

HINCHINBROOK ROAD SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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MEETING MINUTES – 5 DECEMBER

Meeting Opened: **10.30am**

1. ATTENDANCE

Jeff Aitchinson (Hinchinbrook Traffic Control)
Ricky Butler (Stone River Bus Service)
Don Auld (Queensland Police Service)
Michelle Galipo (Wilmar Sugar Australia Limited)
Robert Giuliano (Hinchinbrook Shire Council)
Mayor Ramon Jayo (Hinchinbrook Shire Council)
Kevin Riseley (Department of Transport and Main Roads)
James Stewart (Hinchinbrook Shire Council)
Rod Taylor (Wilmar Sugar Australia Limited)
Kyle Thomson (HRSAC Secretary)
Paul Marbelli (Canegrowers)
John Tantalo (Queensland Police Service)

APOLOGIES

Jason McPherson (Department of Transport and Main Roads)
Geoff Bormann (Queensland Police Service)
Rodger Bow (State Emergency Services)
Robert Milne (Hinchinbrook Shire Council)
Frank Martino (Transnorth Bus Service)
Jenna Devietti (Hinchinbrook Shire Council)

2. CONFIRM MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING OF 3 OCTOBER 2018

Meeting held on 3 October 2018, be approved as a correct record of proceedings.

Moved by: Robert Giuliano

Seconded by: Paul Marbelli

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES – 3 OCTOBER 2018

3.1 Communication between Transport and Main Roads and Hinchinbrook Shire Council and priority listing of jobs.

Mr James Stewart provided a brief update on interactions with DTMR

Nothing Further.

3.1.1 Mayor Ramon Jayo and Mr James Stewart to make a submission regarding changing Abergowrie Road from a critical road to a major road.

Canegrowers organisation attended a meeting in Brisbane to address the situation. It was advised the Report is still in the hands of DTMR.

Undergoing further investigation

Awaiting DTMR response

It was advised that Mr James Stewart has met with the Department of Transport and Main Road's (DTMR) District Director and advised that DTMR is considering the change. Mr James Stewart to investigate further.

The Department of Transport and Main roads (DTMR) are currently in discussions with Hinchinbrook Mayor, Ramon Jayo. DTMR are considering various submissions including a proposal, which consists of keeping the roads critical status during peak traffic hours and then the road switching back to major status during non-peak periods.

No further progress has been made on this matter.

ACTION: *Awaiting a response from DTMR on the matter.*

3.2 Mr Ricky Butler raised concerns with hedge height on property (Alan Quagliotto) near train line on corner of Neame Street and Gedge Street as it is blocking visibility.

Meeting between Council's Works Engineer and resident was held to discuss the information in the Technical Memorandum provided by Langtree Consulting. The Technical Memorandum mentioned that an alternative solution would be to change the give way sign at the railway crossing to a stop sign. It was recommended by the committee that a letter be written to Wilmar requesting this change.

ACTION: *HRSAC to write to Wilmar requesting a change of configuration to the railway crossing.*

3.3 Dr Jenna Devietti requested an update from Mr Don Oswin regarding advice from Council in relation to the pavement marking requirement adjacent to the road crossing on Morleys Road which needs to be undertaken by Wilmar in accordance with the Rail Crossing Agreement

At the meeting it was discussed that Michelle Galipo had tried to organise Council to undertake the works however the matter had not been resolved and was uncertain how to progress.

James Stewart suggested that the matter is taken off line and a direct face to face meeting with Works Engineer Jenna Devietti and Michelle is scheduled after the meeting to resolve the matter completely.

ACTION: *HRSAC Secretary to schedule meeting between HSC Works Engineer Jenna Devietti and Wilmar Michelle Galipo.*

3.4 Mr Bob Milne has made mentioned that concerns were raised regarding the roughness of the road on the approach to the Trebonne railway line. It was identified that no maintenance issues could be found. Mr Bob Milne advised the area was resealed around 3 years ago with a recent derailment at this location resulting in the pavement having to be patched in places.

