

**FURNEAUX GROUP SHIPPING COMMITTEE MEETING Unconfirmed Minutes
25TH MAY 2022 at LADY BARRON WHARF**

The meeting will begin in TasPorts indoor meeting room at the Lady Barron Wharf and proceed to outdoors wharf for item 10.

Meeting opened 1:10pm

1. Present

Mayor Annie Revie	Chair
David Bellinger	Commerce Rep.
David Harris	Director of Bass Strait Freight
Max Parker	Flinders Island Business Inc. Rep.

Guests

Andrew Carter	Biosecurity
Sam Grace	Biosecurity
Chris Durant	Elders
Tim Smith	Batchelor Civil Contracting

Council Staff

Rowena Gill	Council Minute-Taker
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2. Apologies

Scott Wood	(Nutrien) Livestock Agents' Rep
Cr Aaron Burke	Councillor
Cr Vanessa Grace	Councillor
Grant Hall	Farmers' Rep
Warren Groves	General Manager

3. Absent

Russell Hunter	Animal Welfare Rep DPIIPWE
Michelle Hirschfield	Community Rep
Craig Bull	TasPorts Rep
Arun Kendall	State Growth Rep

4. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest – Nil declared

5. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Moved: Andrew Carter Seconded: Mark Pitchford
That the unconfirmed minutes of the meeting held 16th February 2022 were a true and fair report.

6. Correspondence

Nil

7. Bass Strait Freight (BSF)

David Bellinger commented on the fertiliser he received on pallets - all the pallets were broken and not reusable without considerable repair. He raised the issue he has had more insurance claims in the last three months than he has had in total in the last five years. Max Parker commented sailing schedule on the website was not up to date and difficult to ensure the supermarkets have sufficient staff available at the appropriate times to unload

supplies. Suggest that the supermarkets are the primary focus and miscellaneous freight dealt with after shops have their goods.

The new BSF truck is not refrigerated - with concern that frozen goods will perish and be unsalable. Understand it could be because of new staff and a few teething issues

Comments pallets were not stacked suitably with chips underneath so they are squashed.

The hours to pick up goods are very limited and not suitable to all contractors, suggest staggering hours - open early and late to accommodate greater movements of freight off the wharf.

Query - freight from Welshpool, BSF \$3700, Eastern Line \$2300 why the difference in price?

David Harris joined the meeting at 1:40 pm and discussed the plans to work with TasPorts to set up a container office away from the main shed to improve safety and install a verandah over the current shed entry.

Then the current office space could be used to install cool rooms.

BSF have purchased a new truck and looking to purchase another tilt truck to avoid double handling of freight. This new truck will have a pod for fuel for delivery.

They have purchased crates to use for freight rather than pallets, these are stackable and fold down when not in use. Saves pallet wrapping.

Expecting it will take 12 months to improve efficiencies in terms of freight drop off, transport and delivery.

8. TasPorts Topics - Craig Bull was not in attendance

9. Animal Welfare

Andrew Carter from Biosecurity Flinders Island updated the committee on the progress of the subcommittee looking at animal welfare policy / procedures. Two meetings have been held since February and the group have had productive discussions and are looking to develop a protocol if an animal requires euthanasia in the Port area. Qube is currently liaising with BSF, Eastern Line Shipping and TasPorts regarding the next steps in the process. Presently the group is looking at whether sedation can be administered prior to the use of a captive bolt gun or firearm.

One farmer was concerned cattle prodders were being used excessively at Bridport end when stock are being loaded and unloaded. Question whether staff of BSF have completed the stock handling course? **Andrew Carter to follow up with BSF to find out who is trained at BSF.**

Transport operator confirmed they have been instructed not to use prodders unless absolutely necessary.

Elders Policy is not to use Cattle prodders on any of their cattle - all of their staff are trained in cattle handling.

10. Tim Smith reported to meeting - information re works at the Lady Barron Wharf

Challenge has been to have materials delivered to the island. Storing the materials on the wharf is also causing some congestion especially as it is such a busy little wharf. Tim commented how helpful and accommodating people have been during the works.

Currently pouring concrete in Stage 1.

The concrete is much stronger than is necessary, however the Wharf should stand up to the test of time now. The concrete is full of different sized rock and is very difficult to manipulate. All going well and if the weather remains favourable, they will have Stage 1 open in the next two weeks.

Stage 2. Aimed to commence 1st June - Port access, 60 metres long by 10 metres wide. Aim to keep the port open by doing one side at a time. There is 600 tonne of product to come up, 250mm of sub base to go down, then 279cm³ of concrete to go in. However the weather

may affect completion and rather than dig up large areas then not be able to complete them they would rather leave the area as is and not compromise the existing access.

11. Other Business

Nil

12. Next Meeting

25th August 2022 1pm

13. Meeting Closed 2.20pm