

HINCHINBROOK ROAD SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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MINUTES OF HINCHINBROOK ROAD SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 7 FEBRUARY 2018

Meeting Opened: 10.30am on Wednesday, 7 February 2018.

1. ATTENDANCE

Present were: Mr Rodger Bow (State Emergency Services - HRSAC Deputy Chairperson), Mr James Stewart (HSC Executive Manager Infrastructure Services Delivery – EMISD), Dr Jenna Devietti (HSC Works Engineer – WE), Mr Robert Giuliano (HSC Engineering Compliance and Technical Officer – ECTO), Mr Kyle Thomson (HRSAC Secretary), Mr Geoff Bormann (Queensland Police Service – QPS), Mr Rick Butler (Stone River Bus Service), Mr Paul Marbelli (Canegrowers), Mr Frank Martino (Transnorth Bus Services), Ms Sheley Millns (Queensland Police Service – QPS), Mr Ricky Quabba (Queensland Mechanical Cane Harvesting Association – QMCHA), Cr Wally Skinner (HSC Councillor), Mr John Tantalo (Queensland Police Service – QPS), Ms Gail Clarke (Department of Transport and Main Roads – DTMR).

APOLOGIES

An apology for non-attendance was received from: Mayor Ramon Jayo (Hinchinbrook Shire Council – HRSAC Chairperson), Mr Don Oswin (Wilmar Sugar Pty Ltd), Mr Kevin Riseley (Department of Transport and Main Roads – DTMR).

2. CONFIRM MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING OF 6 DECEMBER 2017

Meeting held on 6 December 2017, be approved as a correct record of proceedings.

Moved by: Dr Jenna Devietti

Seconded by: Mr Robert Giuliano

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES – 6 DECEMBER 2017

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

Mr James Stewart to compile a prioritised list of areas of concern which need attention and forward onto Denise.

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

ACTION: 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.

3.1.2 Ricky Butler raised drainage issue on Rows Corner on Stone River Road.

Mr Kevin Riseley to investigate drainage issue on Rows Corner on Stone River Road.

Mr Bob Milne made mention about the owner of the land (on the opposing side of the road from the cane rail line) having laser levelled his property and could be causing the water to back up and pool around the culverts. Kevin Riseley to investigate further.

ACTION: Mr Ricky Butler has advised that he wishes this be taken off the agenda as observations during the last rain events indicate this drainage is working as effectively as possible.

3.2 Mr Frank Martino raised concerns that the flashing lights for the QR cane rail crossing on McIlwraith Street are too low and hard to see in a high vehicle.

HRSAC Secretary to send correspondence to QR to enquire if the lights are to standard.

Correspondence was sent. No response has been received to date. Item to be carried.

Dr Jenna Devietti to follow up response from QR.

Dr Jenna Devietti to follow up response from QR. HRSAC Secretary to write a letter to support this.

ACTION: *Chris Keye, Acting Executive General Manager Network [Queensland Rail] – Correspondence to HRSAC Letter sent to Queensland Rail regarding the lights at the crossing located on McIlwraith Street, Ingham. [Item 3.2]*

Matter Closed.

3.3 Mr Robert Milne questioned if the linemarking at Wilmar Sugar Australia Ltd crossings are to standard.

Mr Don Oswin to investigate.

Mr Don Oswin advised that he had checked with the appropriate Wilmar Staff regarding the linemarking and they have advised that they are to standard.

Mr Robert Milne requested for Mr Don Oswin to investigate the hold bar located on the intersection of Venables Crossing Road and Lannercost Extension Road.

Dr Jenna Devietti to provide a copy of MUTCD extract for pavement markings to Mr Don Oswin for his review as existing hold bar lines are not to standard.

Mr Don Oswin has informed the Safety Committee that negotiations and prices have been discussed with Council to undertake the works on behalf of Wilmar. Work will need to progress in due course to allow this matter to be resolved.

Wilmar Pty Ltd has undertaken private works through Council to do line marking works.

ACTION: *Dr Jenna Devietti has advised that the works have been scheduled for February 2018 in which a Road Corridor Permit had to be applied for.*

3.4 Cr Wallis Skinner raised visibility concerns at the intersection of Beeva Road and Abergowrie Road.

Dr Jenna Devietti advised that Council had applied through black spot funding improve visibility however it didn't get approved.

