

- *Extra two fenders and one ladder on the end of the jetty;*
- *Access ladder on the boat ramp side of the jetty and handrail included;*
- *White rubber strips on all the fenders;*
- *An appropriate life saving device; and*
- *Rubbers on all of the jetty, with fittings to be stainless steel.”*

Chris reported to the Committee on progress of procurement:

- The life saving device, cabinet and post have been ordered and are expected to arrive within two weeks;
- Mick Sherriff's previous quote for the additional fenders and extension of fender still stands, with the addition of 10% to cover price increases;
- Mick Sherriff will provide a quote for the additional ladder and white rubber strips in the near future.

5. BOATING SURVERY UPDATE:

In Aronn's absence, Rachel explained that the community survey hadn't yet been distributed. Aronn asked the Committee to approve the text prior to distribution.

Discussion ensued on all the questions. Concern was expressed that answers to the first and second questions, as written, could be misleading. Many agreed that the survey presented the opportunity to canvas the desire for additional boat ramps in the future. Andrew mentioned that the comments received on the survey would be more valuable than anything else.

The Committee reviewed each of the questions and agreed on the following changes:

- Q1 Approximately how many times a year do you use Whitemark boat ramp?
- Q2 Add % of use and frequency of use
- Additional question - Do you think that more boat ramps are needed on the Island? If so, where?

Rachel will make the agreed changes, send them to Aronn, and request that the survey results be brought back to the next meeting.

Moved: C Cox Seconded: J Nicholls
That the survey, as amended, be presented to the Community.
CARRIED

6. OTHER BUSINESS:

Justin apologised for missing the previous meeting and asked why the Committee did not include a light on the jetty in the recommendation to Council. Some boat owners put in and retrieve at night and it's very difficult to see in the dark. Fisherman also use the jetty at night. If someone breaks down, or wanders down the jetty when drunk at night, a solar light at the end of the jetty above the life saving device would be a good safety measure.

The Committee recalled the reasons for not including a light were that they were not aware of anyone using the facility in the dark and they did not want to confuse the mutton birds. A similar light to the one at the end of the Whitemark wharf would cost about \$2,500.

Moved: J Nicholls Seconded: A Donnellan
That the Committee recommends to Council that a solar-powered light be purchased and installed at the end of the jetty at the Whitemark boat ramp.
CARRIED

Justin noted the recommendation made at the previous meeting, that Council either audit its own boat ramps or pays someone to undertake the audit. Justin believes this can be done by the Committee.

Moved: J Nicholls Seconded: A Donnellan

That on a set date, available council members and committee members visit Palana boat ramp to audit maintenance requirements.

CARRIED

Andrew asked if the black rubbers from the Whitemark boat ramp, when removed, could be relocated to the Palana boat ramp, if they are suitable. Chris queried why the black rubbers are not suitable at the Whitemark boat ramp but would be suitable at Palana boat ramp. Carol explained that smaller and different boats use the Palana boat ramp; also the Palana boat ramp has no rubbers at present so any rubbers would be an improvement.

Moved: C Cox Seconded: K Haines

That the rubber fenders that are being removed from Whitemark boat ramp be placed at Palana boat ramp, if suitable.

CARRIED

Justin expressed his confusion over whether a motion to build a new boat ramp has been passed by Council. Dennis, Kevin and John reminded members that the Committee passed a motion to build a second boat ramp at Whitemark during the previous Council and asked why this had not been progressed. Rachel explained that the motion was not a recommendation to Council so has not been brought to Council for consideration.

Various concerns with the second boat ramp proposal were expressed, particularly the desire for children to swim in the area. Kevin highlighted the safety aspects of swimming in the area and queried who would pay the bill if someone got hurt. He suggested a warning sign be placed at the jetty. Warren advised that he was seeking legal advice in relation to the sign as it may actually make Council more liable.

Anne would like to hear the results of the survey first before deciding on an additional boat ramp at Whitemark. It is important to know if there is conflict between users and to find out what the issues are. Justin remarked that the biggest backlash about the additional boat ramp is not from the swimming community but from boat owners who would prefer the money be spent upgrading other boats ramps.

Anne said that it was her understanding that this money was for the Whitemark boat ramp. Justin asked that any left-over money from the Whitemark project be used at Palana.

Norm expressed the desire to see all the boat ramps upgraded in the future. Justin stressed the need to have another boat ramp project scoped and ready after the Whitemark upgrades are completed, such as Palana boat ramp. Improved boat ramps at Badger Corner and North East River would also be desirable if a partnership with Parks and Wildlife could be encouraged. Port Davies boat ramp also needs to be addressed as it's not possible to pick someone up or drop off there.

Moved: A Rae Seconded: J Holloway

The Committee endorses Dennis Cooper to develop a concept plan for a second smaller boat ramp on the north side of the Whitemark jetty, and to bring the concept plan back to the committee for consideration.

CARRIED

7. NEXT MEETING: 29 March at 5.30pm

CLOSE OF MEETING 6.55pm