

HINCHINBROOK ROAD SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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MINUTES OF HINCHINBROOK ROAD SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 7 OCTOBER 2015

Meeting Opened: 10.30am on Wednesday, 7 October 2015

1. ATTENDANCE

Present were: Mayor Rodger Bow (Hinchinbrook Shire Council – HRSAC Chairperson), Dr Jenna Devietti (Works Engineer – HSC), Mrs Denise Elrick (Department of Transport and Main Roads – DTMR), Mr Robert Giuliano (Engineering Compliance and Technical Officer - ECTO), Mr Frank Martino (Transnorth Bus Services), 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 Steven Marbelli (Canegrowers), Mr Rick Butler (Stone River Bus Service), Mr Frank Russo (Hinchinbrook Chamber of Commerce Industry & Tourism – HCCI&T).

APOLOGIES

An apology for non-attendance was received from: Mr Jeff Aitchison - (Hinchinbrook Traffic Control - HTC), Ms Alison Barlow (Department of Transport and Main Roads – DTMR), Ms Nicole Smart (Transport and Main Roads – TMR), Mr Geoff Boremann (Queensland Police Services – QPS), Mr Donald Oswin (Wilmar Sugar Australia Limited), Mr John Tantalo (Queensland Police Services – QPS), Ms Krystle Wittingslow (Department of Transport and Main Roads – DTMR), Mr Mark Drysdale (Queensland Fire Rescue Service – QFRS), Mr Michael Furlan (Wilmar Sugar Australia Limited), Mr Luke Giudicatti (Queensland Fire Rescue Service – QFRS), Mr Barry Young (Queensland Rail – QR).

2. CONFIRM MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING OF 5 AUGUST 2015

Meeting held on 5 August 2015, be approved as a correct record of proceedings.

Moved by: Mr Frank Martino

Seconded by: Mr Rick Butler

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES – 5 AUGUST 2015

- 3.1 Mr James Stewart advised that the intersection of Cartwright Street and Hardy Street requires around - about 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.

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.

Mr James Stewart was unable to attend the meeting so no comment was available.

Robert Giuliano (ECTO) to follow up with Design and James Stewart re fit.

Mr James Stewart advised that investigations are continuing with the concern with the possibility of a roundabout however noted that a few surrounding blocks would need to be resumed. Mr James Stewart advised that there could be a possibility to realign the approach from Forrest Beach side of the intersection. Council to organise to get a survey done for Transport and Main Roads.

Mr Jenna Devietti advised that Lidar survey has been carried out and she will organise for the data to be forward onto Transport and Main Roads.

Ms Denise Elrick advised that Transport and Main Roads are organising a risk assessment on the installation of a mirror at the intersection of Cartwright Street and Hardy Street, Ingham.

ACTION: Ms Denise Elrick advised that TMR are still in the process of organising a risk assessment on the installation of a mirror at the intersection of Cartwright Street and Hardy Street, Ingham. This assessment is to be forwarded to Council on completion.

3.2 Road Safety Implementation Plan 2014/2016

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.

ACTION: Ongoing.

3.3 Mr Robert Giuliano raised concerns that no further action has occurred regarding the dip located on Abergowrie Road.

Transport and Main Roads to follow up.

Denise Elrick (TMR) has investigated and advised that the matter will be addressed when funding becomes available. Rob Lyons advised that the problem has worsened and is dangerous. Robert Giuliano (ECTO) to discuss with Colin Gray (Infrastructure Engineer) and Dr Jenna Devietti (Works Engineer) to do interim maintenance for safety reasons.

To be carried.

Mr Robert Giuliano and Works Maintenance Supervisor to inspect and investigate possible safety funding for repair works. Ms Denise Elrick to investigate and take back to Transport and Main Roads to revisit.

Dr Jenna Devietti advised that Council hasn't heard back from Transport and Main Roads following a list of issues and concerns that Council had sent Transport and Main Roads as requested.

Ms Denise to continue to push this concern with Transport and Main Roads.

ACTION: Works have been completed.

Matter closed.

3.4 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.

ACTION: Ongoing.

3.5 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.

ACTION: 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.

- 3.6 Mr Jeff Aitchison advised that the newly installed cement slab in the middle of the highway heading towards Cardwell Range has caused a speed bump effect and is a safety concern.

Ms Denise Elrick to investigate.

Ms Denise Elrick advised that she has investigated the concern and believed it had been since fixed however Jeff Aitchison advised that the cement slab is still causing a speed bump effect.

Ms Denise Elrick to re visit.

ACTION: Ms Denise Elrick advised that she has investigated and doesn't believe it is a safety concern however will organise for the area of concern to be revisited with a heavy vehicle.

- 3.7 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.

ACTION: Ms Denise Elrick to investigate and raise again with TMR.

- 3.8 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.

ACTION: Ongoing.

- 3.9 Mr Donald Oswin raised concerns regarding the safety of Wilmar staff and the public surrounding the Herbert Street rail crossing and requested Transport and Main Roads to revisit the possibility of installing a boom gate or additional signed for the rail crossing.

Ms Denise Elrick advised that she will investigate however it may come back to the owner of the rail crossing.

ACTION: Ms Denise Elrick advised that installing a boom gate and cross hatching is the responsibility of Wilmar being the owner of the rail crossing however must obtain approval from TMR before carrying out the works. Ms Kirrily Low to send correspondence to Wilmar to advise.

- 3.10 Mr Donald Oswin advised that there used to be a chain fence between two garden beds near the Herbert Street rail crossing to stop the public from coming near the cane trains and request that it be put back up or something similar.

Dr Jenna Devietti advised that the request will need to be raised with Council's Public Open Spaces Department.

ACTION: Dr Jenna Devietti advised that Council's Public Open Spaces Manager, Mr Colin Dallavanz, has advised that there was a low chain barrier on either side of the train line many years ago however as this area is the responsibility of Wilmar, if they want to erect something similar they will need to organise this at their expense. Ms Kirrily Low to send correspondence to Wilmar to advise.

4. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Outward Correspondence

Nil

Incoming Correspondence

Nil

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

Moved by:

Seconded by:

5. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

- 5.1 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.

- 5.2 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.

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

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

ACTION: *Concern to be raised with Wilmar Sugar Australia Limited .*

- 5.4 Mr Frank Martino advised that Transnorth are disappointed with the process carried out by Wilmar regarding the near miss involving a Transnorth school bus and a cane train at Blackrock/Tokalon Road, with Wilmar going to the Herbert River Express first before consulting with Transnorth or the Police.

ACTION: *Ms Denise Elrick to send Robert Giuliano possible advanced warning signs to be forward onto Wilmar as a suggestion for them to install.*

- 5.5 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.

ACTION: *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.

- 5.6 Mr James Stewart advised that there was a rollover involving a haulout on Copleys Road and that signage had been put in place and a report will be going to Council to see if it can be funded to be fixed.

Noted

- 5.7 Mr James Stewart advised that an onsite meeting was held recently with the locals regarding Lannercost Extension Bridge. They were advised that a detour will be put in place while the bridge is being removed and replaced.

Noted.

- 5.8 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.

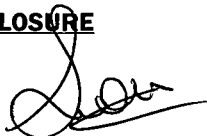
ACTION: *Ms Denise Elrick to investigate.*

6. **NEXT MEETING**

The next HRSAC Meeting is scheduled at **10:30am on Wednesday, 2 December 2015**, in the Council Chambers

7. **CLOSURE**

Meeting closed at: **11:19am**



Mayor Rodger Bow
CHAIRPERSON

