

HINCHINBROOK ROAD SAFETY

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MINUTES OF HINCHINBROOK ROAD SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 2 AUGUST 2017

Meeting Opened: 10.30am on Wednesday, 2 August 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), Mrs Michelle Chinotti (Hinchinbrook Shire Council – HRSAC Relief Secretary), Mr Donald Auld (Queensland Police Services – QPS), Mr John Tantalo (Queensland Police Services – QPS), Mr Rodger Bow (State Emergency Services – SES), Mr Kevin Riseley (Department of Transport and Main Roads – DTMR), Ms Beverley Gorman (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).

APOLOGIES

An apology for non-attendance was received from: Mr Robert Lyon (NQBE), Mr Lenny Toscano (Australia Post), Mr Robert Milne (Hinchinbrook Shire Council – Maintenance Supervisor), Ms Denise Elrick (Department of Transport and Main Roads – DTMR) and Ms Alison Barlow (Department of Transport and Main Roads – DTMR).

2. CONFIRM MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING OF 7 JUNE 2017

Meeting held on 7 June 2017, be approved as a correct record of proceedings.

Moved by: Mr Don Oswin

Seconded by: Mr Robert Giuliano

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES – 7 JUNE 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;
- Corner of Fairford Road and Abergowrie Road – Water ponding; and
- Abergowrie Road – Drop in the road just past the Ashton Hotel heading towards Ingham and Rail crossing's after re seal.

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.

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.

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

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

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

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

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

ACTION: *Remaining items to be carried for when Mr James Stewart has a meeting with Mr Peter Sakkas on Friday, 4 August 2017.*

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

- 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.

ACTION: *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.*

- 3.3 Ms Coral Guard advised that the drains along Musgrave Street, Halifax, between Stephensen Avenue and the Taylors Beach turn off, seem to be blocked.

Mr Kevin Riseley to investigate.

Mr Kevin Riseley investigated and noted that the drain is on private property where the land owner has previously filled in and closed it off.

Mayor Ramon Jayo to investigate further.

Mayor Ramon Jayo advised that the area of concern is not a water course and contact has been made with the owners of the property in which the drain runs through and they have agreed to drop level of the drain down a foot.

HRSAC Secretary to send a letter to Mahony's confirming the agreement.

ACTION: *Correspondence has been sent.*

Matter closed.

- 3.4 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.

ACTION: *Dr Jenna Devietti to follow up response from QR.*

3.5 Mr Kevin Riseley gave an update on current Transport and Main Roads projects. Cattle and Francis Creek works have commenced and Toobanna works are to be completed at the end of June 2017.

Mr Kevin Riseley to investigate drainage concerns within Toobanna properties as a result of the road works.

Mr Kevin Riseley advised that the Toobanna works are now scheduled to be completed in October 2017. Drainage concerns within the Toobanna properties have been investigated and works will be carried out to rectify the issue.

ACTION: *Completed.*

Matter closed.

3.6 Mr Paul Marbelli had received a complaint regarding the current condition of Sheahans Road and that it is not suitable for haulouts.

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).

ACTION: *Mr Kevin Riseley to Investigate.*

3.7 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.

ACTION: *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.*

3.8 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.

ACTION: *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.*

3.9 Mayor Ramon Jayo advised that concerns had been raised regarding the current speed zone signage near the small Lannercost Extension Bridge.

Dr Jenna Devietti advised that she is engaging a road safety auditor to audit this area.

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

ACTION: *Dr Jenna Devietti advised that the audit and design have been completed. Signage consisting of advanced advisory speed on corners and warning of one lane ahead to be implemented in 1-2 months.*

Matter closed.

- 3.10 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.

ACTION: *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.*

- 3.11 Mr Lenny Toscano requested one way signage or arrows to be painted on the road to prevent motorists from driving on the wrong side of the road.

Mr Kevin Riseley to investigate.