DTMR representative advised there is a current TMR and Wilmar Cane Rail Corridor Agreement and Cost Sharing Matrix for the Ingham District and provided a basic overview.

The Wilmar representative advised they had conducted a preliminary investigation of the concrete crossing and stated they believed there is no taper of the concrete on the crossing.

The chair asked in relation to the cane rail crossings and roughness reported (mainly in context of Ufers Rd) whether TMR considered it to be a safety issue. DTMR advised the deflection experienced at this cane rail crossing does not cause a vehicle to deviate from its path.

It is therefore not a safety issue in its current condition.

Matter Closed.

3.5 Mayor Ramon Jayo informed of discussions held with Peter Sheedy (Canegrowers). Issue of concern is road condition between Ashton Hotel and Scotts Road (McKell siding).

The Road Safety Audit report has been completed. This has now been referred to the Principal Engineer (Civil) for endorsement. Mr Kevin Riseley advised HSC to request information in relation to the road safety audit report to the district director.

Mr Kevin Riseley has advised Council is required to formally request for a copy of the Road Safety Audit Report from District Director, Mr Stephen Mallows.

HRSAC Secretary to submit a letter to Mr Mallows and request a copy of the report.

Letter from DTMR providing the Road Safety Report has not been received as at the 5 December 2018

ACTION: *Stephen Mallows [Department of Transport and Main Roads] – Letter to the District Director requesting Road Safety Audit Report for Abergowrie Road. [Item 3.5]*

3.6 Mr Vincenzo Vitale has brought forward a concern he has with the inappropriate use of Vitale Road to access the Bruce Highway North. It was mentioned that drivers in the area have been using Vitale Road and Fulton Drive as a raceway to see who can make it back into town the quickest. He has also witnessed people pulling out in front of trucks and wishes for the road to be blocked on one end (Bruce Highway Side).

DTMR advised the investigation revealed there were only three (3) captured movements of concern – 8.5% of the total movements recorded. One (1) Right Out movement and two (2) Right In movements out of a total of thirty five (35) movements captured. I note these movements, although unlawful (double barrier lines) did not appear to involve any near miss situations.

A recommendation to take no further action at this time was made by Traffic Engineering Section. The District Director agreed with this recommendation and the matter has now been closed.

Matter Closed.

3.7 Mr Gio Tantalo put forward a request for the Department of Transport and Main Roads to install flood height indicators at the Halifax Lagoons between Paravicinis Road and Vellas Road. Additionally another site at the western side of Halifax Bridge between the bridge and Morleys Road, commonly known as Castorina's Lagoon.

Kevin advised that the flood marker on the RHS has been knocked over at Castorinas Lagoon and the area between Parravacinis and Vellas Roads needs inspecting. There are criteria for the planning and design of floodways, and initial indications show it is a road, not a floodway. To change it to a floodway would require an upgrade to current standards. Kevin will investigate further, including budget and funding provisions and report findings to next HRSAC meeting.

The location on the western side (Castorinas Lagoon) where the flood marker has been knocked over requires replacement. It was identified that a flood way sign is required in the area. However the second site has been looked at and will be needed to be referred to design to investigate and reviewed in the near future.

Mr Kevin Riseley to update the committee in relation to the Halifax lagoon floodway proposal (subsequent to design review)

Mr Bob Milne has made mention that through the RMPC Maintenance process; the replacement of new sign's in the area has been scheduled.

Mr Bob Milne to report back to the committee once works have been completed.

DTMR advised in relation to Halifax Lagoons (between Paravicinis and Vellas Roads) CH: 2.695 this has been referred to Design section for a preliminary review.

The review is ongoing.

3.8 Water at Mombelli's (Halifax Washaway) – Cr Wally Skinner

Mr Kevin Riseley has mentioned that sources of funding are being investigated to either re instate the culvert or identify other solutions. Mr Bob Milne mentioned that discussions regarding a proposed solution which involved the installation of a pipe through the levy bank to drain the water that is held in the swamp area located between the river and road. Mr James Stewart mentioned that discussions were held with Main Roads and design is looking at the culvert to be reinstalled.

To be carried.

James Stewart advised the committee as a result of higher level meetings with TMR there has been discussion between both parties about rectification. Works has been scheduled and the matter is now considered closed.

Matter Closed.

3.9 Terms of Reference – Hinchinbrook Road Safety Advisory Committee

This is on hold - the meeting noted that all Council Terms of Reference are currently under review by the CEO.

3.10 Request to reduce speed within the Macknade township

Letter of correspondence was sent out to Mr Sam Zullo advising him of the outcomes to be undertaken.

Council's Design Department to undertake procurement to engage a suitable consultant to undertake the review.

The meeting noted that the EMISD attended the speed review with Langtree Consulting. After reviewing the traffic count data, it is believed that the data warrants the speed to be reduced from 60km/h to 50km/h. Report to be finalised and presented to Council.

3.11 Mr Frank Martino wishes to raise again the visibility concerns at the Gedge Street intersection due to shipping container and cars parked at Doc's Auto Clinic.

There was discussion again on the location of the shipping container and whether or not it was within private property.

ACTION: HSC to confirm exact location of the shipping container in terms of the property boundary.

3.12 Mr John Tantalo raised concerns regarding the lack of lightning for the intersection of Dungeness Road and Wharf Road. It was noted that two recent incident reports have been provided to QPS in relation to this concern raised.

Council to investigate tenure of road to the jetty and existing lightning at this location.

Council officers have identified that the land is owned by the Port of Townsville and is not a Council road. Mr Bob Milne has mentioned that he has spoken to Ergon Energy, in which they have said they will get back to him with pricing for additional lighting.

To be left on the agenda.

No further progress.

ACTION: *HRSAC Secretary to follow up on price of additional lighting.*

3.13 Safety Concerns at the Intersection of Four Mile Road and Eddleston Drive, Cordelia.

Correspondence was received by Mr Gio Tantalo from the Halifax Police Station in relation to safety concerns at the intersection of Four Mile Road and Eddleston Drive, Cordelia. It is believed that Mr Tantalo is requesting for a stop sign instead of the current give way configuration to allow sufficient time for vehicles to stop and make clear judgement on any traffic in the area.

Mr Kevin Riseley has advised that the sight distance is in accordance with the MUTCD, which doesn't warrant for the give way sign to be replaced with a stop sign.

Correspondence to be sent to Mr Tantalo advising him of the outcome.

ACTION: *John Tantalo [Queensland Police Service] – Correspondence in relation to his matter raised regarding safety concerns at the intersection of Four Mile Road and Eddleston Drive, Cordelia [Item 3.13]*

Matter Closed.

3.14 Concerns regarding the use of engine braking within the Halifax area.

Correspondence has been received by Mr Gio Tantalo from the Halifax Police Station in relation to complaints about heavy vehicles once entering the 60 km/h zone at the Halifax Bridge, driver utilise engine braking which is disturbing the residents of Halifax.

Mr Kevin Riseley identified that the concern raised falls out of the scope for a road safety advisory meeting. The committee agrees that this should be referred to DTMR through the Hinchinbrook Shire Council.

Hinchinbrook Shire Council to refer the matter to DTMR for further action and comment.

DTMR has responded to Mr John Tantalo and the matter is being investigated outside the HRSAC.

Matter Closed.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Outward Correspondence

- John Tantalo [Queensland Police Service] – Correspondence in relation to his matter raised regarding safety concerns at the intersection of Four Mile Road and Eddleston Drive, Cordelia [Item 3.11]
- Stephen Mallows [Department of Transport and Main Roads] – Letter to the District Director requesting Road Safety Audit Report for Abergowrie Road. [Item 3.5]

Incoming Correspondence

- No Incoming Correspondence has been received.

ACTION: *All correspondence be received and noted.*

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

Moved by: Robert Giuliano

Seconded by: Ricky Butler

5. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

5.1 **Wallis Street Speeding Concern**

It was raised by a concerned resident, that there are a number of vehicles that seem to be speeding along Wallis Street, Trebonne.

It was discussed and agreed that Council check recent Traffic Count Data. QPS have been notified and there may be an option to deploy the Multi Message Board.

ACTION: *HRSAC Secretary to find details of the resident and notify them of the outcome.*

5.2 **Concerns of High Speeding Numbers at Cartwright Street, Ingham (Ingham Agencies)**

QPS had advised that a report has indicated that Ingham holds one of the highest recorded speeding numbers for Northern Queensland.

Local QPS have asked if speed activated R4-1 LED Warning Signs could be installed along this stretch of road (CH: 0.000 – CH: 1.278) due to high crash rates and speeding vehicles travelling in both inbound and outbound directions.

ACTION: *DTMR advised a preliminary investigation into crash, speed and AADT data would be conducted and reviewed against warrants.*

5.3 **Review of 50km/h zone in front of Canossa School.**

Committee member requested the 50km/hr speed zone in front of the Canossa School be reviewed with a view of removing. It was advised this school has been closed for the past three (3) years and the speed zone may not be relevant.

ACTION: *DTMR advised a preliminary investigation would be conducted.*

5.4 **School Time Zones for Trebonne State School**

Committee member queried existing 40km/hr school zone signage at the Trebonne State School that displayed the school zone times 7-9am & 2-4pm.

He stated every other school zone in the LGA had school zone times of 8-9:30am & 2:30-3:30pm. DTMR advised that all schools in the Hinchinbrook LGA should all be displaying the same time (i.e. 8-9:30am & 2:30-3:30pm) on all school zone signs.

ACTION: *DTMR advised a preliminary investigation would be conducted.*

5.5 **Safety Concern on Sir Arthur Fadden Parade**

Concern resident has again raised his concerns in relation to safety along Sir Arthur Fadden Parade. The meeting noted that QPS is aware and have increased resources for the area. The committee agree that Council could deploy the multi message board to try and deter motorists from speeding.

ACTION: *HRSAC Secretary to organised Sir Arthur Fadden Parade to be scheduled in for the multi message board.*

5.6 **Safety Concern at the Intersection of Mount Gardiner Road and the Bruce Highway**

A resident from Mount Gardiner Road has raised concerns in relation to the current configuration of the said intersection. The resident has asked if the give way sign can be changed to a stop sign, as traffic is not stopping at the give way sign. He has witnessed two close calls at this intersection.

The matter is required to be investigated by DTMR reps to determine if the intersection is in accordance with the MUTCD.

5.7 **Review of Bus Shelter along Stone River Road**

Resident has raised concerns relating to the bus shelter located along Stone River Road. It was mentioned that the bus shelter has little visibility of road traffic and the resident is concerns for his daughter's safety. He has asked if the bus shelter could be relocated or a tree nearby be remove to improve sight distances.

Committee member has advised that the resident will be required to formally request the bus shelter audit committee to review and make a decision.

ACTION: *HRSAC Secretary to advised Council's Maintenance Supervisor of the outcome.*

5.8 Cane Harvester Roll Overs

EMISD questioned QPS and Canegrowers to see if any harvester roll overs occurred during the season. It was indicated that no real issues had been reported.

Matter Closed.

5.9 Request to Trim Mango Tree on Ufers Road

Canegrowers Representative has requested Council trim the mango tree along Ufers Road

ACTION: *HRSAC Secretary to process through the Hinchinbrook Shire Council.*

6. NEXT MEETING

The next HRSAC Meeting is scheduled at **10:30am on Wednesday, 6 February 2019**, in the Council Chambers

7. CLOSURE

Meeting closed at: 12.05pm



Mr Roger Bow
DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON