

HINCHINBROOK ROAD SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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MINUTES OF HINCHINBROOK ROAD SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 7 JUNE 2017

Meeting Opened: 10.32am on Wednesday, 7 June 2017.

1. ATTENDANCE

Present were: Mayor Ramon Jayo (Hinchinbrook Shire Council – HRSAC Chairperson), Cr Wallis Skinner (Hinchinbrook Shire Council – Councillor), Mr Rick Quabba (Queensland Mechanical Cane Harvesting Association – QMCHA), Ms Kirrily Low (Hinchinbrook Shire Council – HRSAC Secretary), Mr Geoff Boremann (Queensland Police Services – QPS), Mr Rodger Bow (State Emergency Services – SES), Mr Kevin Riseley (Department of Transport and Main Roads – DTMR), Ms Alison Barlow (Department of Transport and Main Roads – DTMR), Mr Robert Giuliano (Engineering Compliance and Technical Officer - ECTO), Dr Jenna Devietti (Hinchinbrook Shire Council - Works Engineer), Mr Frank Martino (Transnorth Bus Services), Mr Lenny Toscano (Australia Post), Mr Paul Marbelli (Canegrowers), Mr Rick Butler (Stone River Bus Service), Mr Don Oswin (Wilmar Sugar Australia Ltd) and Mr Robert Milne (Hinchinbrook Shire Council – Maintenance Supervisor).

APOLOGIES

An apology for non-attendance was received from: Mr James Stewart (Executive Manager Engineering Services – EMES) and Mr Robert Lyon (NQBE).

2. CONFIRM MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING OF 5 APRIL 2017

Meeting held on 5 April 2017, be approved as a correct record of proceedings.

Moved by: Mr Frank Martino

Seconded by: Mr Robert Giuliano

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES – 5 APRIL 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 Peter Sakkas on 22 November 2016, and went through a whole register of various concerns involving TMR. 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.

ACTION: *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.

- 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.

ACTION: *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.*

- 3.3 Mr Paul Marbelli advised that the approaches to the Anabranck Bridge are overgrown causing visibility concerns.

Ms Denise Elrick to investigate and email findings to the HRSAC Secretary.

Mr Kevin Riseley advised that the visibility concerns have been investigated and noted and is now with TMR maintenance.

Mr Kevin Riseley advised that the matter is still with TMR's Maintenance Department. Mr Kevin Riseley to reinspect.

Mr Kevin Riseley to follow up as there had been no change since the last inspection, and check to see if this type of work can be done under the RMPC.

Works have been completed under RMPC up to where RMPC works permits however this did not include the area of concern.

Mr Kevin Riseley to re inspect.

Mr Kevin Riseley advised that he had re inspected the area of concern and noted that there is sufficient sight distance at the intersection of Neames Inlet and Fulton Drive.

Matter closed.

- 3.4 Mr Robert Lyon advised that there is currently an indent in the road from a bucket off machinery located on Abergowrie Road adjacent Mckell's Siding.

Mr Kevin Riseley to investigate. Mr Robert Giuliano to provide chainages to Mr Kevin Riseley.

Item to be logged in Council's Works Request System.

Item has been logged. Works Request #14646. Works to be carried out under RMPC within the month.

Mr Robert Milne advised that the concern has been fixed and new pipes have been installed.

Matter closed.

- 3.5 Mr Don Oswin advised that the newly installed directional sign located on the northern approach to Ingham, has blocked visibility of the rail crossing lights.

Mr James Stewart to investigate.

Dr Jenna Devietti advised that Council had sent correspondence to TMR requesting that they investigate the concern and action as TMR had approved the locations of the signs. TMR's response received by Council had not fully addressed the initial concern raised and further direction will be sought.

Dr Jenna Devietti to respond to TMR to request direction on the location of the sign.

Dr Jenna Devietti advised that a road side auditor has been engaged to undertake a safety audit on the visibility concern. Dr Jenna Devietti to report back to the next HRSAC meeting with the results dependent on the reinstallation time of the rail crossing lights.

Dr Jenna Devietti advised that a road audit has been undertaken by an external party and Council is awaiting for the outcomes.

Matter closed.

- 3.6 Ms Coral Guard raised concerns with near misses along Musgrave Street, Halifax, due to the current speed limit. Requesting that the 80km/hr speed limit be reduced to 60km/hr from where the houses start.

Mr Kevin Riseley to inspect and report back to the next HRSAC meeting.

Mr Kevin Riseley investigated the area of concern and noted that it is a low traffic volume area and there is sufficient sight distance therefore Transport and Main Roads have recommended that the speed zones remain as they are.

