

HINCHINBROOK ROAD SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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MINUTES OF HINCHINBROOK ROAD SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 5 FEBRUARY 2015

Meeting Opened: 10.30am on Thursday, 5 February 2015

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 Kिरily Low (Hinchinbrook Shire Council – HRSAC Secretary), Mrs Dianne Nazzari (Hinchinbrook Shire Council – W&S Admin Assistant); Mr Donald Oswin (Wilmar Sugar Australia Limited), Mr Robert Lyon (North Queensland Bio Energy – NQBE), Mr Frank Martino (Transnorth Bus Services), Mr Frank Russo (Hinchinbrook Chamber of Commerce Industry & Tourism – HCCI&T), Ms Alison Barlow (Department of Transport and Main Roads – DTMR); Mr Rick Butler (Stone River Bus Service); Luigi Cantoni (APSLINC Pensioners); Dr Jenna Devietti (Works Engineer – HSC); Denise Elrick (Department of Transport and Main Roads – DTMR); Steven Marbelli (Canegrowers); Mr Jeff Aitchinson (Hinchinbrook Traffic Control - HTC); Ms Nicole Smart (Transport and Main Roads – TMR); Mr James Stewart (Executive Manager Engineering Services – EMES); Mr Luke Giudicatti (Queensland Fire and Emergence Services - QFES)

APOLOGIES

An apology for non-attendance was received from: Mr Lenny Toscano (Australia Post), Mr Barry Young (Queensland Rail – QR); Mr Geoff Boremann (Queensland Police Services – QPS); Mr Patrick Brown (Queensland Ambulance Service); Mr John Tantalo (Queensland Police Services – QPS)

2. CONFIRM MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING OF 4 DECEMBER 2014

Meeting held on 4 December 2014, be approved as a correct record of proceedings.

Moved by: Mr Robert Giuliano

Seconded by: Mr Ricky Butler

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES – 4 DECEMBER 2014

3.1 Alison Barlow provided an overview on the outcome of pedestrian counts taken place recently in Ingham.

Alison to send Mayor Rodger Bow an overview on the data.

Rodger to talk to the Herbert River Express and put in an article before Christmas.

Item to be carried over.

Alison tabled Pedestrian Counts Data.

To be carried.

HRSAC secretary to provide Mayor Rodger Bow with the pedestrian counts provided at the last meeting. Mayor Rodger Bow to talk to the Herbert River Express and put in an article regarding pedestrian safety.

Secretary has provided pedestrian counts to Mayor Rodger Bow. Mayor Rodger Bow to talk to the Herbert River Express and put in an article regarding pedestrian safety.

To be carried

ACTION:

Mayor Rodger Bow advised that the Herbert River Express is not interested in doing an article on pedestrian safety as there are no local reporters in Ingham at the moment. Matter completed.

- 3.2 Mayor Rodger Bow advised that he has raised concerns regarding the current positioning of the 80 km/hr before Challands Street, Ingham, and has requested for the sign to be moved.

Item to be carried.

Mr Dale Mackenzie to investigate and report back to the next HRSAC Meeting.

To be carried

Ms Denise Elrick advised that DTMR believe that the shift is not warranted due to the area being out of town. Council to provide DTMR with traffic data for side roads to assist in making final decision.

ACTION: *HRSAC Secretary presented Council's traffic counts for Challands Street – 444 and Martin Street – 508, taken in March 2010. Denise Elrick to provide counts to Transport and Main Roads for consideration in moving speed signage.*

- 3.3 Mr Luigi Cantoni brought up concerns regarding the lack of disabled parking within the Ingham CBD and the number of people with no disability parking in the disabled parking bays.

Dr Jenna Devietti (WE) advised that Council has reviewed a number of sites to possible place extra disability parking bays however the grade of the road within the areas are unsuitable.

Dr Jenna Devietti (WE) to advise the appropriate department within Council regarding policing of the disability parking bays.

Mr Luigi Cantoni to advise Dr Jenna Devietti (WE) of sites where they would like more disability parking bays.

Meeting scheduled with Mr Luigi Cantoni and Dr Jenna Devietti (WE) on Monday, 11 August 2014.

Mr Mark Carey advised that Council's Design Department have since done a review of four possible disabled parking bays in Lannercost Street, Ingham, and noted that all bays have come back non compliant. Correspondence to be sent to Luigi to advise him of the outcome.

Mr Luigi Cantoni thanked Council for their input in the previous investigation. Mr Luigi Cantoni advised that he would like a review done on the possibility of a disabled car park in the centre parking strip adjacent Coles next to the pedestrian crossing. Dr Jenna Devietti (WE) to investigate this new request.

ACTION: *Dr Jenna Devietti advised that Council's Designer investigated possible disabled car park and noted that it does not meet cross fall requirements and therefore would not be able to be converted to a disabled car park. Matter completed.*

- 3.4 Confusion tourists are having regarding DTMR signs directing them from the highway south (TYTO) to Wallaman Falls.

Mr Robert Giuliano (ECTO) met with Department of Transport and Main Roads [DTMR] to discuss. DTMR to investigate.

Waiting on response from DTMR in Brisbane. To be carried

To be carried.

ACTION: *Ms Nicole Smart to discuss with Ms Cheryl Ridd from Transport and Main Roads.*

- 3.5 Mayor Rodger Bow advised that he received a complaint from a resident at Lucinda regarding motorists continuing to do 80 km/hr right up until the stop adjacent to the Lucinda Pub. The resident enquired whether DTMR could install a sign similar to ones found up north which could be attached to the 60 km/hr sign which says "Check Your Speed".

Mr Dale Mackenzie to look into the possibility and provide something in writing to advise Council if this is possible.

Mr Dale Mackenzie provided an image of the "check your speed" sign to Council. Council provided the exact location and advised that as this is on a main road, Council would expect DTMR to determine whether it is appropriate for the department to install this sign. Mr Dale Mackenzie advised that he will organise to order this sign to be installed by Council. A few members enquired if flashing signs would be more effective however it was noted that it would be more costly and there would be a risk of faults within the signs.

Mr James Stewart suggested that Council do a traffic speed count before and after the installation of the new "check your speed sign" to monitor effectiveness.

To be carried.

ACTION: Mr James Stewart advised that traffic counts have been completed and passed onto Transport and Main Roads. Transport and Main Roads have put in a recommendation for a "Check your Speed" sign to be installed just after bushland. Matter closed.

- 3.6 Mr Lenny Toscano advised that the man hole located at the intersection of Townsville Road and Lannercost Street, Ingham, needs to be repaired.

DTMR to investigate.

Mr Dale Mackenzie advised that the man hole is not a DTMR structure and may be a water and sewerage structure within Council.

Mr James Stewart to look into this.

To be carried.

ACTION: Mr James Stewart advised that the manhole is scheduled to be rectified. Matter closed.

- 3.7 Mr Giovanni Tantalo from Queensland Police Service (QPS) emailed concerns raised from a resident of Cordelia in relation to the speed limit for Eddleston Drive, Cordelia, particularly within and approaching the township. The resident is requesting an upgrade of the current 60 km/hr speed limit signage to a larger sign or drop the speed limit to 50 km/hr.

Mr James Stewart suggested that Council do a traffic speed count before and after the installation of the new "check your speed sign" to monitor effectiveness.

Mr Dale Mackenzie and Mr James Stewart to discuss this further.

To be carried.

ACTION: Mr James Stewart advised that traffic counts have been submitted to Transport and Main Roads. It was noted that a reduction in speed limit is not warranted. Transport and Main Roads to look into installing a "Check your Speed" sign.

- 3.8 Robert Lyon asked when the sink in the road on Abergowrie Road would be fixed and also raised that there is a bad sink in the road at the bottom of the cutaway just before Gowrie Creek Bridge on Abergowrie Road.

Mr James Stewart noted and to discuss the concern further with Mr Dale Mackenzie.

To be brought up with Council's Infrastructure Engineer to discuss if works can be included in the NDRRA program.

ACTION: Proposal to be presented to Council for works to be included in the Forward Capital Works Program. Dr Jenna Devietti to investigate temporary repairs in the interim.

- 3.9 Mr James Stewart advised that the intersection of Cartwright Street and Hardy Street requires a round a bout to be installed due to a lack of visibility in this area.

Mr James Stewart and Mr Dale Mackenzie to inspect

Ms Denise Elrick advised that DTMR have discussed and don't think a roundabout would fit unless resumption of land is undertaken as well as movement of street lights and power poles. DTMR to continue investigation and report back to the next HRSAC meeting.

ACTION: Transport and Main Roads advised that a roundabout won't fit. Mr James Stewart advised that he will organise Council Design Department to investigate further.

- 3.10 Cr Rodger Bow advised that Mr Schiappadori's fruit and vegetable stall located on the side of the Bruce Highway at Gairloch, is in a highly dangerous area and is unsafe for vehicles to pull off the road within the 100km/hr speed zone.

Ms Denise Elrick advised that DTMR do not have authority to remove the stall however can address the signage that is erected in Main Roads corridor.

Council to investigate if they have the authority to remove the stall. Discussions to be held with Council's Town Planning department.

ACTION: Email has been sent to Council's Town Planning Department to investigate and report back. Ms Denise Elrick advised that advertisement signs are not situated in Transport and Main Roads road corridor. It was noted that Mr Schiappadori has since constructed levee banks which Council is currently investigating. Matter closed.

- 3.11 Dr Jenna Devietti advised that Council had received correspondence from the Quabba Brothers requesting for the Halifax Road intersection to be improved to allow large machinery to manoeuvre onto the Bruce Highway safely to travel north.

Ms Denise Elrick advised that she will raise this concern with DTMR to be investigated.

HRSAC Secretary to write to Quabba Brothers advising that their concerns have been raised at the HRSAC meeting and DTMR have been made aware of the concern.

ACTION: Correspondence sent to Robert Quabba refer doc # 14/19024 [Item 4 – Outwards Correspondence]. Ms Denise Elrick advised that Transport and Main Roads are currently looking into improving the Halifax Road intersection. HRSAC Secretary to forward correspondence from Quabba Brothers to Transport and Main Roads.

- 3.12 Dr Jenna Devietti advised that Ms Rebecca Coulson from DTMR has been in contact regarding the Community Road Safety Grants - Round Four, to apply for funding for bike & pedestrian safe precinct.

Dr Jenna Devietti to advise further information at the next HRSAC meeting.

ACTION: Dr Jenna Devietti advised that she has been working with Ms Rachel Coulson on preparing the application for extending footpaths along McIlwraith Street and linking to TYTO and Palm Creek bike area.

- 3.13 Mr Geoff Boremann raised concerns regarding large plants located at the intersection of Beatts Road and Leichardt Street, Allingham, which are currently blocking the vision of motorists wanting to turn from Beatts Road onto Leichardt Street to head back towards Ingham.

Dr Jenna Devietti advised that the concern will be investigated by Council.

ACTION: Council's Public Open Spaces Department have pruned back the trees/shrubs to allow more visibility. Matter closed.

4. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Outward Correspondence

- Queensland Ambulance Service (Patrick Brown) – HRSAC meeting attendance request. Doc # 14/19357.
- Ingham Fire and Rescue Centre (Mark Drysdale) – HRSAC meeting attendance request. Doc # 14/19359.
- Ingham Fire and Rescue Centre (Mick Surawski) – HRSAC meeting attendance request. Doc # 14/19361.
- Department of Education, Training and Employment – HRSAC meeting attendance request. Doc # 15/01067.
- Robert Quabba – Concerns regarding intersection of Halifax Road and the Bruce Highway, Ingham. Doc # 14/19024. [Item 3.11]

Incoming Correspondence

- Department of Transport and Main Roads (Marissa Nicolls) – Turn off lanes on the Bruce Highway at Catastis Road and Toobanna School Road. Doc # 15/00638.

ACTION: Noted. Matter closed.

- Ingham Fire and Rescue Centre (Mick Surawski) – HRSAC meeting attendance and correspondence. Doc # 15/00219.

ACTION: Noted. Matter closed.

RESOLUTION: That the Correspondence report be accepted as read.

Moved by: Mr Frank Martino

Seconded by: Mr James Stewart

5. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

5.1 **Road Safety Implementation Plan 2014/2016**

ACTION: To be carried due to recent election.

- 5.2 Mr Ricky Butler advised that there are currently various trivia signs implemented to break up long stretches of road down south to prevent fatigue. Mr Butler asked if Transport and Main Roads could implement something similar within our fatigue areas for example Ingham to Cardwell stretch.
- ACTION:** Ms Denise Elrick to follow up with Transport and Main Roads Far Northern Region Department. Ms Denise Elrick to assess fatigue areas and looking at possibly installing similar signs.
- 5.3 Mr Ricky Butler advised that he is unhappy with recent works done at the intersection of Exelbys Road and Stone River Road. Mr Butler advised that he wasn't made aware of the works.
- ACTION:** Dr Jenna Devietti advised that the bus shelter is being moved and that Council will be doing kerbing works to prevent vehicles from cutting the corner. Dr Jenna Devietti to discuss design plan with Mr Ricky Butler.
- Ms Denise Elrick to investigate concern with heavy vehicles manoeuvring at the intersection.
- 5.4 Mr Don Oswin requested to change current speed sign on Warrens Hill Road, to a similar setup to the 60km/hr to 100km/hr on Victoria Mill Road.
- ACTION:** Dr Jenna Devietti advised that the speed signage may have changed due to NDRRA works. Dr Jenna Devietti and Mr James Stewart to investigate.
- 5.5 Mr Don Oswin advised that the rest area on the Ingham side of Bluewater is not regularly maintained.
- ACTION:** Transport and Main Roads to investigate.
- 5.6 Mr Jeff Aitchison advised that there have been numerous near misses on Wallaman Falls Road. Requesting a sign at the base and at the other end of Wallaman Falls Road with a UHF channel so that tourists can communicate with other when travelling on Wallaman Falls Road.
- ACTION:** Dr Jenna Devietti to investigate.
- 5.7 Ms Alison Barlow advised that there have been changes to the Road Rules to accommodate cyclists.
- ACTION:** Ms Alison Barlow to forward information to HRSAC Secretary.
- 5.8 Miss Alison Barlow advised of new banner and adverts for the "Join to Save Lives" campaign.
- ACTION:** Noted.
- 5.9 Miss Alison Barlow advised of a campaign helping parents pick a safe vehicle for their child's first car.
- ACTION:** Noted.
- 5.10 Mr Robert Giuliano advised that the bridge at Trebonne before the Trebonne School is in need of repair.
- ACTION:** Dr Jenna Devietti advised that Council is responsible for the repairs and a proposal is to be presented to Council for works to be included in the Forward Capital Works Program.
- 5.11 Mr Robert Giuliano raised concerns that no further action has occurred regarding the dip located on Abergowrie Road.
- ACTION:** Transport and Main Roads to follow up.
- 5.12 Dr Jenna Devietti advised that concerns were raised at the last Signage Committee Meeting regarding tourists not taking note of the signage located at the Elphinstone Pocket Road/Abergowrie intersection and getting lost at the top of Abergowrie.
- ACTION:** Transport and Main Road to investigate.
- 5.13 Dr Jenna Devietti requested if the "This Not Route 1" sign could be improved as tourists have not taken note of the sign.
- ACTION:** Transport and Main Road to investigate.
- 5.14 Mr James Stewart advised that Council received correspondence from Transport and Main Roads advising that they are in the process of securing the road corridor for the Ingham Bypass.
- ACTION:** Noted.
- 5.15 Steve Marbelli advised concerns raised by the farming community regarding the new wide load regulations 14 month trial.
- ACTION:** Mayor Rodger Bow to contact Transport and Main Roads compliance officer to organise a separate meeting with Canegrowers to discuss the matter further.

NEXT MEETING

The next HRSAC Meeting is scheduled at 10:30am on Wednesday, 1 April 2015, in the Council Chambers

6. **CLOSURE** Meeting closed at: 11:50am



Mayor Rodger Bow
CHAIRPERSON