Mr Kevin Riseley to investigate.

Mr Kevin Riseley inspected the concern and advised that the land owner's cane is currently encroaching the road reserve therefore the concern has been referred to TMR's Corridor Management to get in touch with the land owner.

Mr Kevin Riseley advised that there is an existing agreement with the State Government and the landowner that dates a long way back. The matter has been sent to the Department Natural Resources and Mines (DNRM) and DTMR is awaiting advice.

Mr Kevin Riseley has advised that corridor management has contacted the Department of Natural Resources and Mines (DNRM). DNRM has since provided a lease for the subject area in which Mr Kevin Riseley hopes to have everything signed off by the next meeting held on 6 December 2017.

Negotiations are underway between the landowner and DNRM

ACTION: *Mr Kevin Riseley was absent at the meeting. No further update could be provided.*

3.5 Mr Don Oswin advising that the Noorla Heritage Resort has planted trees within their property on Neame Street side as well as Warren Street side which are currently blocking visibility of Wilmar's rail crossing signage.

Dr Jenna Devietti to raise the concern with Council's Environmental Health Department.

This matter was raised with Council's Environmental Health Department and is ongoing.

Mr James Stewart has addressed the situation and is since waiting for a response. Mr Don Oswin advised that the cane season is almost over, so it would be beneficial to action this sooner rather than later. Matter is still ongoing.

Mr James Stewart has instructed the Works Manager to remove the vegetation from the footpath. The trees have been cleared to a sufficient road safety aspect.

ACTION: *Mr James Stewart has advised the trees have not been removed and has been passed on to Council's Works Department to remove.*

3.6 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.

HRSAC Secretary to send correspondence to property owner requesting hedge to be trimmed.

Correspondence was sent to Alan Quagliotto dated on 31 August 2017. [Item 4 – Outwards Correspondence]

Alan Quagliotto has since taken action and trimmed his hedge but it was advised by Mr Ricky Butler that the works were not sufficient enough. Dr Jenna Devietti and Mr Don Oswin will approach Alan to resolve the matter.

No further action has been taken. Dr Jenna Devietti and Mr Don Oswin to approach Alan to resolve the matter.

ACTION: *No further action has been taken.*

3.7 Mr John Tantalo raised concerns regarding the intersection width and lighting at the intersection of Keast Street and Ferrero Street, Lucinda. This intersection also contains a cane tram level crossing accessing the port shunting yards.

Hinchinbrook Shire Council to confirm whether lighting is working at this location and provide outcomes to DTMR

Hinchinbrook Shire Council confirmed prior to the meeting the lighting is working at this location. DTMR following receiving of AADT information from HSC for Ferrero Street conducted a review of lighting requirements and advised 'No Lighting or Flag Lighting' was the result of the assessment. Request by HSC for Mr Kevin Riseley to email through the investigation findings.

ACTION: *Mr Kevin Riseley was absent at the meeting. No further update could be provided.*

3.8 Paul Marbelli has received a complaint regarding the concrete causeway located along the Bruce Highway near the Gairloch turnoff that the bitumen on approach has sunken but the causeway has not causing it to be bumpy when travelling along that road.

Noted. Mr Kevin Riseley to investigate.

Mr Kevin Riseley has investigated and found that the centre causeway is noticeable and the situation has been reported to maintenance to fix

ACTION: *Mr Kevin Riseley was absent at the meeting. No further update could be provided.*

3.9 Ricky Quabba advised that issues were raised with a molasses truck having to take a wide turn at the intersection at Cartwright Street and Herbert Street and proceeding to drive along the parking bays to avoid hitting other vehicles. He suggested that we take out the parking bays to allow B Double trucks to utilise that space to turn. Dr Jenna Devietti advised that this was not a B Double route and molasses trucks should not be travelling along this road. It was also suggested that taking out the carparks would not be favourable with the members of the public.

Further investigation has been undertaken which has found that Cartwright Street is a B-double route and therefore QUBE's is permitted to travel on this section of road. Given this information, an investigation is now required for the intersection of Cartwright/Herbert Street as it appears that this intersection is inadequate for B-double travel paths. Mr Kevin Riseley to further investigate.

ACTION: *Mr Kevin Riseley was absent at the meeting. No further update could be provided.*

3.10 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

Mr Don Oswin to confirm Michelle Galipo is investigating.

