

**FURNEAUX GROUP AVIATION SPECIAL COMMITTEE  
UNCONFIRMED MINUTES**

**DATE:** Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2014  
**VENUE:** Rose Garden Room, FAEC, Whitemark  
**COMMENCING:** 10am

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**PRESENT:**

Mayor Carol Cox	(Chair)
Cr R Wise	(Council)
Raoul Harper	(Council)
Greg Dempster	(Flinders Island Tourism Association)
Jeff Grace	(Airport Manager)
Tessa Bird	(Department of Infrastructure, Energy & Resources)
Andrew Poole	(Department of Infrastructure, Energy & Resources)
John Loudon	(Multi-Purpose Centre)
Vacant	(Community Representative)

**APOLOGIES:**

Noel Bowland	(RPT Operator)
Cr P Rhodes	(Council)
Denise Gardner	(Cape Barren Island)
Gordon Rorison	(Charter Aircraft)

**STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:**

Vicki Warden	(Executive Officer)
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**CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**Moved:** Greg Dempster                      **Seconded:** Jeff Grace  
That the minutes from the meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> October 2013 are a true record.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**CORRESPONDENCE IN**

Nil

**CORRESPONDENCE OUT**

- Jane Bushby - Passenger Lifter for Essendon Airport
- Hospital Auxiliary - Passenger Lifter for Essendon Airport
- Flinders Lions Club - Passenger Lifter for Essendon Airport

**Moved:** Jeff Grace                              **Seconded:** Greg Dempster  
That the correspondence is noted.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**AGENDA****Item 1: Terms of Reference**

The terms of Reference which were amended by this committee at the 8<sup>th</sup> October 2013 meeting were approved by Council at the 17<sup>th</sup> October 2013 Ordinary Meeting of Council.

Information noted.

**Item 2: Committee Representatives – Community Representative needed**

The vacant position was advertised in Island News and no response was received.

Action:	Readvertise the vacant position in the next Island News.	Executive Officer
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**Item 3: Passenger Lifter**

The purchase of the Passenger Lifter for Essendon Airport has been finalised and the lifter is now operational. A very positive report was received from the first user, a 96 year old.

Sharp Airlines and the Essendon Airport CEO have also expressed their pleasure in having the lifter in place. The lifter is for the exclusive use of Sharp Airlines. Other airlines will be able to use it if they have written approval from Council.

It was suggested that Council add a Flinders Council logo decal on the lifter, alongside the existing Lions Club decal.

Action:	Attach a Flinders Council logo decal when next at Essendon Airport	General Manager
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**Item 5: Update on Aviation Policy**

The Aviation Policy which was revised by this committee at the 8<sup>th</sup> October 2013 meeting was approved by Council at the 10<sup>th</sup> April 2014 Ordinary Meeting of Council. This committee can review the policy and recommend changes at any time otherwise it will be reviewed again after the next council election.

Point 3 of the Policy was queried as to exactly what support Council supplies. Staff are on call 24hrs a day to do runway inspections before landing and departure of the air ambulance and Council does not pass this cost onto the Royal Flying Doctor Service. John Loudon expressed his appreciation of that policy as that is not the case in his experience in other remote communities. Council has decided to support anyone who needs to be uplifted off the island for the medical reasons and does not intend to pass on landing charges to non-Tasmanian residents needing the service.

**Item 7: Update on Airport Business Plan**

The Airport Business Plan is being undertaken by consultant Tim Phillips. Although elements of the plan have been completed, Tim's priority has been to complete another report for Council. It is expected that Tim will soon be focusing on the Airport Business Plan with expected completion by the end of the financial year.

Council has successfully applied for a \$750,000 dollar for dollar grant from the Federal Department of Infrastructure to extend the apron and taxiway.

**Item 8: Other Business**

Cape Barren Island Airport

The federal budget announced \$1million for Cape Barren Island and Flinders Island Airports. The Cape Barren Island component is for fencing. The Flinders component is the grant referred to in Item 7.

Hire-Car Parking

Designated hire-car parking spaces at the Airport are not being respected by community members. If transport operators were able to lease hire-car parks, who would police their use? Council doesn't currently have a parking bylaw as it is costly to implement and those costs would have to be passed onto the lessee. The Airport Business Plan will be looking at the possibility of charging for airport parking generally. If this happens, Council will need a bylaw which would cover leased car parks as well.

Director of Aviation and Access Development (Tourism Tasmania).

Carol and Raoul had a phone meeting with Hans Van Pelt, the new aviation access director in Tourism Tasmania. He has a long history in aviation and has a good understanding of how Sharp Airlines operates. He has some good ideas on improving access to the island and growing markets.

Next meeting:

2-3 weeks after the Airport Business Plan has been completed.  
Following meeting to be early December. Advertise for public submissions late October.

Action:	When complete, circulate Airport Business Plan to committee members as a confidential document.	General Manager
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**Meeting Closed 10.30am**