ACTION: *Mr Kevin Riseley advised that it has been investigated and existing signage is sufficient and is in accordance with MUTCD. McDonald's entry/exit to be investigated separately by DTMR.*

Matter closed.

- 3.12 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.

ACTION: *This matter was raised with Council's Environmental Health Department and is ongoing.*

- 3.13 Cr Wally Skinner raised safety concerns with Tweak Fitness classes spilling over onto the pedestrian footpath and within the pram ramp.

HRSAC Secretary to send correspondence to Tweak Fitness.

ACTION: *Correspondence has been sent.*

Matter closed.

4. 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.

ACTION: *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.*

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

Moved by: Mr Don Oswin

Seconded by: Mr Robert Giuliano

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

- 5.1 Mr Don Auld requesting list of roads from the committee that need review of speed enforcement for a long term solution. The following roads were raised for consideration: McIlwraith Street, Fairford Road, Sir Arthur Fadden Parade, Trebonne Road.

Noted.

Matter closed.

- 5.2 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.

ACTION: *Mr Kevin Riseley to investigate.*

- 5.3 Mr Frank Martino questioned requirements for tractors/trailers to have visible number plates whilst travelling on roads. Mr Don Auld advised that tractors are required to have number plates visible, however they are not required for trailers.

Noted.

Matter closed.

- 5.4 Mr Frank Martino requesting more enforcement on cyclists taking up traffic lane or travelling two side-by-side.

ACTION: *Mr Don Auld to discuss concern with cycling groups.*

Matter closed.

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

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

- 5.6 Mr Kevin Riseley advising that Mr Peter Sakkas is rolling out a new process to implement change in relation to DTMR's consultation with Councils and will be communicated in due course.

Noted.

Matter closed.

- 5.7 Mr Ricky Butler expressed his appreciation to Council for the installation of the new bus stop at McIlwraith Street/Abbott Street intersection.

Noted.

Matter closed.

- 5.8 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.

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

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

ACTION: Mr Kevin Riseley to investigate further.

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

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

- 5.11 Mr James Stewart providing some good news stories that construction is going ahead for signalised QR crossings on Tokalon Road and Forrest Home and also advising that Council will be implementing more 10 minute parking stencilling around town.

Noted.

Matter closed.

- 5.12 Mr Robert Giuliano advised that Council was successful in obtaining DTMR funding for a multi-purpose message board which has been implemented at identified risk sites around town with positive results.

Noted.

Matter closed.

- 5.13 Mr John Tantalo advised that Senior Constable Shelley Millns from Halifax Station has been shortlisted for the Queensland Road Safety Awards, rewarding and recognising safe driving behaviour.

Noted.

Matter closed.

- 5.14 Mayor Ramon Jayo informed of a resident's request for 40km/hr sign to be removed near Victoria Plantation State School now that extra parking has been constructed at the back of school.

40km/hr school speed zone to remain in place.

Matter closed.

- 5.15 Mayor Ramon Jayo raised concerns of speeding at Caristi Road corner, Stone River.

No speed reduction signs to be considered.

Matter closed.

- 5.16 Mayor Ramon Jayo asked Mr Don Oswin how the public reaction is going in relation to Wilmar's request to farmers to cut back cane near train lines.

Mr Don Oswin advised that it has been positive so far.

Matter closed.

- 5.17 **Mr Ricky Butler raised issue with gravel roads that come onto bitumen roads like Caristi Road, Stone River. Requesting Council to sweep gravel as part of maintenance program during season. Long term solution for Council to budget for sealing of turn outs on selected roads.**

Noted.

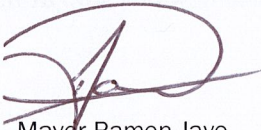
Matter closed.

6. **NEXT MEETING**

The next HRSAC Meeting is scheduled at 10:30am on Wednesday, 4 October 2017, in the Council Chambers

7. **CLOSURE**

Meeting closed at: 11:50am



Mayor Ramon Jayo
CHAIRPERSON