion Hotel. This area is subject to a number of complaints from local residents regarding trucks causing home to vibrate. Enforcement has detected no speeding issues.**

ACTION: Works request to be raised.

Matter closed.

- 5.4 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.

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

- 5.5 Paul Marbelli has received a concern regarding the Comma Road Crossing and the difficulty in Heavy Vehicle Machinery crossing south onto the Bruce Highway.

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

- 5.6 Paul Marbelli has received a complaint regarding the cement 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.

ACTION: *Noted. Mr Kevin Riseley to investigate.*

- 5.7 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: *HRSAC to send letter to QUBE's to notify their drivers that they are to be aware and travel on B Double routes.*

- 5.8 Ricky Butler advised that trees had been planted within the easement along Wallis Street, Treboone.

ACTION: *Mr James Stewart to investigate.*

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

ACTION: *HRSAC to advised Geoff Bormann of the situation.*

- 5.10 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.

ACTION: *Mr Don Oswin to confirm Michelle Galipo is investigating.*

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

ACTION: *Noted. Robert Giuliano Press release to be published.*

6. **NEXT MEETING**

The next HRSAC Meeting is scheduled at 10:30am on Wednesday, 6 December 2017, in the Council Chambers

7. **CLOSURE** Meeting closed at: 12:05pm

Mayor Ramon Jayo
CHAIRPERSON