

HINCHINBROOK ROAD SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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MINUTES OF HINCHINBROOK ROAD SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 4 MAY 2016

Meeting Opened: 10.30am on Wednesday, 4 May 2016.

1. ATTENDANCE

Present were: Mayor Ramon Jayo (Hinchinbrook Shire Council – HRSAC Chairperson), Mr Robert Giuliano (Engineering Compliance and Technical Officer – ECTO), Mr Rick Quabba (Queensland Mechanical Cane Harvesting Association – QMCHA), Ms Kirrily Low (Hinchinbrook Shire Council – HRSAC Secretary); Mr James Stewart (Executive Manager Engineering Services – EMES), Mr Lenny Toscano (Australia Post), Ms Alison Barlow (Department of Transport and Main Roads – DTMR), Mr Geoff Boremann (Queensland Police Services – QPS), Mr Jeff Aitchison (Hinchinbrook Traffic Control – HTC), Mr Donald Oswin (Wilmar Sugar Australia Limited), Mr Robert Lyon (NQBE), Ms Shelly Millns (Queensland Police Services – QPS), Mr Stephen Marbelli (Canegrowers), and Mr Frank Martino (Transnorth Bus Services), Mrs Denise Elrick (Department of Transport and Main Roads – DTMR), Mr Luke Giudicatti (Queensland Fire and Rescue Service – QFRS), Mr Kevin Riseley (Department of Transport and Main Roads – DTMR), Mr Rodger Bow (State Emergency Services – SES), Mr Paul Marbelli (Canegrowers).

APOLOGIES

An apology for non-attendance was received from: Mr John Tantalo (Queensland Police Services – QPS) and Mr Rick Butler (Stone River Bus Service).

2. CONFIRM MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING OF 3 FEBRUARY 2016

Meeting held on 3 February 2016, be approved as a correct record of proceedings.

Moved by: Mr Geoff Boremann

Seconded by: Mr James Stewart

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES – 3 FEBRUARY 2016

3.1 Road Safety Implementation Plan 2015/2017

To be carried due to recent election.

Ms Alison Barlow advised that owing to election issues timing is not ideal.

To be reviewed in 6 months.

Ms Alison Barlow advised that a committee has been appointed to work on the Queensland Road Safety Action Plan. Once this has been completed then the Road Safety Implementation Plan 2014/2016 can be reviewed.

Ongoing.

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HRSAC members agreed to update the Road Safety Implementation Plan for 2014/2016. Ms Kirrily Low to email copy of the old Road Safety Implementation Plan 2012/2014 to HRSAC members for review and comment at the next HRSAC meeting on 3 February 2016.

HRSAC members reviewed changes made by Ms Alison Barlow and agreed to adopt them in the new plan.

Ms Alison Barlow to update the web crash data

ACTION:

Ms Alison Barlow to provide further state controlled crash data to be added to the implementation plan. Once crash data has been included, members have agreed to adopt the Road Safety Implementation Plan 2016/2018.

Matter closed.

Ms Korrily Low to write a letter to the Hinchinbrook Community Support Centre in regards to applying for a grant to organise a safety informational brochure for people who use mobility scooters.

ACTION: *Correspondence sent to Hinchinbrook Community Support Centre regarding the mobility scooter information brochure [Item 4 – Outwards Correspondence].*

Matter closed.

3.2 Mr Rick Quabba raised concerns with regards to the intersection of Gangemi's Road onto Hawkins Creek Road and is requesting extra line marking at the intersection.

Robert Giuliano (ECTO) to discuss matter with Dr Jenna Devietti (Works Engineer) and Design to scope possible fix with line marking.

To be carried.

Mr Robert Giuliano discussed the matter with Council's Designer where it was noted that the original line marking was removed and needs to be put back.

Mr Robert Giuliano to forward plan supplied by Council's Designer to Council's Works Engineer for action.

Ongoing.

Mr Robert Giuliano advised that he has discussed the concern with Council's Designer with line marking to be scheduled. Item to be removed once line marking works have been completed.

Mr Robert Giuliano to follow up.

ACTION: *Mr Robert Giuliano advised that linemarking has been scheduled to be completed. Item to be removed once the works have been carried out and completed.*

3.3 Ms Alison Barlow asked if a speed review of Herbert Street is to be placed on the agenda for Transport and Main Roads to carry out.

Dr Jenna Devietti advised that it may be reviewed as part of the Ingham CBD Revitalisation project.

Ms Denise Elrick to raise this with Nicole Smart.

Ongoing.

Ms Denise Elrick advised that the speed review of Herbert Street will be carried out once resources become available.

To be carried.

ACTION: *Ms Denise Elrick advised that traffic counters have been put in place. Ms Denise Elrick to provide results once data has been received.*

3.4 Mr Stephen Marbelli enquired if there had been any further news on the Class 1 Agricultural Vehicle (Zone 1) trial to extend current width limits.

Mr James Stewart advised that he hasn't heard anything further after last speaking with Peter Sheedy of Canegrowers.

Mr James Stewart advised that a local representative from National Heavy Vehicle Regulator is planning to come up to the Hinchinbrook Shire to discuss the matter with Canegrowers.

Mr James Stewart advised that a local representative from National Heavy Vehicle Regulator is still yet to come up to the Hinchinbrook Shire with the date yet to be advised.

To be carried.

Mr James Stewart advised that no dates have been announced for when a NHVR representative will be coming up to the Hinchinbrook Shire.

ACTION: *Mr Stephen Marbelli advised that there will be a NHVR representative coming up next week for a flagging demo. Mr Stephen Marbelli to report back at the next HRSAC meeting outcome from the demo.*

- 3.5 Mr Stephen Marbelli raised concerns regarding trees obstructing the view of haulouts coming out of Morellis Siding onto Abergowrie Road near the Lannercost Substation, and requests that the trees be trimmed back.

Ms Denise Elrick to inspect site and provide feedback at next meeting.

Ms Denise Elrick advised that the responsible authority of the siding, being Wilmar Sugar Australia Ltd, will need to organise the removal of the trees however suggested that the haulouts use an alternative exit route which is available.

Don Oswin to take information back to Wilmar for further discussion.

Mr Don Oswin advised that he investigated the concern and noted that the trees are not within Wilmar's easement and therefore Wilmar will not be carrying out the works.

To be carried over to discuss with Ms Denise Elrick from TMR.

Ms Denise Elrick advised that TMR currently don't have the funds to remove the trees however from her investigations, she believed that the haulouts have alternative route that they could take.

Mr Stephen Marbelli advised that the route the haulouts use depends on where the bins are situated and may not always be able to take the alternative route. Ms Denise Elrick advised she believed that the haulouts should still have sufficient site distance.

ACTION: *Council to contact Transport and Main Roads to enquire the process of getting someone else to remove the trees.*

- 3.6 Mayor Rodger Bow advised that there used to be a left turn lane into Sportsmans Parade on Fairford Road however since TMR resurfaced the area, they didn't put it back in when they did the linemarking. Requesting for the linemarking to be reinstated for the left turn lane.

Ms Denise Elrick to investigate.

Ms Denise Elrick advised that there are plans in place for further line marking to include an edge line.

To be carried.

ACTION: *To be carried.*

- 3.7 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.

Ms Denise Elrick to organise a meeting to discuss prioritised list in the New Year.

Mr James Stewart advised that an RMPC meeting is being held on Monday, 8 February 2016, where discussion will be included regarding the priority listing of jobs and the various concerns which have been raised.

James to follow up with Ms Denise Elrick to organise an addition meeting with higher level representatives from TMR.

ACTION: *Mr James Stewart advised that he has a meeting scheduled with Mr Peter Sakkas of TMR to discuss further. Mr James Stewart to report at the next HRSAC meeting outcomes from the meeting.*

- 3.8 Mr James Stewart advised that he has met with Flanagan's and TMR regarding the overtaking lane and widening of the highway located between Larsens Road and Scovazzis Road, and advised that the design should be completed by April 2016 with commencement of works scheduled for August 2016. James advised that the design includes a service road for the individual side streets to enter the highway.

Mr James Stewart to bring in the footprint when it becomes available.

Mr James Stewart presented footprint.

Matter closed.

- 3.9 Mr Stephen Marbelli advised that since the re seal of Abergowrie Road has been completed, the rail crossings are worse than they were before. Mr Don Oswin advised that this is not Wilmar's responsibility and advised to contact TMR.

Mayor Rodger Bow to email Ms Denise Elrick.

ACTION: Included in discussions held in Item 3.7.

- 3.10 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.

To be raised with Ms Denise Elrick at the next HRSAC meeting.

Ms Denise Elrick advised that as Ingham State High School is on a Council controlled road, it will be Council's decision if they want to install school zone.

Mr Frank Martino raised concerns that motorists coming from Cartwright Street heading towards the High School are doing 60km in the 60km zone coming up over the crest at the intersection of Marina Parade / Menzies Street and then manoeuvring out onto the right hand lane around school buses pulling out of the school.

ACTION: Mr James Stewart to investigate further.