Dr Jenna Devietti is yet to hear a response.

ACTION: *Dr Jenna Devietti is yet to hear a response. HRSAC Secretary to send a letter of response to reiterate that works are required at this location.*

3.11 A concern was passed on by Mr Don Oswin to Dr Jenna Devietti regarding a water ponding issue at the intersection of Pumping Station Rd and Fairford Rd. Mr Don Oswin stated that the issue could cause a vehicle to hydroplane.

Mr Bob Milne to Investigate.

ACTION: *Mr Bob Milne was absent at the meeting. No further update could be provided.*

- 3.12 It was identified that the need for a 'No Right Turn' sign should be placed at both exits to Herbert Street, Ingham adjacent to McDonald's to stop people from driving down the wrong side of the road.

Mr Kevin Riseley advised when in the process of investigating the existing levels of R2-2 signage along Herbert St previously, the Mc Donald's carpark entry and exit configuration was found to not be in accordance with the original DA. Mr Kevin Riseley advised this was referred to TMR Corridor Management with a suggestion to line mark the southern exit with a left turn direction arrow (on the Mc Donald's driveway) which may help with resolution of the issue.

ACTION: *Mr Kevin Riseley was absent at the meeting. No further update could be provided.*

- 3.13 Mr Micheal Pisano has made mention that there are some concerns regarding a water ponding issue on the intersection of Sunnybank Rd and Renouf Rd. It was identified that the road corner has depression in the road, causing the water to pond.

HRSAC Secretary to put through Works Request.

ACTION: *Works request has been put through. Maintenance has been scheduled.*

- 3.14 Mr Micheal Pisano raised concerns regarding the lack of flashing school speed zone signage located around Victoria Plantation State School and that Mr Pisano would like some flashing signage erected. Main roads representative, Gail Clarke made mentioned that the volume of traffic is not sufficient enough to upgrade the area.

Ms Gail Clarke to put through a request and come back with a response.

ACTION: *Gail Clarke has received a response from the Department of Transport and Main Roads (DTMR) which stated at this current time no school zone upgrades will be made, however DTMR may consider room for further development in the future.*

- 3.15 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.

HRSAC Secretary to write a letter to the Department of Transport and Wilmar Sugar Pty Ltd.

ACTION: *Stephen Mallows [Department of Transport and Main Road] – Roughness of Trebonne Railway. [Item 3.15]*

- 3.16 Mr Ricky Quabba has made mention that he has had a near miss while merging lanes travelling north on Halifax Rd. Mr Quabba has asked if the Department of Transport could put a sign that states "Merge Left" instead of the existing signage that states "Form One Lane".

Kevin Riseley to investigate further, but it was identified by Queensland Police representative and majority of the Hinchinbrook Road Safety Advisory Committee (HRSAC) members that the incident occurred due to lack of knowledge of the road rules when merging.

ACTION: *Mr Kevin Riseley was absent at the meeting. No further update could be provided.*

- 3.17 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).

Discussions were held surrounding the actual location of the area of concern.

Mr Paul Marbelli to find out more information and report back.

Mr Paul Marbelli advised that Mr Peter Sheedy was to get in contact with Council to discuss the matter.

Mr Paul Marbelli to provide further details to Dr Jenna Devietti regarding the location.

Dr Jenna Devietti advised that she had not received any further details from Mr Paul Marbelli.

Council has provided a video to DTMR highlighting the concern. Mr Kevin Riseley will proceed with investigation.

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).

Mr Kevin Riseley to investigate.

DTMR has responded to the situation and has stated that harvester drivers are of fault. Letter of response was provided to Council.

Copy of response to be forwarded to Canegrowers for their information.

