

FLINDERS BOATING SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING 18TH AUGUST 2021

1. MEETING OPENED: 5.33 pm
2. PRESENT: Mayor Annie Revie, Kevin Haines, GM Warren Groves, IAM Chris Wilson, Anne Rae (via telephone), Robin Walker, Ken Clarkson, Richard Harley, Rob Holloway, John Holloway, Councillor Vanessa Grace, Councillor Aaron Burke
3. APOLOGIES: Dennis Cooper, Norm Hunt
4. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST (Councillors only): Nil
5. CLARIFICATION OF COMMITTEE PURPOSE: The purpose of the Flinders Special Boating Committee is to provide recommendations to Flinders Council regarding Boating matters and associated infrastructure, as they apply to the Flinders Municipality.
6. CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL'S APPROVAL: At the Ordinary Meeting of Flinders Council on 17th August 2021, Council approved the forming of the Boating Committee of Flinders Council as follows:

"Motion

145.08.2021 Moved: Mayor A Revie Seconded: Cr V Grace
That Council

- a) Authorises establishment of a Flinders Boating Special Committee. The purpose of the committee is to provide recommendations to Flinders Council on boating matters, specifically Council-owned boat ramps on Flinders Island;
- b) Adopts the basic Terms of Reference as detailed in the Special Committees of Council Procedure and shown in Annexure 18.1.4;
- c) Approves Mayor Revie as Chairperson of the Special Committee;
- d) Appoints a second Councillor if suggested by Council;
- e) Approves the nominations for membership of the Flinders Boating Special Committee, nominated and seconded at a meeting held on 21st July 2021, and included in the unconfirmed minutes of that meeting (see Annexure 18.1.1).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

For: Mayor A Revie, Deputy Mayor D Williams, Cr A Burke, Cr V Grace, Cr P Rhodes and Cr R Summers."

The members of the Committee were approved by Council as follows:

- Chair - Mayor Annie Revie – non-voting
- General Manager Warren Groves – non-voting
- Infrastructure & Airport Manager Chris Wilson – non-voting
- Councillor Vanessa Grace offered to act as Secretary to the Committee.
- No-one offered to take up the position of Deputy Chair at this stage. (Councillor Aaron Burke volunteered for this position directly following the meeting. To be considered at the next meeting).
- Anne Rae moved Jude Cazaly seconded Anne-Marie Carnell
- Robin Walker moved John Langdon seconded John Holloway
- Ken Clarkson moved Kevin Haines seconded Rob Holloway
- Kevin Haines moved John Holloway seconded Heather Wagner
- Richard Harley moved Angela Harley seconded Ken Clarkson

- Rob Holloway moved Anne-Marie Carnell seconded Trevor Montgomery
- Norm Hunt moved Rob Holloway seconded Derek Wills
- John Holloway moved Norm Hunt seconded Rob Holloway
- Dennis Cooper moved Ken Clarkson seconded John Holloway

7. Mayor Revie confirmed all nominated members were happy to continue to remain members in the new special committee. She indicated changing Chris Wilson to be a voting member due to his expertise and portfolio responsibilities in infrastructure.

Councillor Aaron Burke will join as a council representative as a non-voting member and Councillor Vanessa Grace will attend meetings and offered to take minutes at meetings.

8. **FIRST PRIORITY FOR USE OF GOVERNMENT FUNDING:** The funding of \$120,000 was committed via Council to be used for Maintenance of Council-owned boat ramps. It was agreed at this meeting that the first priority for this funding would be modification of the Whitemark Boat Ramp so that it meets the needs of the boating community better. Currently the boat ramp is negatively affected by prevailing weather. It was agreed that the committee would meet at the boat ramp to consider modifications. It would have to be at low tide, late afternoon October. It was also agreed that Mayor Revie would write an article in Island News regarding this committee and inviting the broader boating community to contact committee members if they have issues to contribute.

There was discussion on the Whitemark boat ramp as follows:

Whitemark Boat Ramp – a second ramp on the other side of the boat ramp not practical. Widening the existing boat ramp would be a better option to use the current foundation as a base and save money. Members to liaise with Chris Wilson to detail exactly what is required. Robin Walker mentioned a plan had been drawn up previously to take to politicians, but he has not seen the plan. Request all fenders on outer part be removed as they are too short and put on the inner part. Fenders help reduce wash. Need to be correct to prevent damage.

Longer fenders should be installed on outer side and more of them so boats are not washed under the jetty. Grey buffer installed that don't make marks on boats. Look at extending concrete off the side of the boat ramp to cater for launching boats at low tide.

Robin and Vanessa to check with Dennis regarding master plan designs. It is believed that Michael Ferguson was given a copy of plan approximately nine months ago. He was going to send it to MAST to get it costed.

Some maintenance has been done so far, bolts recessed -now waiting on contractors to come back with metal and to purchase more fenders that go down to seabed.

Robin requested a timeline on maintenance. Volunteers to review plan and boat ramp doing an onsite inspection before the next meeting with Chris Wilson. Committee members to attend if possible. Suggest late October, late afternoon, low tide.

Access to the boat ramp has been flagged as an issue, with desire for the road/turning circle to be sealed. For safety and emergencies – install a light. Lack of parking space or set out parking areas to make things safer and provide room for more vehicles and trailers.

Mayor Revie suggest information to be provided about the committee in Island News to encourage people to approach members regarding concerns.

Is planning permission required? Warren to enquire, plans need to be obtained to see how the footprint may change and possibly liaising with land owner.

Suggest the committee puts in an application to MAST for funds for future projects.

Council has applied for Safe Harbour funds for breakwater. Drawings of Safe Harbour to be presented once funding is secured.

Dennis wanted his documents noted by the committee - was noted at the last meeting. North East River Boat Ramp proposal had not met the criteria of Parks & Wildlife, hence Council was not in a position to take ownership.

Who will cost works to the Boat Ramp? Determine project first then source costings from local contractors.

9. CONSIDERATION OF TERMS OF REFERENCE: Council has approved seven non-negotiable Terms of Reference that apply to all special committees of Council. These were considered by this committee. Mayor Annie Revie informed the committee that other appropriate Terms of Reference could be recommended and considered by Council.

10. INDUCTION FOR SPECIAL COMMITTEE COMMUNITY MEMBERS

All non-councillor committee members are viewed as volunteers of Council for the purposes of the *Work Health and Safety Act 2012 (Tas)*. All Members must be registered as a Council volunteer and are required to complete Volunteer Induction.

Warren to distribute induction paperwork to Committee Members to fill out.

11. MOTION: Moved Anne Rae that observers be able to attend meetings of this committee. The Motion lapsed for want of a seconder.

12. OTHER BUSINESS:

- a) Warren Groves informed the committee that the funds from the previous Boating and Fishing Committee, given to Council when the Committee disbanded in 2002, have been located in Council accounts. He also stated that the funds, \$2,200 approximately, would be added to the \$120,000 promised by the State Government.
- b) Warren also informed the Committee that a regular financial report could be arranged for their information.
- c) Council to confirm with Minister Michael Ferguson, on his visit later this week, that the promised funding of \$120,000 would be forthcoming in the near future.
- d) Look at priorities for the future in another meeting.
- e) Mayor Revie to share the letter from the government regarding funding.

13. NEXT MEETING: Early November following the gathering of committee members at the boat ramp. Suggest next meeting is in the Rose Garden room to accommodate more people and attendees by Zoom.

Information to find out for next meeting

- Ownership of land and leases surrounding the boat ramps eg Crown land
- What insurance covers the boat ramps?

14. Meeting Closed at 6.53 pm