

**FURNEAUX GROUP SHIPPING SPECIAL COMMITTEE
UNCONFIRMED MINUTES**

DATE: Tuesday 21st February 2017
VENUE: Rose Garden Room, FAEC, Whitemark
COMMENCING: 10am

PRESENT:

Mayor C Cox	Chair (Non-voting)
Deputy Mayor Marc Cobham	Council
Cr Peter Rhodes	Council
Mark Cooper	TasPorts
David Madden	Commerce Representative
Jeff Phillips	Transport Representative
Scott Wood	Livestock Representative
Patrick Duffy	Qube Representative (Guest)

APOLOGIES:

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

Bill Boehm	General Manager
Sophie Pitchford	Executive Officer (Minute Taker)

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Moved: Cr M Cobham Seconded: S. Wood
That the minutes from the meeting held on the 27th September 2016 are a true and accurate record.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

2016.11.18 Mark Cooper, Regional Manager North, TasPorts – regular visits to the Island

CORRESPONDENCE OUT:

2016.11.23 Mark Cooper, Regional Manager North, TasPorts – re regular visits to the Island and paving upgrades

2017.01.19 Committee Members advising of exemption from Pecuniary Interest

2017.02.09 Mark Cooper, Regional Manager North, TasPorts – re upgrading of flat working area at Lady Barron Port

2017.02.10 Committee Members – Notice of meeting on 21st February 2017

2017.02.13 Mark Cooper, Regional Manager North, TasPorts – re wharfage charges on containers & stock yards surface

2017.02.13 Cr G Willis – outcome of committee discussion on submission re opening hours

AGENDA ITEMS

Item 1 : Public Submission

A submission was received from Peter Sherriff suggesting the relocation of the boat ramp from the Lady Barron Port to the slipway.

A number of issues were identified with the proposal, namely the impact it would have on the commercial operators. TasPorts program of works will also need to be considered. Ideally a strategic plan needs to be completed for the whole Port, including discussions with key stakeholders. A catalyst for the plan will come about as a consideration alongside the Safe Harbour study that Council is currently undertaking.

Recommendation:

Further deliberations be undertaken and a meeting to be held once Council has received and considered the Safe Harbour study report and determined a course of action.

Item 2: Terms of reference

Council approved the Terms of Reference at the Council October Meeting.

Noted.

Item 3: Matthew Flinders III

Furneaux Freight is to be acknowledged for giving early notice to customers of the Matthew Flinders III being removed from the run for dry-docking and survey and for their efforts in moving livestock prior to the Matthew Flinders going off the run and continuing to provide an ongoing a limited freight service to the Island during the absence of the Matthew Flinders III.

Recommendation

The Mayor as the Chair of the Committee to send a letter to Furneaux Freight expressing our thanks and appreciation.

Item 4: TasPorts Update: Lady Barron Port

Mark Cooper provided an update of the latest developments at both ports.

Mark identified that there is a number of maintenance issues that need to be addressed and are deemed high priority.

A number of capital submissions are in progress namely for a new storage shed and a 25 x 100 square metre concrete works in the work area at the Lady Barron Port.

He raised concerns regarding the safety of the livestock carriers when they are climbing up the sides of their stock crates when unloading stock. TasPorts are engaging a consultant to

review the procedures and look at ways that they can reduce the risk of an accident occurring.

It has also come to Mark's attention that there is still an issue with stock slipping in the yards. This is occurring due to a number of reasons that include: weather conditions; deterioration of the rubber matting; and some spooking of cattle.

TasPorts has also carried out some minor works to the Whitemark Wharf for appearance reasons and to enable continued safe use of the wharf deck by the public.

It was noted that Council is still holding unexpended Contingency Funding in reserve for ongoing works to be completed at the Lady Barron Port. Council to provide a reconciliation of those funds to TasPorts.

Item 5: Wharf Access

In response to the submission at the previous meeting Jeff Phillips canvassed port users and reported that that there did not seem to be many who wanted to change the hours of operation at the port and would like to see it continue operating five days a week as is currently the case.

Item 6: Report of Statesman Shipping Incident Causing Loss of Cattle

A report has not been released regarding the incident that occurred at Port Welshpool.

Scott Wood informed the committee that the Authority of the Welshpool Port now employs security to ensure the safety of the unloading and loading of cargo. The cost is passed on to the consumer.

Item 7: Membership

Patrick Duffy, the local Qube representative at the Lady Barron Port attended the meeting as a guest. This was Patrick's first attendance and it was resolved that Patrick be invited to future meetings.

Item 8: Other Business

Jeff Phillips asked Mark Cooper as to why the shipment of Council aggregate was not able to be unloaded at the Whitemark Wharf as had previously been the case.

Mark Cooper noted the question.

Next Meeting:

Next meeting to be held once Council has received and considered the Safe Harbour study report and determined a course of action

Meeting closed: 10.55am