

HINCHINBROOK ROAD SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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MINUTES OF HINCHINBROOK ROAD SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 7 AUGUST 2014

Meeting Opened: 10.30am on Thursday, 7 August 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), Ms Alison Barlow (Department of Transport & Main Roads – DTMR), Mr Rick Quabba (Queensland Mechanical Cane Harvesting Association – QMCHA), Mr Luigi Cantoni (APSLINC Pensioners) Mr Geoff Boremann (Queensland Police Services – QPS), Mr Jim Kirchner (Wilmar Sugar Australia Limited), Ms Kirrily Low (Hinchinbrook Shire Council – HRSAC Secretary), Mr Dale Mackenzie (Department of Transport and Main Roads – DTMR), Mr Donald Oswin (Wilmar Sugar Australia Limited), Mr John Tantalo (Queensland Police Service – QPS)

APOLOGIES

An apology for non-attendance was received from: Mr Jeff Aitchinson (Hinchinbrook Traffic Control – HTC), Mr Rick Butler (Stone River Bus Service).

2. **CONFIRM MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING OF 4 JUNE 2014**

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

Moved by: Mr Robert Giuliano

Seconded by: Mr Luigi Cantoni

3. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES – 4 JUNE 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.

ACTION: *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.*

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.

Finalising the design for installation of double lines.

ACTION: *Design to be finalised in the next month.*

- 3.3 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

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 John Tantalo advised that he investigated the signs of concern and noted that they are two road warning signs located between the two bends on the way to Taylors Beach. Dr Jenna Devietti advised that Council will be conducting night inspections and will investigate the signage concern.

ACTION: *John to take photos at night of the signs and provide to Council.*

- 3.4 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

To be carried.

ACTION: *Mr Dale Mackenzie advised that he tried to inspect this after the last meeting however was unable to locate the area in question. Will inspect again after today's meeting.*

Mr Dale Mackenzie to provide findings at the next HRSAC meeting.

- 3.5 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

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.

RESPONSE: *Mr Dale Mackenzie provided a draft map of the Principal Cycle Network however this is not for public distribution. Matter closed*

- 3.6 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

To be carried.

RESPONSE: *Mr Geoff Boremann advised that he is satisfied with the current speed limit and doesn't see the need to amend zone to 50 km/hr. Matter closed*

- 3.7 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

Report to be presented to Council's next Ordinary Meeting.

ACTION: *Report going to Council's Ordinary Meeting on 19 August 2014. DTMR to advise works proposed for raising the washaway.*

- 3.8 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.

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.

ACTION: *Matter closed*

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

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.

RESPONSE: *Dr Jenna Devietti advised that the trees have been pruned within accordance with Council's self assessable permit. Should Wilmar require further trimming, they must contact the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry. [DAFF].*

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

To be placed into Council's Works Request System.

RESPONSE: *Works request # 13391 has been logged – Council's Works Co-ordinator advised that works were being undertaken to make the road safe however this is only a temporary fix as it will need to be repaired under NDRRA works. Matter closed*

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

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

RESPONSE: *Dr Jenna Devietti advised that Council has completed temporary works. Matter closed*

- 3.12 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.

Currently looking into getting approvals to repair the damage.

RESPONSE: *Council is aware of the damage however as this is on a Main Road, Council is restricted by money provided by DTMR. Matter closed*

- 3.13 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.

Item to be carried.

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

- 3.14 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.

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

4. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Outward Correspondence

Nil

Incoming Correspondence

Nil

5. **GENERAL BUSINESS**


- 5.1 Confusion tourists are having regarding DTMR signs directing them from the highway south (TYTO) to Wallaman Falls.
- ACTION:** Mr Robert Giuliano (ECTO) met with Department of Transport and Main Roads [DTMR] to discuss. DTMR to investigate.
- 5.2 Committee advised that Council was successful in receiving funding under the 2014-15 Local Government Grants and Subsidies Program – Infrastructure Subsidy for the upgrade of existing non-compliant kerb crossings.
- 5.3 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”.
- ACTION:** Mr Dale Mackenzie to look into the possibility and provide something in writing to advise Council if this is possible.
- 5.4 Mr Robert Giuliano (ECTO) advised that a member of the public was booked by police for driving across the single line on McIlwraith Street to turn into the Council car park.
- ACTION:** Mr Geoff Bormann to advise other staff that this is allowed under current traffic rules.
- 5.5 Mr Robert Giuliano (ECTO) enquired if the Wilmar signs for cane rail crossings are now their responsibility to maintain as the contract is no longer with HSC. Mr Don Oswin and Mr John Kirchner of Wilmar Sugar advised that Wilmar are responsible for the maintenance of their signs. Council to advise if they find any signs which require maintenance.
- 5.6 Ms Alison Barlow advised that baby capsules are now to be fitted by Kidsafe and no longer Queensland Ambulance. Can go on their website to locate a local provider.
- 5.7 Ms Alison Barlow advised that DTMR were involved with the V8 Supercars Townsville 500 and the Brothers Leagues Club where they put on a road safety event.
- 5.8 Ms Alison Barlow advised that the first round of Road Safety Grants is now closed with 7 North Queensland applications being approved for funding including Hinchinbrook Shire Council's application for an advertising campaign to improve pedestrian safety by increasing use of high visibility clothing.
- 5.9 Ms Alison Barlow advised that DTMR's compliance manager has noticed while in the area that there are a lot of heavy vehicles on the road who have not obtained the appropriate permits. Contact details for TMR's Compliance Hotline in North Queensland is 1300 784 535 or visit <http://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/business-industry/Heavy-vehicles/National-heavy-vehicle-regulator.aspx>
- 5.10 Mr Luigi Cantoni advised concerns regarding a member of the public using a yellow mobility dangerously on the road and along the footpath.
- ACTION:** Queensland Police to continue to monitor. Matter closed
- 5.11 Mr Rick Quabba enquired why there are plastic barricade at Arnott Creek and why the speed limit is 60 km/hr. Mayor Rodger Bow advised that the bridge has been determined unsafe by DTMR and has been 60 km/hr for about 2 years and will remain until the bridge can be fixed.
- 5.12 Mr Rick Quabba requested a review of the traffic controllers being contracted for DTMR works as he believes the traffic controllers are being used on jobs where they are not needed. Dr Jenna Devietti (WE) advised that they must be used on jobs as it is a requirement.
- 5.13 Mr John Kirchner advised that they have had some issues with kids playing on cane train lines and motorists crossing train lines on flashing lights. Noted
- 5.14 Mr Lenny Toscano advised that the man hole located at the intersection of Townsville Road and Lannercost Street, Ingham, needs to be repaired.
- ACTION:** DTMR to investigate.

6. **NEXT MEETING**

The next HRSAC Meeting is scheduled at **10:30am** on **Thursday, 2 October 2014**, in Council Chambers.

7. **CLOSURE**

Meeting closed at **11.28am**



Mayor Rodger Bow
CHAIRPERSON