ACTION: *It was recorded in the meeting that the Canegrowers Organisation and Transnorth are not happy with the response provided by the Department of Transport and Main Roads (DTMR). It was mentioned that Canegrowers and Transnorth should provide a letter of response to Council. HRSAC Secretary to send response to Transnorth and Mr Rodger Bow.*

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Outward Correspondence

- Paul Marbelli and Steve Marbelli, [Canegrowers] – Copy of DTMR correspondence sent to Canegrowers
- Stephen Mallows [Department of Transport and Main Road] – Roughness of Trebonne Railway. [Item 3.15]
- Don Oswin [Wilmar Sugar Pty Ltd] – Roughness of Trebonne Railway. [Item 3.15]
- Sam Zullo [Member of the Public] – Acknowledgement of his concerns raised regarding Morley's Corner. [Item 3.10]

Incoming Correspondence

- Chris Keye, Acting Executive General Manager Network [Queensland Rail] – Correspondence to HRSAC Letter sent to Queensland Rail regarding the lights at the crossing located on McIlwraith Street, Ingham. [3.2]
- John Tantalo, Officer in Charge [Halifax Police Station] – Request to review speed limit on John Dory Street, Taylors Beach.
- Gloria Rotondo, Administration [Brescianini Motor] – Email raising various concerns for discussions.

ACTION: *All incoming correspondence was received and noted.*

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

Moved by: *Dr Jenna Devietti*

Seconded by: *Mr Robert Giuliano*

5 GENERAL BUSINESS

- 5.1 Mr John Tantalo has brought forward a request he has received from a member of the public for someone to review the speed limit of John Dory Street, Taylors Beach. It was mentioned that the concern occupant feels that the cause of the speeding is due to the recent Road Widening Works Council has undertaken in the area.**

ACTION: *AADT (Traffic Count Data) was supplied by Council and provided to Mr John Tantalo for his review. The AADT provided couldn't warrant a reason to reduce the speed zone. It was suggested that Council's Multi Message Sign could be used to improve awareness and policing and enforcement of the location be undertaken.*

- 5.2 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 made 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 witness people pulling out in front of trucks and wishes for the road to be blocked on one end (Bruce Highway Side)**

ACTION: *It was mentioned that Mr Vince Vitale has been in contact with Queensland Police Officers regarding the situation. It was suggested amongst the committee members that the concerns should be forwarded on to Main Roads for their consideration. HRSAC Secretary to forward request on to DTMR.*

- 5.3 Mrs Gloria Rotondo has raised concerns regarding the Francis Street/Bruce Highway T Intersection. It was made mentioned that when giving away to oncoming traffic it is difficult to see if cars are parked in front of highpark building.**

ACTION: *Dr Jenna Devietti displayed the intersection in questions on Google Maps and it was found that at the intersection there is a give way and continuity line that road users can use to get better visibility of the intersection and oncoming traffic. It was discussed that certain road users are unaware of the functionality of the pavement marking. HRSAC Secretary to send a letter of response to Gloria regarding the outcome.*

- 5.4 Mr Ricky Butler has made mention that bus drivers are having trouble turning down Atkinson Street when leaving Gilroy due to cars parking along the street kerb, which has been indicated as a no park zone. Mr Ricky Butler has asked if the Committee could send a letter to inform the Principal of Gilroy of the situation and to see if it could be distributed throughout their preferred method. It was made mentioned that there is potential to install another “No Standing Sign” or bump stops to stop cars from parking.

ACTION: *HRSAC Secretary to advise the principal of Gilroy of the situation.*

- 5.5 Mr Frank Martino raised concerns regarding the line marking in front of the Post Office. Mr Geoff Bormann supported his concern advising that the line marking should have had been in conjunction with an Education Campaign. Mr Geoff Bormann and the Herbert River Express have discussed with the Department of Transport and Main Roads to do up diagrams to educate locals of the rules. Educational Information will be issued in the Herbert River Express.

ACTION: *The discussions held were noted. Mr Geoff Bormann to update on any future discussions that occur.*

Matter Closed.

- 5.6 Mr Ricky Butler questioned if the 80 sign at Toobanna is now necessary since the service roads have been added in.

ACTION: *HRSAC Secretary to email My Kevin Riseley of the Department of Transport and Main Roads (DTMR) to determine an outcome.*

- 5.7 Mr James Stewart advised that Gino Scovazzi has raised concerns regarding trucks air braking from 100 to 80 near the sign located along Fairford Road near Hamleigh Road and has requested that the 80 sign be moved further along.

ACTION: *The matter was determined to not be of a road safety concern. The issue is to be referred to the Department of Transport and Main Roads through the Hinchinbrook Shire Council.*

6 **NEXT MEETING**

The next HRSAC Meeting is scheduled at 10:30am on Wednesday, 4 April 2018, in the Council Chambers

7 **CLOSURE**

Meeting closed at: 11.50am



Mr Rodger Bow
DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON