

**FURNEAUX GROUP SHIPPING SPECIAL COMMITTEE  
UNCONFIRMED MINUTES**

**DATE:** Tuesday 26 June 2018  
**VENUE:** Rose Garden Room, FAEC, Whitemark  
**COMMENCING:** 10.03 am

**PRESENT:**

Mayor C Cox	Chair
Deputy Mayor Marc Cobham	Council
Mark Cooper	TasPorts
Grant Hall	Farmer Representative
Arun Kendall	DoSG (via phone)
Jeff Phillips	Transport Representative
Scott Wood	Livestock Representative

**GUESTS:**

James Waltham (Qube)	Guest
Michelle Hirschfield (Community)	Guest
Matt Frodsham (TasPorts)	Guest
Shane Goldspink (Tasports)	Guest

**APOLOGIES:**

Cr Peter Rhodes	Council
Denise Gardner	CBIAAI
David Madden	Commerce Representative
Chris Murphy (Qube)	Guest
Mick Rose	FITBI representative

**STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:**

Bill Boehm	General Manager
Jade Boyes	Office Team Leader (minute taker)

*The Chair welcomed guests and welcomed the Farmer Representative, Grant Hall to his first meeting.*

**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: S Woods      Seconded: Cr M Cobham

That the unconfirmed minutes from the meeting held on the 16 January 2018 are a true record.

CARRIED

**CORRESPONDENCE IN:**

2018.01.25 Michelle Hirschfield re: Community Representative

2018.02.07 Patrick Duffy re: Chris Murphy as new Qube Guest member

**CORRESPONDENCE OUT:**

2018.02.07 Patrick Duffy re: Chris Murphy as new Qube Guest member

Moved: Cr M Cobham      Seconded: S Woods

That the correspondence in and out is noted.

CARRIED

**AGENDA ITEMS**

**Item 1. Committee Membership**

As per the recommendation from the previous meeting:

- a) Nominations were called for a Community Representative;
- b) the Chair received notification from Michelle Hirschfield to be considered for the role of Community Representative; and
- c) Patrick Duffy retired as Qube Representative and appointed Chris Murphy as his replacement if Qube were to be invited to attend meetings as a guest.

Nominations were called via Island News for the position of Community Representative on the Committee. One submission was received for consideration by the Committee.

Moved: Cr M Cobham      Seconded: S Woods

That the Furneaux Group Shipping Special Committee recommends to Council that Michelle Hirschfield be appointed as the Community Representative on the Committee.

CARRIED

**Item 2. Port Update – Mark Cooper - TasPorts Regional Manager North**

Mark Cooper, TasPorts Regional Manager North, provided the following update.

- Tasports has met with users and will do so on a regular basis;
- Portside of the cattle yards – commenced installation of blinding;
- Troughs for stock yards have been purchased and will be installed;

- Looking at splitting of pens;
- New User Agreements for use of the yards will be developed;
- Testing on the marshalling area pavement has shown there is an unsolid base in the areas tested, a small amount of remedial work already undertaken with further work planned;
- Master Planning for ports still in process;
- Tasports is aware that Furneaux Freight is proposing a new vessel with larger capacity.

A discussion on the above update followed. Grant reported that the slipping in the laneways is still an issue. Tasports is considering other options and the possibility of grooving the concrete to reduce slipping.

### **Item 3. Animal Welfare Article in Island News – Jeff Phillips**

Jeff Phillips brought to the attention of the Committee an article that appeared in the 11 May 2018 issue of Island News, entitled 'Animal Welfare Notes'.

The Mayor advised that she had spoken to John Odell and asked if in future if such letters could be sent directly to the farmers.

A discussion then followed around the responsibility and accountability for welfare of livestock, and what may happen if at times a vet is not available on the island. Scott explained the process of duty of care and euthanasia. Tasports would expect that a permanent vet was present on the Island and that they would support Council's lobbying for this.

The issue of the current vet's dual roles as biosecurity officer as well as vet was discussed and the problems around his inability to operate as the two at any one time.

Moved: G Hall                      Seconded: S Woods

Tasports supports Council's lobbying to keep a permanent vet on the island to support and verify the transport of livestock to and from the Furneaux Group meets animal welfare standards and community expectation.

CARRIED

### **Item 4. Leasing of land and Development Application (DA2018/035) – Jeff Phillips**

The Development Application was considered at the 21 June Council meeting having received representations with three of the four representations raising concern as to the impact of the development on future use of the area as a part of the operational port.

The Mayor advised that the application was approved by Council with some conditions.

It was confirmed by Tasports that there is a lease in place on the Tasports land. Tasports also advised it currently has no plans to lease the other half of the land. Grant Hall also raised concerns about the leased land taking up space that may be required by the port for further expansion in the future if required. Tasports assured the Committee that allowances would be made and this would not be an issue as they had no plans to permanently lease the land.

It was noted that Tasports would provide the Committee with an update on the progress on the master plan at the next meeting

#### **Item 5. Other Business**

##### Port Charges

Tasports confirmed that it has not increased prices but in the new financial year it will be increasing rates by CPI, but container costs were going to be reduced.

J Phillips raised several questions around the wharfage rates and requested that further clarification be provided as to how these charges are set. Tasports confirmed that these questions would be addressed at the next meeting along with the clarification of who covers supervisor charges.

##### General

Scott asked Qube representatives how they felt things were going and was informed that although they are operating in a challenging environment, things are going well and there are no significant issues to report.

The Mayor thanked Qube for their ongoing commitment and their continued positive relationship with other stakeholders.

**Next meeting: September 2018**

**Meeting closed: 11.29am**