ACTION: It was further discussed that there are no school zone warning signs when you come out of Fraser Street or Miles Street approaching the Ingham State Primary School. Mr James Stewart to investigate further.

4. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Outward Correspondence

- Mr Ron Millan [Halifax Progress Association] – Proposed roundabout [Doc ID# 2148957].

Ms Kirrily Low and Mr James Stewart to send a letter advising that HRSAC and Council will not support the request for a roundabout unless the Halifax Progress Association can provide information indicating that a significant event has occurred since TMR's response letter dated 23 December 2014.

ACTION: Correspondence sent to Ron Millan [Halifax Progress Association] [Doc ID# 2148957]

Incoming Correspondence

- Don Oswin [Wilmar Sugar Pty Ltd] – Railway Crossing at Neame Street Ingham [Doc ID# 2148738]

Mr Don Oswin advised that Wilmar's view on the matter is that they don't agree on installing a stop sign.

ACTION: HRSAC Secretary to send correspondence to Wilmar's SHE committee advising that the HRSAC do not support the proposal for a stop sign to be installed.

RESOLUTION: That the Correspondence report be accepted as read.

Moved by: Mr Frank Martino

Seconded by: Mr Robert Giuliano

5. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

- 5.1 Mr John Tantalo advised that the Queensland Ambulance Service Halifax has expressed concerns regarding the road/level crossing near Ufers Road, Beamerside on their vehicle and patients. The level crossing is a Wilmar Sugar Australia Limited crossing and John has been advised that that it is becoming an issue when driving over the level crossing, particularly when on a priority case.

ACTION: It was discussed that the approaches need to come back further. Ms Denise Elrick to investigate and report back to the committee.

ACTION: HRSAC Secretary to send correspondence to TMR regarding the standards of resealing near railway crossings in general.

- 5.2 Ms Alison Barlow advised that TMR will be holding the Australasian Fatality Free Friday with a number of events happening at various locations. There will be an event held at the Ingham Courthouse on 22 May 2016 with a blow up key which can be signed.

Noted. Matter closed.

- 5.3 Ms Alison Barlow advised that TMR are currently handing out various educational items to raise awareness on speeding and motorist safety.

Noted. Matter closed.

- 5.4 Mr Rodger Bow enquired on when the linemarking in town is scheduled to commence.

Mr James Stewart advised that some parts of the Shire have commenced and Ingham will commence shortly.

- 5.5 Mr Ricky Quabba advised that there are some confusions on the current positioning of the give way sign at Halifax Road / Bruce Highway intersection.

ACTION: Ms Denise Elrick to investigate positioning of the sign.

- 5.6 Ricky Quabba advised that there are dead branches overhanging the road on the straight just before Arnott Creek.

ACTION: Ms Denise Elrick to investigate.

- 5.7 Mr Ricky Quabba advised that during a recent holiday to Melbourne he noticed that they have signage which advises tourists that Australia drives on the left hand side of the road.

Noted. Matter closed.

- 5.8 Mr Robert Lyon thanked Wilmar for repairs carried out on potholes near railway line on Taylors Beach Road.

Noted. Matter closed.

- 5.9 Mr Robert Lyon advised that there is no 100km sign coming back from Halifax to Ingham via Four Mile Road.

ACTION: Works Engineer, Dr Jenna Devietti, is currently investigating.

- 5.10 Mr Robert Lyon requested that the Council's Works department be reminded to check overhanging trees before the cane crushing season commences.

ACTION: HRSAC Secretary to send email to Works Manager.

- 5.11 Mr Robert Lyon advised that there is a tree obstructing vision at the intersection of Macrossan Street and Halifax-Bemerside Road as you approach Spar in a high vehicle.

ACTION: Mr James Stewart to investigate.

- 5.12 Mr Lenny Toscano advising that due to work commitments, he may not be able to attend all of the HRSAC meetings and therefore would like to relinquish his position as Deputy Chairperson and would like to nominate Mr Rodger Bow.

ACTION: HRSAC members resolved that Mr Rodger Bow be appointed Deputy Chairperson.

- 5.13 Mr Don Oswin advised that near the stop sign at the railway crossing on Alma Street, Halifax, there are trees on either side situated on private property, obstructing vision of motorists.


ACTION: Ms Denise Elrick to investigate and report back to the next HRSAC meeting.

6. **NEXT MEETING**

The next HRSAC Meeting is scheduled at 10:30am on Wednesday, 1 June 2016, in the Council Chambers

7. **CLOSURE**

Meeting closed at: 11.39am


Mayor Ramon Jayo
CHAIRPERSON