HRSAC Secretary to send correspondence to Ms Coral Guard, outlining investigation results provided by Mr Kevin Riseley.

Correspondence has been sent.

Matter closed.

- 3.7 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.

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

- 3.8 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.

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

- 3.9 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.

ACTION: *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.*

- 3.10 Ms Alison Barlow raised concerns that the current Driver Reviver south of Ingham is in need of more volunteers.**

Mayor Ramon Jayo advised that there has been talk surrounding the relocation of the Driver Reviver site. Mayor Ramon Jayo to investigate further.

Mayor Ramon Jayo advised that discussions have been held regarding a temporary driver reviver location and the matter has been left with the Lions Club for decision.

Mr Kevin Riseley advised that there will be a meeting held on Friday, 9 June 2017, to discuss TYTO as a possible temporary location.

Matter closed.

- 3.11 Mr Lenny Toscano raised concerns with motorists cutting the corner when entering the T intersections of Blackrock Road and Warrens Hill Road, and Miles Street and McIlwraith Street.**

Mr Geoff Bormann to organise more police presence at these locations.

Completed.

Matter closed.

- 3.12 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.

ACTION: *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.

- 3.13 Dr Jenna Devietti raised drainage concerns with some of the Wilmar Sugar Australia Ltd pipes needing to be cleaned out.**

Mr Don Oswin to investigate.

Investigations have noted that the pipes have now been cleaned out.

Matter closed.

- 3.14 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.

ACTION: *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*

- 3.15 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.

- 3.16 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.

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

- 3.17 Mayor Ramon Jayo requested for the stop sign located at the rail crossing on Bullock Paddock Road be checked to see if it is warranted as the train is visible when you travel alongside the track before coming to the crossing.

Mr Don Oswin to investigate.

ACTION: Mr Don Oswin advised that the signage has now been changed.

Matter closed.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Outward Correspondence

- Mr Jim Kirchner, Cane Supply Manager [Wilmar Sugar Australia Ltd] – Acknowledgement letter in response to correspondence regarding request for flashing lights for cane rail crossing located on Blackrock Road/Tokalon Road.
- Queensland Rail – Request for Queensland Rail to investigate the new flashing lights on McIlwraith Street, Ingham, which had been installed at a lower height than the previous.
- Ms Coral Guard [Halifax Resident] – Investigation outcome from Transport and Main Roads regarding request to extend the 60km/hr speed sign further south on Musgrave Street, Halifax.

Incoming Correspondence

- Mr Jim Kirchner, Cane Supply Manager [Wilmar Sugar Australia Ltd] – Request for flashing lights for cane rail crossing located on Blackrock Road/Tokalon Road.

ACTION: HRSAC Secretary to forward response onto the Chamber of Commerce.

RESOLUTION: That the Correspondence report be accepted as read.

Moved by: Mr Ricky Quabba

Seconded by: Mr Robert Giuliano

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

- 5.1 Allison Barlow advised that the Road Safety Grants have closed and the approval process is underway.

Noted.

Matter closed.

- 5.2 Allison Barlow advised that TMR staff held the Fatality Free Friday event in Ingham on 19 May 2017.

Noted

Matter closed.

- 5.3 Dr Jenna Devietti advised that as part of the Building Our Regions (BOR) funding, there will be a new footpath going in adjacent to the State High School.

Noted.

Matter closed.

- 5.4 Mayor Ramon Jayo presented correspondence received from TMR regarding the changing of linemarking and directional signage for south bound traffic travelling to Townsville.

Noted.

Matter closed.

- 5.5 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.

ACTION: Mr Kevin Riseley to investigate.

- 5.6 Mr Lenny Toscano advised that there are manholes sticking up on the grass sections near the new footpaths.

ACTION: Dr Jenna Devietti advised that they have been identified and will be addressed.

Matter closed.

- 5.7 Mr Lenny Toscano requested one way signage or arrows to be painted on the main road (Herbert Street and Lannercost Street) to prevent motorists from driving on the wrong side of the road.

ACTION: Mr Kevin Riseley to investigate.

- 5.8 Mr Don Oswin advised 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.

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

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

ACTION: *HRSAC Secretary to send correspondence to Tweak Fitness.*

6. **NEXT MEETING**

The next HRSAC Meeting is scheduled at 10:30am on Wednesday, 2 August 2017, in the Council Chambers

7. **CLOSURE** Meeting closed at: 11:43pm



Mayor Ramon Jayo
CHAIRPERSON