

HINCHINBROOK ROAD SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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MEETING MINUTES– 27 MARCH

Meeting Opened:

1. ATTENDANCE

Mr Geoff Bormann – Queensland Police Service
Mr Roger Bow – State Emergency Services
Mr Rick Butler – Stone River Bus Service
Dr Jenna Devietti – Hinchinbrook Shire Council
Mrs Michelle Galipo – Wilmar Sugar Australia Limited
Mr Robert Giuliano – Hinchinbrook Shire Council
Mr Paul Marbelli – Canegrowers
Mr Frank Martino – Transnorth
Miss Sheley Millns – Queensland Police Service
Cr Wally Skinner – Hinchinbrook Shire Council
Mr James Stewart – Hinchinbrook Shire Council
Mr Kyle Thomson – HRSAC Secretary

APOLOGIES

Mayor Ramon Jayo – Hinchinbrook Shire Council
Mr Kevin Riseley – Department of Transport and Main Roads

2. CONFIRM MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING OF 4 DECEMBER 2018

Meeting held on 4 December 2018, be approved as a correct record of proceedings.

Moved by: Mr James Stewart

Seconded by: Mr Robert Giuliano

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES – 4 DECEMBER 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.

Awaiting a response from DTMR on the matter.

No further action has been taken on this agenda item. HRSAC still awaiting a response from DTMR.

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.

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

No further action has been taken.

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.

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

Council's Works Engineer, Jenna Devietti and Wilmar Rep Michelle Galipo met to discuss pavement marking requirements for Morley's Road. Council has provided Wilmar with a price. Wilmar Rep Michelle to pass onto Wilmar's Asset Management Team, however it is believed that the scope of works falls under capitals works and not maintenance. This will need to be reviewed by Wilmar, and then a letter to be written to Council indicating Wilmar's intentions.

Action: Wilmar to review price and write back to Council on the matter.

3.4 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.

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

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

No response has been received by DTMR. However DTMR Rep Kevin Riseley has advised that the Road Safety Audit Report has been reviewed by TMR. The audit did not find any section of road that had 'road camber and ride ability' issues as has been previously reported and the District Director now considers this matter closed. If this matter is still of concern TMR may consider other MUTCD related options.

3.5 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.

The Preliminary Design Review has progressed and advised flood depth markers can be recommended for installation at this location. A site visit is now pending to determine the types (G9-22-1A or G9-22-1B), number and locations (based upon March 2018 flood photograph provided in February 2019 by the Halifax QIC)

3.6 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.

Nothing further on this matter.

3.7 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.

At the DTMR Safer Roads Training Workshop that Council's Works Engineer, Jenna Devietti and Council's EMISD James Stewart attended last week, James said he learnt that speed reviews must be put to a formal Speed Review Committee before any change can be implemented. He was advised that there is currently no Speed Review Committee in North Queensland and HRSAC does not meet the requirements as a speed review committee. No further action can be taken on this until a speed review committee is formed.

3.8 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.

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

HSC visited the site and confirmed that the shipping container was within private property. Committee member made mention that the shipping container had been moved and was clear of any site restraints.

Action: To be taken off the agenda.

Matter Closed.

3.9 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.

HRSAC Secretary to follow up on price of additional lighting.

A request had been sent through to Ergon; however Council has not received a response. Council to follow up on price for additional lightning.

3.10 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.

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

HRSAC Secretary could not gather where the request came from. No further action has been taken on this one. HRSAC Secretary advised that Council is trying to implement a strategy to ensure the Multi Message Board is spread around evenly.

Action: HRSAC Secretary to implement strategy and deploy the message board to monitor Wallis Street.

3.11 Concerns of High Speeding Numbers on Halifax Road, Ingham

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.

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

No further update for this agenda item. DTMR Rep, Kevin Riseley to advise the committee at the next HRSAC Meeting.

3.12 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.

DTMR advised a preliminary investigation would be conducted.

DTMR Rep has investigated and found that the existing 50km/hr speed zone on 6141 Stone River Road between CH: 0.00 to CH: 0.300 is in agreement with the road environment. Following preliminary review TMR recommends no changes to the existing speed zone at this time.

Note: It is acknowledged the school closed some three (3) years ago, however the aged care facility is still in operation and that amongst other formal criteria was a consideration in the initial implementation of the 50km/hr speed zone.

This item is now considered closed. To be taken off the agenda.

Matter Closed.

3.13 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.

DTMR advised a preliminary investigation would be conducted.

DTMR Rep attended 6141 – Stone River Road at the Trebonne State School on 16 January 2019 and confirmed the issue raised. The signs appear to have been replaced recently and the new signs effective times are the standard default times 7-9am and 2-4pm, not 8-9am and 2.30-3.30pm as required in the Hinchinbrook LGA (and as was previously signed at this location)

This matter was referred to Maintenance for investigation and enquires have been made with the Hinchinbrook RMPC Coordinator. Matter on going.

3.14 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.

HRSAC Secretary to organise Sir Arthur Fadden Parade to be scheduled in for the multi message board.

No further action has been taken on this one. HRSAC Secretary advised that Council is trying to implement a strategy to ensure the Multi Message Board is spread around evenly.

Action: HRSAC Secretary to implement strategy and deploy the message board to monitor Sir Arthur Fadden Parade.

3.15 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 concerned for his daughter's safety. He has asked if the bus shelter could be relocated or a tree nearby be removed 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.

HRSAC Secretary to advise Council's Maintenance Supervisor of the outcome.

A Customer Request through the Hinchinbrook Shire Council had been raised for this one. HRSAC to follow up with Maintenance Supervisor for an update.

3.16 Request to Trim Mango Tree on Ufers Road

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

HRSAC Secretary to process through the Hinchinbrook Shire Council.

Council's Maintenance Supervisor advised that the site had been inspected and it is believed that the tree does not pose a threat to the operations of the road or railway network.

Matter Closed.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Outward Correspondence

Nil

Incoming Correspondence

Nil

Action: All correspondence be received and noted.

RESOLUTION: That the Correspondence report be accepted as read.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

5.1 Bus Pick Up Area Concerns – Hawkins Creek

Community member has raised concerns in relation to the bus pull up area on Hawkins Creek Road. The community member believes the state of the drop off area is such that the bus can no longer pull off the road because of the conditions and is forced to stop in the middle of the roadway to pick up kids. This was identified as being a dangerous place for the bus to stop, due to line of sight issues with trees and creek crossing. It was also mentioned that neighbouring property owner had performed drainage works in the vicinity, which was hindering the buses ability to pull off the road.

Action: The matter to be referred to Council's Compliance and Technical Officer for investigations.

5.2 Request to Re-grade Shoulders on Cooks Lane

HRSAC committee member had received a request from a member of the public, to re-grade shoulders on Cooks Lane (particularly as you pass Quarry Road) as it poses a great road safety concern.

Action: Request to be processed through Council's Customer Request Management (CRM) System.

Matter Closed.

5.3 Parking Concerns on Atkinson Street

HRSAC committee member had raised concerns in relation to an Ergon truck being parked adjacent to 10 Atkinson Street. It was mentioned that the truck is parked on the corner and tends to pose a danger to those turning onto Atkinson Street. The committee discussed that heavy vehicle can only remain stationary in road reserve for a period of one hour.

Action: Request to be processed through Council's Customer Request Management (CRM) System.

Matter Closed.

5.4 Water Ponding – Warren Street/Gardiner Street

HRSAC committee member had received a request from a member of the public in relation to water pooling at the northern end of Warren Street/Gardiner Street. It was mentioned in heavy rain fall events, the water can't get away. It was noted by Council's Works Engineer that these request should be put through to Council directly and doesn't have to wait for a road safety meeting.

Action: Request to be processed through Council's Customer Request Management (CRM) System.

Matter Closed.

5.5 Mangroves on the eastern side of Lucinda Road

HRSAC Committee member had raised that the mangroves on the eastern side of Lucinda Road is requiring a trim.

Action: To be processed through the Hinchinbrook Shire Council.

5.6 Pavement Failure – Log Creek Bridge to JK's Deli

HRSAC committee member wanted to make a note of the repeated pavement failure between Log Creek Bridge and JK's Deli.

Action: Council's Executive Manager ISD required to follow up with DTMR.

5.7 Flood Camera and Height Indicators

Council's Executive Manager ISD wanted to make a note of the proposed flood cameras to be installed at key hotspot areas. This will be used to monitor flood heights during flood periods. The cameras will have live feed and will be LDMG automated. It was noted that a river height gauge for Anabranche is required.

Action: Comments Noted.

Matter Closed.

6. NEXT MEETING

The next HRSAC Meeting is scheduled at **10:30am on Wednesday, 5 June 2019**, in the Council Chambers

7. CLOSURE

Meeting closed at: 11.57am



Mr Rodger Bow
DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON