

**FURNEAUX GROUP SHIPPING SPECIAL COMMITTEE  
UNCONFIRMED MINUTES**

**DATE:** Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2014  
**VENUE:** FAEC, Whitemark  
**COMMENCING:** 1.55pm

**PRESENT:**

Mayor C Cox	(Chair)
Raoul Harper	(General Manager, Flinders Council)
Deputy Mayor David Williams	(Council)
Cr Gerald Willis	(Council)
Tessa Bird	(DIER) (via teleconference)
Andrew Poole	(DIER) (via teleconference)
Sam Wilson-Haffenden	(Project Manager, TasPorts) (Via teleconference for Item 2, 3 & 4)
Steve Crawford	(TFGA)
John Johnston	(TasPorts) (via teleconference)
Darren Grace	(Livestock - Roberts)

**ABSENT:**

Denise Gardiner (Cape Barren Island)

**STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:**

Megan Boyes (Executive Assistant)

**CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**Moved:** Gerald Willis **Seconded:** David Williams  
 That the minutes from the meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> November 2013 are a true record.  
**CARRIED**

**CORRESPONDENCE IN**

- DIER – Furneaux Islands – Safety net funds; two reviews.
- DIER – Furneaux group of Islands – Review of Essential Shipping Service
- Letter from Mick Barrett resigning from Shipping Meeting.

**CORRESPONDENCE OUT**

- Furneaux Freight - Container repairs and forklifts (General Managers email)
- Furneaux Freight - Response to resignation from the Committee
- Michael Bowman - Regarding attendance of Committee Meetings (from Executive Officer)

**Related Correspondence sent out by the Mayor.**

19.12.13 Submission to Productivity Commission Inquiry  
 10.2.14 Submission to Draft Report of the Productivity Commission

**Moved:** Gerald Willis **Seconded:** David Williams  
 That the Correspondence in and out be noted.

**CARRIED**

**Item 1 Membership Update**

Transport position was declared vacant at the March Ordinary Meeting of Council. This will be advertised. Mick Barrett has resigned from the Commerce position and so this position will also be advertised at the same time.

Tessa Bird and Andrew Poole are now the DIER representatives.

**Item 2 Submissions**

There were no submissions received from the Public but the Chair through Cr Gerald Willis has received some verbal questions regarding the Lady Barron Port Area (answered in Item 3).

Note - The request for submissions was advertised in the Island News of the 27<sup>th</sup> February and no submissions were received.

**Item 3 Update on Lady Barron Port Redevelopment Project from John Johnston**

The major works have been completed at the Port but there are smaller jobs that need to be finalised and finished off. It was reported that these jobs will hopefully be finished off by the end of March.

DG **The road coming off the paved area has started breaking up. Will this be looked at and fixed?**

SWH Yes, TasPorts is aware of this issue and are waiting for it to settle down before any major work is carried out. The Flinders Island TasPorts Officer will be putting some extra gravel down tomorrow. Looking to possibly concrete or seal it in the future.

DG **Cattle and sheep loading races need more gravel/hard base.**

SWH Local TasPorts Officer will be watching this area and if it turns into a larger issue this will be fixed.

JJ Some work should be done on this in the 14/15 year.

GW **Will there be a bollard put in at the end of the Wharf?**

SWH Yes these are on the list to be done.

GW **Can the lights around the Lady Barron Wharf area be turned off/down when the mutton birds take flight at the end of April?**

JJ Spoken to TasPorts Safety Manager – The lights have been designed to turn down, so for the couple of weeks when birds take flight TasPorts will be able to turn them down to hopefully ease this issue.

CC Will it be easy to turn them up if a boat comes in at night through that time?

JJ Yes

GW **The lead on the South East end of Wharf hasn't been working. When will this be fixed?**

SWH A TasPorts Officer will rectify this issue in the coming days. The lights are working but the globe wasn't working; this will also be replaced.

CC **Can an identification light for the end of the wharf be looked at?**

JJ A solar light will be put in. This is included in the current work schedule.

JJ Regarding livestock handling facility there is a priority to work on the configuration of the pen area. Also the spring latches have had mixed responses and aren't a high priority at the moment. There has been an extra staff member employed to assist the TasPorts Officer with maintenance at the Lady Barron Port.

#### **Item 4 Ongoing Development - Next Stage General Discussion**

SWH

1. After consulting with a number of Lady Barron Port users, existing gravel surfaces will need attention and an upgrade in the future to sealed or paved areas to mitigate some of the current issues and make the area more user friendly.
2. Consideration of a "lean to" or shed near the retaining wall in the working port area to provide protection to super when it is stored on the port before transport to users.

TasPorts have provided details on these projects/extra works proposed for the Lady Barron Port area to finish off the project to a high standard.

#### **Item 5 Contingency Fund Projects**

General discussion on TasPorts taking ownership of the forklifts proposed to be purchased from the 2012-13 Contingency Fund but John Johnston said that he couldn't envisage a model were they would be used frequently enough to warrant TasPorts leasing them. He believed that it would be better to put the funding into completing the capital works required at the Lady Barron Port instead.

RH **Would DIER be supportive of the funds being transferred into the capital works proposed by Tasports?**

TB Yes, Council would need to write to DIER to inform them of the issues of using the money for plant/equipment (Fork Lifts and Bull Boxes) and why spending the funding on capital works improvements would be a more considered approach.

CC **Is the level/flat area at the Lady Barron Port as big as it can be?**

SWH Yes it's as large as it possibly can be.

RH **Paving proposed in Area 5, would that be reasonably flat?**

SWH Yes should be made reasonably flat and allow for container stacking etc.

RH Will this address issues and complaints re: areas for storing and stacking containers etc?

SWH Yes it should.

RH **When is the log carting estimated to finish?**

JJ Understanding is the logs will finish up May/June 2014.

GW **How many stevedore contracts does TasPorts issue? Can other shippers coming into the wharf? Can they use yard? What rights do they have?**

- JJ Two stevedore licences have been issued, Furneaux Freight and LD Shipping. Furneaux Freight has some cargo area included in the licence. The Livestock area is common ground. Both stevedores can use most of the area, TasPorts ensure that in the licences it states that stevedores are responsible when using the space, TasPorts can recover repair costs if damage is done. These documents don't restrict other users, but there is some restriction as far as Furneaux Freight has priority on a weekly basis as they bring in supplies to the island.
- DG **What plans do you have for top area (where old sheep pens were), there are a lot of unused materials being stored there.**
- SWH Garth will be cleaning up this area; the plan is to turn it into over flow pen for stock. He understands that it is currently looking very untidy.

**Moved:** Steve Crawford

**Seconded:** Darren Grace

The Committee supports Council consideration of the following motion:

“Council request DIER reallocate the previously agreed 2012/2013 Shipping Contingency Funding allocated to the purchase of bull boxes, AIS and forklifts, combined with the remaining 2013/2014 funding allocation, to the proposal put forward by Tasports to upgrade pavements within the Lady Barron Port area .“

**CARRIED**

(Refer Attachment for a plan of the proposed pavement upgrade area.)

**Item 6 Furneaux Islands Shipping Contingency Funds**

Refers to the two reviews being undertaken by DIER (funded from the Shipping Contingency Fund)

TB The Shipping Contingency Strategy should be finalised by early next month and the completion of the Review will be around the same time.

RH **Will the report be made public?**

TB DIER to advise Council once complete

RH **Can Council see the report before it goes out to the public?**

TB DIER to advise Council once complete

**Item 7 Bull Box and Forklift**

RH Furneaux Freight is unwilling to lease this equipment and Council is unwilling to supply equipment without a formal lease in place. It should be noted that any lease would be on a “peppercorn” basis but a formal legal agreement is required if equipment purchased with State funding and owned by Council is to be used by a private company.

**Item 8 Shipping Container Maintenance**

The shipping containers have been in use for over 2 years now and their condition is such that maintenance is urgently required.

RH Furneaux Freight has been contacted regarding required maintenance (see annexure 3) and has responded that to remove a container from service could impact on the Island receiving frozen/chilled goods.

Of the 4 brand new Royal Wolf containers one in particular has had the side of it pierced by a fork lift, and another may have operational issues. These containers in particular need urgent attention/maintenance and Council intends to have this undertaken as soon as possible. Subject to further information from Royal Wolf, the intention is to remove one container at a time to have annual maintenance undertaken.

**Moved:** Steve Crawford

**Seconded:** Darren Grace

That the Committee supports the removal of one container at a time for critical maintenance and repair works to be undertaken and requests Council consideration of such.

**CARRIED**

**Item 9 Stock Transporting Issues**

The transporting issues have now been resolved. There was an issue due to the boat being out of service for maintenance longer than expected.

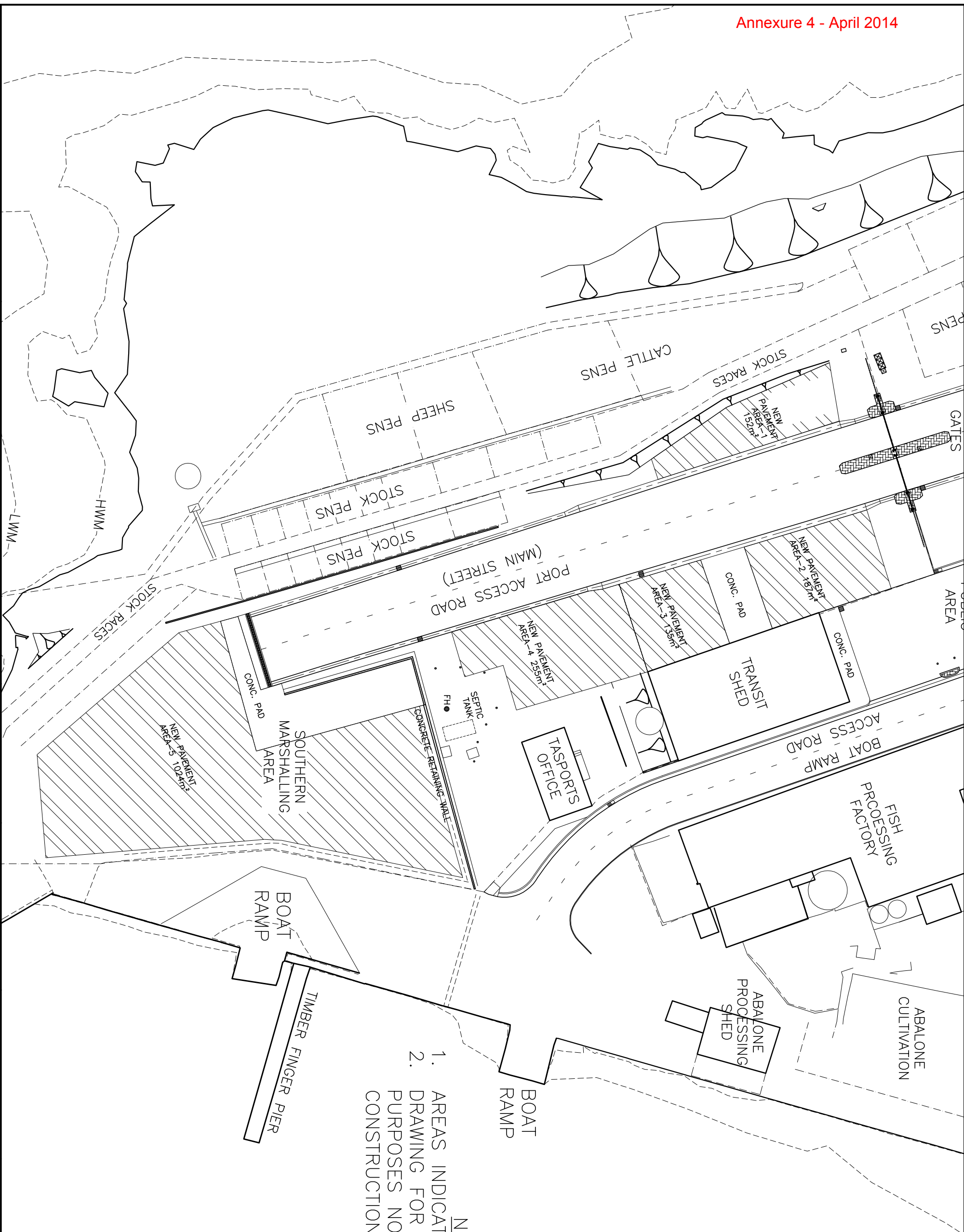
**Item 10 Update on Fuel Transfer Options – Mayor Carol Cox**

A Notice of Motion was passed at the Council December 2013 meeting to explore fuel transfer options and improvements to the supply chain to minimise costs. Consultants are due to start work on this item in late May 2014.

**Item 11 Other Business**

Next meeting will be held in 3 months time.

Closed Meeting at 3.02pm.



**NOTES**  
 1. AREAS INDICATIVE ONLY  
 2. DRAWING FOR DISCUSSION  
 PURPOSES NOT FOR  
 CONSTRUCTION

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 UPGRADE PAVEMENT AREAS

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