

**FURNEAUX GROUP SHIPPING SPECIAL COMMITTEE
UNCONFIRMED MINUTES**

DATE: Tuesday 16 January 2018
VENUE: Rose Garden Room, FAEC, Whitemark
COMMENCING: 10.03 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
Mick Rose	FITBI Representative
Scott Wood	Livestock Representative

APOLOGIES:

Mark Cooper	TasPorts
Denise Gardner	CBIAAI
Garth Smith	Guest

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

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

The Chair welcomed new committee member, FITBI Representative, Mick Rose.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:

At the 14 December 2017 Council Meeting, Council resolved the following motion:

1. *"That Council agrees to grant exemption from pecuniary interest to the community members appointed to all of its Special Committees for a period of 12 months.*
2. *That Council again considers the pecuniary interest of community members on its Special Committees at the December 2018 Ordinary Meeting of Council."*

In accordance with Part 2 Regulation 8 (7) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015, Councillors are requested to advise of a pecuniary interest they may have in respect to any matter appearing on the agenda, or any supplementary item to the agenda.

No pecuniary interest was declared.

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Moved: J Phillips Seconded: Cr M Cobham

That the unconfirmed minutes from the meeting held on the 7 November 2017, with one change, are a true record.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

27.11.2017 M Hirschfield - Response to call for nomination
20.12.2017 G Hall - Response to call for nomination
10.01.2018 M Cooper – Update for January meeting
03.01.2018 FITBI – Nomination of committee representative

CORRESPONDENCE OUT:

20.11.2017 S Crawford – Withdrawal of committee membership
21.11.2017 FITBI – Invitation to join committee
23.11.2017 R Hill – Committee comments on TasPorts Development Planning
27.11.2017 M Hirschfield – Acknowledgement of receipt of nomination
20.12.2017 G Hall - Acknowledgement of receipt of nomination
09.01.2018 Committee Members – Notification of meeting on 16th January 2017

Moved: D Madden Seconded: S Wood

That the correspondence in and out is noted.

CARRIED

AGENDA ITEMS

Item 1. Terms of Reference

Noted that Council, at the November 2017 Council Meeting, approved the Committee’s recommended changes to the Terms of Reference.

Item 2. Committee Membership

As per the recommendation from the previous meeting:

- a) The Chair wrote to Steve Crawford asking if he’d like to step aside to allow someone else to take the role;
- b) Nominations were called for a Farmer representative;
- c) Furneaux Freight has been contacted by the Chair and invited to re-join the Committee in any capacity and Furneaux Freight has declined. An invitation was left open to Furneaux freight to contact the Committee should they have an issue with which they feel the Committee might be able to assist;
- d) Provision for a Flinders Island Tourism and Business Incorporated representative has been added to the membership and the chair wrote to FITBI inviting it to provide a representative. FITBI nominated Mick Rose as its representative.

Nominations were called via Island News for the position of Farming Sector Representative on the Committee. Two submissions were received for consideration by the Committee.

Note: That further to the initial nomination information Michelle Hirschfield provided further information via email on the 13 January 2018 which was distributed to councillors by email on the 14 January and tabled at this meeting.

The Committee discussed the two nominations and conducted a closed ballot, the result of which was tied. A second ballot was conducted after further consideration and a candidate selected.

Moved: Cr M Cobham Seconded: D Madden

That the Furneaux Group Shipping Special Committee recommends to Council that Grant Hall be appointed as the Farmers Sector representative on the Committee.

CARRIED (5-1)

ACTION: C Cox to notify the candidates of the Committee's recommendation.

The Committee discussed the benefits of adding a Community Representative to the committee.

Moved: S Wood Seconded: J Phillips

That the Furneaux Group Shipping Special Committee recommends to Council that a Community Representative be added to the membership of the Committee.

CARRIED

Item 3. Port Update

Mark Cooper, TasPorts Regional Manager North, provided the following update for the past 8 weeks:

- Rubber matting removed from laneways in cattle yards to reduce slipping;
- Main gate has been modified to allow loads up to 6.5 metres wide to enter and exit the Port (control box is removed and gates are manually overdriven to obtain 6.5 metre opening);
- After a few power outages during vessel loading at night a portable generator has been purchased and trialling portable LED flood lights that can provide lighting as required; and
- Following complete landline, mobile and power outages, we now have a Sat Phone for emergency use (0147153198).

A discussion on the above update followed. Scott reported that the rubber matting removal hadn't reduced slipping significantly. Further work is required and is being discussed in this area including adding additional multiuse yards and reducing some pen sizes to reduce slipping.

ACTION: Request to Mark Cooper to liaise with Scott Wood to arrange an onsite meeting (preferably the second week of February) to discuss possible changes to the stock yards. The outcome of that discussion will be reported back to the Committee at its next meeting.

J Phillips reported that the volunteer fire brigade undertook an exercise at the wharf which was worthwhile as it highlighted the following issues:

- Emergency access is best gained via the speaker at the gate however the speaker is too low for the driver to access. The Lady Barron truck has an entry card but the gate will close after the truck enters which is an issue in an emergency. The person who answers the speaker can lock the gate in the open position.
- The power board is kept locked so it is difficult to shut it off in an emergency.

TasPorts has taken these issues onboard and will address them.

Item 4. Update on Safe Harbour Project

The General Manager, with assistance from many others, submitted an application to the Building Better Regions Fund to support the project. Substantial financial support has been pledged by the state government and TasPorts has provided written support. Successful applicants will be notified in approximately 3 months and work can commence in the next financial year.

Item 5. Freight Charges

Note that Furneaux Freight has increased its freight charges for 2018, notifying clients with the following statement on it's website.

"Price Increase

Due to the increasing costs of "Port Fees" and "Supervision" charges at the Lady Barron Port along with the CPI increase, Furneaux Freight effective from the 1st of January 2018 will have a 2.5% increase in all freight rates.

All new freight rates can be viewed at <http://furneauxfreight.com.au/rates/>"

Item 6. Other Business

Port Charges 2017-18 to FF by -wharfage

J Phillips tabled a document comparing TasPorts' 2017-18 Port Charges for Flinders with state-wide charges and proposed a number of questions for TasPorts about the pricing disparity.

Moved: J Phillips

Seconded: Cr M Cobham

That the questions, as per the information tabled at the committee meeting, be communicated to TasPorts with the expectation that a written response be received and a meeting with a TasPorts representative is arranged to discuss the response.

CARRIED

Next meeting:

Meeting closed: 11.05am