

HINCHINBROOK ROAD SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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MINUTES OF HINCHINBROOK ROAD SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 5 DECEMBER 2013

Meeting Opened: 10:33am on Thursday, 5 December 2013.

1. ATTENDANCE

Present were, Mayor Rodger Bow (Hinchinbrook Shire Council – HRSAC Chairperson), Ms Alison Barlow (Department of Transport & Main Roads – DTMR), Mr Geoff Boremann (Queensland Police Service - QPS), Dr Jenna Devietti (Works Engineer – WE), Mr Robert Giuliano (Hinchinbrook Shire Council – HSC), Mr Steven Marbelli (Canegrowers), Mr Rick Quabba (Queensland Mechanical Cane Harvesting Association – QMCHA), Ms Kirrily Low (HRSAC Secretary), Mr Jason Macpherson (Department of Transport & Main Roads – DTMR), Ms Nicole Smart (Department of Transport & Main Roads), Mr Luigi Cantoni (APSLINC Pensioners), Mr Donald Oswin (Wilmar Sugar Australia Limited), Mr Jeff Aitchinson (Hinchinbrook Traffic Control – HTC), Mr Frank Martino (Transnorth), Mr Frank Russo (Hinchinbrook Chamber of Commerce Industry & Tourism – HCCI&T).

APOLOGIES

An apology for non-attendance was received from: Mr Rick Buttler (Stone River Bus Service), Mr Robert Lyon (NQBE), Mr Lenny Toscano (Australia Post), Cr Patrick Lynch (Councillor)

2. CONFIRM MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING OF 2 OCTOBER 2013.

Minutes of meeting held on 2 October 2013, be approved as a correct record of proceedings.

Moved by: Mr Robert Giuliano (HSC) and Seconded by: Mr Luigi Cantoni (ASPSLINC)

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES – 2 OCTOBER 2013.

- 3.1 Mr Ricky Quabba (QMCHA) raised concerns regarding tracked cane harvesters driving long distances along public roads.

Mayor Rodger Bow (HRSAC Chairperson) advised that he had photos of a tracked cane harvester driving along a public road.

Mayor Rodger Bow (HRSAC Chairperson) to send the photos to Mr Steven Marbelli (Canegrowers). Mr Steven Marbelli (Canegrowers) to place photos in the next canegrowers newsletter to advise the safety concerns.

Mr Steven Marbelli (Canegrowers) advised that an email has gone out to the cane harvester operators and the contractor at fault in this particular incident had been advised.

Item to be left open to be discussed at next meeting.

ACTION: *Item Completed*

- 3.2 Mr Steven Marbelli (QMCHA) advising that the shoulders on newly sealed roads are too steep. For example, Cragg Road, Toobanna.

Mr Steven Marbelli (Canegrowers) to provide road names to Dr Jenna Devietti (WE). Dr Jenna Devietti (WE) to look into.

Item still yet to be addressed. Mr Steven Marbelli (Canegrowers) to provide road names to Dr Jenna Devietti (WE). [Item 4 – Incoming and Outgoing Correspondence]

ACTION: *Item Completed*

- 3.3 Mr Robert Giuliano (ECTO) advised that the low dip located on a sweeping corner along Abergowrie Road between rural road number 2815 and 3026 on the inside lane travelling towards Abergowrie is getting worse.

Dr Jenna Devietti (WE) to advise Maintenance Supervisor however as investigated once before, repair will depend on funding from DTMR as part of RMPC.

ACTION: *Dr Jenna Devietti advised that Council will continue to monitor and upon allocation of money*

from DTMR, Council will undertake works through the Road Maintenance Performance Contract [RMPC]

- 3.4 Mr Robert Lyon (NQBE) advising that there are deep pot holes located just past Gowrie Creek bridge, Abergowrie, heading towards Ingham.

Ms Kirrily Low (HRSAC Secretary) to log a Works Request.

ACTION: *Works have since been carried out. Item completed.*

- 3.5 Mr Luigi Cantoni advised that the trees located on the corner of Perkins and Abergowrie Road is blocking visibility of traffic coming along Abergowrie Road. Traffic turning onto Abergowrie Road has to pull right out to be able to see if there is any on coming traffic.

Dr Jenna Devietti (WE) advised that as the trees are on private property, Council can't force the land owner to remove them however can encourage them to remove them or trim them back.

Dr Jenna Devietti (WE) to undertake inspection of the intersection.

ACTION: *Trees have been trimmed and the current hold line will be relocated in the coming weeks. Item completed*

- 3.6 Mr Don Oswin (Wilmar) requesting status of the proposed removal of the two big trees located on Victoria Mill Road which are currently blocking visibility to traffic.

Mr Jason Macpherson (DTMR) to investigate.

ACTION: *Item to be carried over. DTMR currently looking into detail what will happen with flood water flow if the trees were to be removed.*

- 3.7 Mr Lenny Toscano (Australia Post) advising the current situation with the houses located in the Abergowrie Township along Abergowrie Road having Street numbers rather than Rural numbers. If a resident were to phone emergency services and advise their address, it is unclear to the emergency services of where their residence is situated for e.g. 21 Abergowrie Road, Abergowrie, is a street number but emergency services may think this is a rural number and be looking just outside Trebonne where Abergowrie Road rural numbering starts.

Dr Jenna Devietti (WE) to take comments to Technical Support for consideration in changing the numbers to rural numbers.

ACTION: *Item to be carried over.*

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Outward Correspondence

- Mr Steven Marbelli [Canegrowers] – Roads deemed unsafe for sugar cane transportation [Doc # 13/21519] [Item 3.2]

Incoming Correspondence

- Mr Steven Marbelli [Canegrowers] – Roads deemed unsafe for sugar cane transportation. [Doc # 13/20648] [Item 3.2]

ACTION: *Item completed with item 4 Outwards Correspondence.*

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

Moved by: Mr Frank Russo (HCCI&T)

Seconded by: Mr Luigi Cantoni (ASPSLINC)

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

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

ACTION: *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.*

- 5.2 Mayor Rodger Bow advised that at the most recent Round Table meeting, the public raised concerns regarding Cartwright Street intersection near the old IGA, with vehicles performing U turns and would like something to be done to prevent this from happening.

ACTION: *Correspondence to be sent to DTMR for them to follow up on the issue.*

- 5.3 Ricky Quabba advised that the railway crossing on Lynn Street is missing some asphalt.

ACTION: *Don Oswin to follow up.*

- 5.4 Allison Barlow advised of Road law changes and handed out information on the new laws.

- 5.5 Allison Barlow advised that the first round of Road Safety Grants have been received and approximately 12 - 13 have been approved. Notice of the next round is due to be sent at the start of February 2014.

ACTION: *Allison Barlow to find out if Council can apply directly without supporting partners.*

- 5.6 Luigi Cantoni advised that a pensioner on a mobile scooter has been driving around the local Woolworths recklessly and has been reported to have driven over a member of the public's foot. Luigi advised that the pensioner should be parking the scooter and getting off it as he is able to walk. Luigi has advised that he has spoken to him numerous times but doesn't seem to listen. Luigi requested that someone with Authority to have a chat to him.

RESPONSE: *It was noted that there is no way of enforcement while he is on private property, only the owners can address the problem.*

- 5.7 Jason Macpherson advised that this will be his last HRSAC meeting as he will be leaving DTMR to take up work with Harrison Grierson. Denise from DTMR will be attending the HRSAC meetings in Jason's place.

- 5.8 Allison Barlow thanked Council for works carried out on Eleanor Street as part of the TIDS program.

- 5.9 Frank Martino requested more Police presence near Victoria Plantation in the New Year due to a number of people speeding during School pick up times. Item was noted by Geoff Boremann.

- 5.10 Jeff Aitchinson reported that he believes that the traffic controllers controlling the traffic at the Bemerside Road Main Road works are not doing an adequate job. Item Noted

ACTION: *Jason Macpherson to advise DTMR to speak to the project managers of the works.*

- 5.11 Mayor Rodger Bow advised that the speed review for Ingham had not yet been completed.

ACTION: *Jason Macpherson to follow up.*

NEXT MEETING

The next HRSAC Meeting is scheduled at 10:30am on Wednesday, 5 February 2014, at Council Chambers.

6. **CLOSURE** Meeting closed at 11:35am.



Mayor Rodger Bow
CHAIRPERSON