

**FURNEAUX GROUP SHIPPING SPECIAL COMMITTEE  
UNCONFIRMED MINUTES**

**DATE:** Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2017  
**VENUE:** Rose Garden Room, FAEC, Whitemark  
**COMMENCING:** 10.00 am

**PRESENT:**

Mayor C Cox	Chair
Deputy Mayor Marc Cobham	Council
Cr Peter Rhodes	Council
Arun Kendall	DoSG (via phone)
David Madden	Commerce Representative
Jeff Phillips	Transport Representative
Scott Wood	Livestock Representative

**APOLOGIES:**

Mark Cooper	TasPorts
Steve Crawford	TFGA Representative
Denise Gardner	CBIAAI

**STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:**

Bill Boehm	General Manager
Vicki Warden	Executive Officer (Minute Taker)

**DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:**

Nil

**CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

Moved: Cr P Rhodes                      Seconded: J Phillips  
 That the minutes from the meeting held on the 21<sup>st</sup> February 2017 are a true record.

CARRIED

**CORRESPONDENCE IN:**

16.02.2017    Peter Sherriff – Submission to February meeting of committee

**CORRESPONDENCE OUT:**

14.02.2017    Patrick Duffy – Invitation to attend 21<sup>st</sup> February 2017 meeting  
 02.03.2017    S Lovell – Thanks to Furneaux Freight for early notice of dry docking  
 07.03.2017    Cr Gerald Willis - Response to submission to 21<sup>st</sup> February 2017 meeting  
 17.08.2017    Committee Members – notification of meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2017  
 11.09.2017    Committee Members – 6<sup>th</sup> September meeting did not proceed as no quorum - notes from discussion held with members in attendance  
 19.10.2017    Committee Members – invitation to attend meeting with Richard Hill to discuss TasPorts Development Planning  
 30.10.2017    Committee Members – notification of meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Moved: Cr M Cobham                      Seconded: Cr P Rhodes  
That the correspondence be noted.

CARRIED

## **AGENDA ITEMS**

### **Item 1. Amendment to Notes from 6<sup>th</sup> September Discussion**

An amendment to the Notes from discussions on the 6<sup>th</sup> September is required. The words "Furneaux Freight" are to be replaced with the word "Qube" in the section referring to passenger area.

Moved: Cr P Rhodes                      Seconded: D Madden  
That the discussion held on the 6<sup>th</sup> September be noted.

CARRIED

### **Item 2. Public Submission**

A request for public submissions was advertised in the Island News on 3<sup>rd</sup> August and closed on the 24<sup>th</sup> August.

No submissions were received.

### **Item 3. Port Update – Mark Cooper - TasPorts Regional Manager North**

- A TasPorts engineer attended the Lady Barron wharf with Mark mid-August to start scoping the remedial works for the marshalling yard. This is still in early stages.
- From an engineering point, the ramp at the Whitemark wharf is not in a suitable condition to take aggregate.
- TasPorts is working to adjust one gate at the port to allow larger items to transit the port. Two staff commenced work on 30 October and scoped up additional requirements to facilitate this. ETA on this is as yet unknown as waiting on scoping document and timelines on parts.
- An update on the master planning will come from Richard at GHD.
- Feedback had been received that the blue lead light was out on the wharf; this has been checked and is in operating fine.

Moved: Cr M Cobham                      Seconded: S Wood  
That the TasPorts update be noted.

CARRIED

### **Item 4. Update on Safe Harbour Project**

At the meeting of 21<sup>st</sup> February 2017, the meeting noted that a submission was received from Peter Sherriff suggesting the relocation of the boat ramp from the Lady Barron Port to the slipway and that the plan would come about as a consideration alongside the Safe Harbour study.

Council has accepted the Safe Harbour Business Plan from Burbury Consulting. The safe Harbour Project has been listed as a priority project for Council when talking to politicians. Members of the Safe Harbour Group have been lobbying for support and the Premier has

provided a letter of support from the State Government. The Treasurer is currently considering what funds can be allocated to the project. Group members are also talking to the Federal Government.

The project has been costed at \$5 million including moving the boat ramp - hoping TasPorts and MAST will assist with relocating the boat ramp. Council is currently working on securing the use of the land and the sea required and then will do the Development Application.

#### **Item 5. TasPorts Development Planning**

Summary of meeting held with Richard Hill, GHD Advisory on 25 October, that Committee members were invited to, at which the following points were discussed in relation to development planning for the Lady Barron port:

1. Introduction & summary of scope of work being undertaken by GHD
2. Overview of Flinders Island and the Council remit
3. Importance of Lady Barron port to Flinders – history
4. Planning zones & land use factors for the port and environs
5. Key economic drivers for Flinders – tourism / trade / fuel supply / population growth
6. Barriers to port development / modification – key issues for the council / community – e.g. noise / light / pollution / traffic
7. Appetite for cruise?

A further question was raised via email on the 31<sup>st</sup> October, querying any truck congestion issues in accessing the port.

Committee members raised various points for discussion which are listed under 'Action' below. Other discussion points included:

- TasPorts is currently looking at extending one gate to accommodate larger items. Items that are too large to fit through the gate will need to be accommodated elsewhere.
- Scott Wood and Garth have looked at ways to increase the cattle yards by extending into the area where the sheep yards are now.
- A livestock yards wash down facility upgrade with stronger water hosing infrastructure that uses recirculated water is being installed.
- All containers are owned by Furneaux Freight and they do not want them to leave the wharf.
- Reported that Furneaux Freight is designing a new boat where 20ft containers can be unloaded at deck height.
- Shipping and freight requirements might change in the future so planning must take into consideration all contingencies.

**ACTION:** Notes taken at the 25 October meeting with Richard Hill will be forwarded to Richard and to Shipping Committee members along with Richard's contact details. Members are encouraged to send suggestions/ideas to Richard.

**ACTION:** Chair to write a letter to Richard Hill of GHD Advisory (draft to be circulated to members for comment) with a summary of issues relating to longer term

operation of the port and safeguarding of future options as discussed by members:

- Roll-on roll-off facility with direct access for semitrailers to an independently run distribution centre within or outside the port confines is desirable. Possible to utilise land owned by TasPorts to the west of the stock yards.
- Look at longer term road access to the port and consider relocating the access road to the other side of the tennis courts. This would isolate the commercial port area, reduce implications on the state road and have the added advantage of providing better access to the two residences in that area. The section of the state road south of the intersection could then become port area.
- If Richard plans to return to the Island, members would like to meet him on-site to discuss ideas.
- Short term option of building a skillion roof off the TasPorts office so that palletised goods can be dropped undercover if raining, thereby freeing up the shed.

#### Item 6. Other Business

##### Committee Membership

Moved: D Madden

Seconded: J Phillips

That Furneaux Freight be reinvited to join the Committee.

CARRIED

There has been difficulty getting a quorum for meetings. Steve Crawford has not attended a meeting for some time and TFGA is not currently active on the Island.

From the Terms of Reference:

*“Attendance at meetings shall not be compulsory. However, Flinders Council may regard continued absences from meetings as an indication that an individual is unable to continue with membership and remove the individual from the Furneaux Group Shipping Special Committee. There shall be no appeal against removal. Council has the right to replace the removed individual with another representative of the same sector.”*

Discussion surrounding inclusion of a farmers’ representative in lieu of TGFA. Also noted that like the Airport Special Committee, the potential inclusion of a representative from FITBI would be worthwhile.

Moved: J Phillips

Seconded: D Madden

That a recommendation be taken to Council to make the following changes to the Terms of Reference:

- The quorum be changed to 5 members including non-voting members;
- The TFGA representative be changed to Farmer representative; and
- That provision for a representative from FITBI be added to the membership.

CARRIED

**ACTION:** Write to Steve to ask if he'd like to step aside to allow someone else to take the role.  
Call for nominations for a Farmer representative.  
Take recommended changes to Terms of Reference to Council for approval.

**Next meeting: 2018**

**Meeting closed: 11.00 am**