

HINCHINBROOK ROAD SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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MINUTES OF HINCHINBROOK ROAD SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 5 JUNE 2014

Meeting Opened: 10.30am on Thursday, 5 June 2014

1. **ATTENDANCE**

Present were: Mayor Rodger Bow (Hinchinbrook Shire Council – HRSAC Chairperson), Dr Jenna Devietti (Works Engineer – WE), Mr Robert Giuliano (Engineering Compliance and Technical Officer - ECTO), Mr Steven Marbelli (Canegrowers), Mr Rick Quabba (Queensland Mechanical Cane Harvesting Association – QMCHA), Ms Denise Elrick (Department of Transport & Main Roads – DTMR), Mr Luigi Cantoni (APSLINC Pensioners), Mr Jeff Aitchinson (Hinchinbrook Traffic Control – HTC), Mr Frank Martino (Transnorth), Mr Geoff Boremann (Queensland Police Services – QPS), Mr Michael Furlan (Wilmar Sugar Australia Limited), Mr Jim Kirchner (Wilmar Sugar Australia Limited), Mr Robert Lyon (NQBE), Ms Kirrily Low (Hinchinbrook Shire Council – HRSAC Secretary), Mr James Stewart (Executive Manager Engineering Services – EMES), Mr Dale Mackenzie (Department of Transport and Main Roads – DTMR).

APOLOGIES

An apology for non-attendance was received from: Mr Rick Butler (Stone River Bus Service), Ms Alison Barlow (Department of Transport & Main Roads – DTMR), Ms Nicole Smart (Department of Transport & Main Roads), Mr Donald Oswin (Wilmar Sugar Australia Limited), Mr Barry Young (Queensland Rail – QR)

2. **CONFIRM MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING OF 3 APRIL 2014**

Meeting held on 3 April 2014, be approved as a correct record of proceedings.

Moved by: Mr Robert Lyon (NQBE) Seconded by: Mr Steven Marbelli (Canegrowers)

3. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES – 3 APRIL 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.

ACTION: *To be carried.*

3.2 Mr Don Oswin requests for Council to extend the length of the centre island in Neame Street (near Gilroy College) to prevent traffic performing a U turn instead of staying left.

Inspection to be undertaken by Council to review situation.

After discussion involving Police, Council will look into putting in double lines.

Wilmar is currently reviewing the new layout and may write a letter to Council regarding putting up a mirror.

ACTION: *Finalising the design for installation of double lines.*

3.3 Mr David Hunter (QPS) advised of discrepancy in School Zone Signage at Victoria Estate. Signage from Forrest Beach reads 8.00 am - 9.30am, however signage from Ingham reads 8.00am - 9.00am.

DTMR to inspect.

Signage is to be addressed by DTMR. Council will wait for appropriate instruction from DTMR.

ACTION: *Ms Denise Elrick advised that DTMR has since corrected the signage. Matter closed*

- 3.4 Halifax Police – On going complaints received in relation to road conditions on a portion of Eddleston Drive Cordelia. The main issue expressed in the complaints is that the present road is too narrow to safely accommodate heavy vehicles.

Matter referred to DTMR for the department's consideration.

Ms Denise Elrick (DTMR) presented findings on behalf of Ms Nicole Smart (DTMR) who advised that the narrow road through Cordelia has been confirmed that B Doubles up to 25 m are permitted on the section.

The road is a Local Road of Regional Significance (LRRS). There is a working group consisting of representatives from the various councils and DTMR district who meet on a regular basis to discuss required road improvements on LRRS and prioritise.

This section is not a high priority site and often funding isn't sufficient to cover the high priority sites and therefore it's unlikely any upgrades can be programmed. This issue has been mentioned to the DTMR representative of the working group for consideration at the next meeting.

NDRRA works are scheduled for the section and although no upgrade will occur as part of these works, they will provide some improvement. Noted. Matter closed

- 3.5 Halifax Police – Complaints received in relation to The Intersection of Macrossan Street, Halifax (Main Street), River Avenue and Victoria Terrace, Halifax. This intersection is controlled by a "Give Way" sign facing Macrossan Street it is position very closely to the corner building and is often not seen by approaching motorists.

Budget provision to be considered by Council for project in next financial year to mitigation present concerns.

ACTION: *A view to undertake works to install islands to make the road seem narrower and to place the signage on top of the islands. Works dependent on the approval of the 2014/2015 budget. Matter closed*

- 3.6 A complaint was made to The Taylors Beach Progress Association that an existing sign at is too reflective. Andrew Lancini has information on who has put in complaint.

Council to follow up matter with Andrew Lancini regarding location of signage

ACTION: *Contact was made with Andrew Lancini to gather information regarding the sign in question however Council was referred to Mr John Tantalo (QPS).*

Mr John Tantalo (QPS) advised that he would inspect the sign during night time and present findings to the next HRSAC meeting.

Mr James Stewart (EMES) entered the meeting where he was introduced to the HRSAC members.

Mr Dylan Mackenzie (DTMR) was also introduced to the HRSAC members.

- 3.7 Robert Lyons (NQBE) requested the End of Road sign at Lannercost Extension Road be moved to the traffic lights. It was suggested an Ingham Sign with direction arrow be erected.

DTMR to inspect and review

ACTION: *To be carried.*

- 3.8 Don Auld (Queensland Police Service - QPS) spoke about the need to find where bikes are allowed to travel; we need more flow on for bikes.

Council and DTMR to investigate bike ways and paths and do report for committee

ACTION: *Ms Denise Elrick advised that a department at DTMR is currently reviewing the bike ways and paths which will include Ingham. A member from Ingham Police and DTMR are scheduled to discuss this further. Council has nothing to date but will look to assist DTMR when needed.*

Denise to table further information at the next HRSAC Meeting.

- 3.9 Don Auld (Queensland Police Service - QPS) suggested the speed limit on McIlwraith Street, Ingham, near the High School, from Cassady Street, Ingham, to the High School, be 50 km/hr instead of the current speed limit of 60 km/hr.

Don to supply information on speed limits in streets that are considered a problem

ACTION: *To be carried.*

- 3.10 Don Auld (Queensland Police Service - QPS) requested that during rain events the Road Closed sign for the Halifax Washaway (currently placed at the washaway) be located near Victoria Mill and one at Cooks Lane.

Council to investigate and present report to Council regarding matter

ACTION: *Report to be presented to Council's next Ordinary Meeting.*

4. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Outward Correspondence

Nil

Incoming Correspondence

Nil

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

Moved by: N/A

Seconded by: N/A

5. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

- 5.1 A member of the public came into Council office lodging a complaint regarding the timing of the traffic lights at the Lannercost Street and Townsville Road intersection.

ACTION: *Ms Denise Elrick advised that DTMR will investigate the timing of the traffic lights and advised that in future, Council can refer similar enquiries to the 131940 number.*

- 5.2 Mr Steven Marbelli (Canegrowers) raised that advertisements promoting safety awareness during cane crushing season should be coming out soon.

Mr Jim Kirchner (Wilmar) advised that radio advertisements have commenced with television advertisements and electronic billboards to be implemented shortly. Also advised that on Monday, 16 June 2014, 100th year homebush train will be coming through town to raise awareness.

ACTION: *Matter closed*

- 5.3 Mr Jim Kirchner (Wilmar) advised that the mangroves at Gentle Anne Creek Bridge are due to be pruned.

ACTION: *Dr Jenna Devietti (WE) advised that these works are programmed under the Road Maintenance Performance Contract [RMPC]. Jenna to check the schedule for these works.*

- 5.4 Mr Robert Lyon (NQBE) advised that there is a large washout located just past the Abergowrie State School next to the railway crossing

ACTION: *To be placed into Council's Works Request System.*

- 5.5 Robert Lyon (NQBE) advised that there are washouts near his residence along Tarakan Road, Abergowrie.

ACTION: *Mr James Stewart (EMES) advised that the washouts will need to be fixed through Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements [NDRRA] funding and therefore will need to wait until Council has received approval from Queensland Reconstruction Authority [QldRA].*

- 5.6 Mr James Stewart (EMES) advised that Council must wait for approvals to come through from QldRA before any NDRRA works can commence otherwise we will not received funding for the works.

Cane Roads are currently being maintained in preparation of the 2014 cane crushing season.

ACTION: *Matter closed*

- 5.7 Mr Robert Lyons (NQBE) advised that the approaches on the Gowrie Creek Bridge are deteriorating.

ACTION: *Mr James Stewart (EMES) to follow up with QldRA regarding these works.*

- 5.8 Mayor Rodger Bow advised that the dip located along Abergowrie Road has been inspected.

Mr Robert Giuliano further advised that a member from DTMR and himself had inspected the concern and noted that the road is giving way due to the separation of pipes underneath.

ACTION: *Currently looking into getting approvals to repair the damage.*

- 5.9 Mr Frank Martino (Transnorth) provided statistical information regarding haulout rollovers which he had received from a local crane operator that suggests that more awareness needs to be raised regarding fatigue.

ACTION: *Mr Robert Lyon (NQBE) advised methods are in place to minimise fatigue however this may need to be revisited. Matter closed*

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

ACTION: *Item to be carried.*

- 5.11 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.

ACTION: *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.

- 5.12 Mr James Stewart (EMES) provided an update of flood damaged works currently underway including works on various sealed and unsealed roads and cane roads.

ACTION: *Matter closed*

- 5.13 Mr James Stewart (EMES) advised that the current Tracked Cane Harvesting Applications are outdated and will be reviewed and renewed for next year. Legislation to also be review for four wheelers and golf buggies crossing local roads.

ACTION: *Matter closed*

6. **NEXT MEETING**

The next HRSAC Meeting is scheduled at **10:30am on Thursday, 7 August 2014**, at TYTO Conference Centre Hall.

7. **CLOSURE** Meeting closed at 11:27am.



Mayor Rodger Bow
CHAIRPERSON