

HINCHINBROOK ROAD SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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MINUTES OF HINCHINBROOK ROAD SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 3 FEBRUARY 2016

Meeting Opened: 10.30am on Wednesday, 3 February 2016.

1. ATTENDANCE

Present were: Mayor Rodger Bow (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 Rick Butler (Stone River Bus Service), 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).

APOLOGIES

An apology for non-attendance was received from: Mrs Denise Elrick (Department of Transport and Main Roads – DTMR), Mr John Tantalo (Queensland Police Services – QPS), and Mr Jim Kirchner (Wilmar Sugar Australia Ltd).

2. CONFIRM MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING OF 2 DECEMBER 2015

Meeting held on 2 December 2015, be approved as a correct record of proceedings.

Moved by: Mr Robert Giuliano

Seconded by: Mr Rick Butler

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES – 2 DECEMBER 2015

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.

ACTION: *Ms Alison Barlow to update the web crash data*

ACTION: *Ms Kirrily 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.*

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.

ACTION: Mr Robert Giuliano to follow up.

3.3 Mr Steven Marbelli advised of safety concerns regarding a drop in the road located on Abergowrie Road just past the Ashton Hotel heading towards Ingham.

Ms Kirrily Low to send an aerial view of the location to Ms Denise Elrick for investigation.

Aerial was emailed to Ms Denise Elrick on 3 June 2015.

Ms Denise Elrick to follow up with Transport and Main Roads Maintenance Department.

Ms Denise Elrick advised that TMR maintenance staff have said that there will be a reseal carried out along the area of concern. Item to be left open until the works have been completed.

Reseal works have now been completed however it is believed that the area of concern has not been addressed.

Ms Denise Elrick to further investigate on options regarding Transport and Main Roads maintenance priority listing. It was agreed that a new discussion item would be created regarding communication between Transport and Main Roads and Hinchinbrook Shire Council, and the priority list of jobs to be carried out.

ACTION: Item 5.1

3.4 Mr Ricky Butler raised concerns regarding an access located on a corner at the end of Fairford Road, Ingham. As the access is in a table drain, it fills up with water therefore anyone turning off has to slow right down could cause an accident for anyone coming around the corner. The water is also hazardous for vehicles traveling on the road as they are veering into oncoming traffic to avoid it.

Mr Robert Giuliano advised that inspections and research into a solution had been undertaken in the past by Council and Transport and Main Roads. Ms Denise Elrick to investigate and Mr Robert Giuliano to provide any information he can find to Denise.

Mr Robert Giuliano advised that Mr Les Stables from Transport and Main Roads came up and while in the area, inspected this concern. Mr Robert Giuliano provided Les all the past information he could gather for further investigation.

Mr Robert Giuliano advised that both concerns have been outstanding for some time now however Transport and Main Roads have responded that they have no money to fix the concern. Council has officially requested investigations to occur several times in the past, namely to David Atkinson, former District Director of TMR however recent searches of Council records indicate that Council never received a response. Mr Gangemi has also requested the movement of his current access position on the Fairford/Trebonne Road corner due to safety concern. TMR have been out there to investigate the proposal, but Council has not heard anything back regarding an outcome.

Ms Denise Elrick to investigate and raise again with TMR.

Ms Denise Elrick advised that Transport and Main Roads have investigated the area and noted that they will need to clean out their culvert when funding becomes available.

ACTION: Item 5.1

- 3.5 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.

ACTION: To be carried.

- 3.6 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.

ACTION: To be carried.

- 3.7 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.

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

- 3.8 Mr Frank Martino advised that on Cooks Lane, near Mammino's, haulouts turning in and out have created mounds of dirt on the road.

Concern to be raised with Wilmar Sugar Australia Limited.

Mr Robert Giuliano to investigate further.

Mr Robert Giuliano advised that the dirt has been cleaned up.

Robert contact a representative from Wilmar who advised that there is a policy in place that the harvesting crew must clean the work site.

Matter closed.

- 3.9 Mr Rick Butler raised concerns regarding Rows corner located on Stone River Road, 1.6km past the Trebonne State School. Mr Butler advised that there have been a number of accidents and near misses and also a death on this corner due to the poor condition of the road. Mr Butler also advised that there is no current signage advising of the rough surface.

Mr James Stewart advised that the Councillors have raised this concern and that he had contacted Mr Glen Vaughan from TMR who had advised that there was no money to be able to fix the area of concern.

Ms Denise Elrick to raise the concern again with TMR and look into possible advanced warning signs.

Mr James Stewart advised that discussions had been held regarding the possibility of moving the 80km sign to capture the corner.

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

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

ACTION: Refer Item 5.1.

- 3.10 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.

ACTION: To be carried.

- 3.11 Mr John Tantalo raised concerns regarding the overpass/bridge located on Eddleston Drive, Cordelia, in the centre of Cordelia township. Advised that the bridge is narrow and is currently unmarked and not controlled by any signage. The road traffic through the township is residential however due to the road being signed at the Bruce Highway as a thoroughfare, tourist vehicles utilise this road. The road is also a B double route and used by heavy vehicle. Requesting for a review to be done on the bridge for possible signage to control traffic traversing along this bridge.

Ms Denise Elrick to organise a re assessment of the bridge regarding the possibility of additional signage or the possibility of removing Cordelia as a registered B Double Route.

Ms Denise Elrick emailed her findings which concluded

- 1. A request for the signage and pavement markings to be installed to comply with MUTCD for narrow bridges. Continued edge lines across bridge and add 'One Lane' supplementary plate to exiting 'Narrow Bridge' signs.*
- 2. Request sent to Northern District (TMR) Heavy Vehicle Management Engineer to review the use of this road for multi combination vehicles with the view of removing the route from maps.*

Matter closed.

4. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Outward Correspondence

Incoming Correspondence

- Mr Ron Millan [Halifax Progress Association] – Proposed roundabout [Doc ID# 39057].

ACTION: *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.*

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

Moved by: Mr Robert Lyon

Seconded by: Mr Lenny Toscano

5. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

- 5.1 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.

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.

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

- 5.2 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.

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

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

ACTION: Mayor Rodger Bow to email Ms Denise Elrick.

- 5.4 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.

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

- 5.5 Mr Lenny Toscano raised concerns with motorists running the red lights at the pedestrian crossings.

Mr Geoff Boremann advised that this is being addressed through QPS.

Noted.

- 5.6 Mayor Rodger Bow advised that additional upgrade works for David Street and McIlwraith Intersection are going ahead through the Black Spot Funding.

Noted.

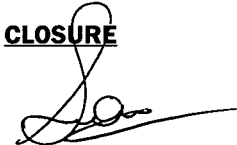
- 5.7 Mr James Stewart advised that Council has recently applied for funding for a cycle network to improve bicycle safety.

Noted.

6. **NEXT MEETING**

The next HRSAC Meeting is scheduled at 10:30am on Wednesday, 6 April 2016, in the Council Chambers

7. **CLOSURE** Meeting closed at: 11.40am.



Mayor Rodger Bow
CHAIRPERSON

