

FURNEAUX GROUP SHIPPING SPECIAL COMMITTEE UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday 2nd December 2015
VENUE: Rose Garden Room, FAEC, Whitemark
COMMENCING: 2pm

PRESENT:

Mayor C Cox	Chair
Deputy Mayor Marc Cobham	Council
Cr Peter Rhodes	Council
Steve Crawford	TFGA Representative
Rhys Cropper	TasPorts (via phone)
David Madden	Commerce Representative
Scott Wood	Livestock Representative

APOLOGIES:

Denise Gardner	CBIAAI
Luke Gregory	DoSG
Jeff Phillips	Transport Representative

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

Sophie Pitchford	Corporate Services Manager
Vicki Warden	Executive Officer (Minute Taker)

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Moved: Cr P Rhodes Seconded: S Wood
That the minutes from the meeting held on the 29th September 2015 are a true record.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

2015.09.29 Luke Gregory – Late apology for 29th September meeting

CORRESPONDENCE OUT:

Nil

AGENDA ITEMS

Item 1: Terms of Reference

The members reviewing the Terms of Reference have made minor changes and presented the reviewed document to the Committee. The reviewed Terms of Reference will be emailed to members for approval and then taken to Council for consideration.

Moved: S Wood **Seconded:** Deputy Mayor M Cobham

That upon receipt of emailed approval of the reviewed Terms of Reference from committee members, the reviewed Terms of Reference be taken to Council for consideration.

CARRIED

Item 2: TasPorts Update:

Rhys Cooper provided the following update:

With the increased volume of stock leaving the Island and moving through the area where they need to do the work, the paving work to be undertaken as part of the contingency funding has not progressed far. TasPorts will send Council an invoice for 50% to cover works completed so far.

There is a new fork truck on the island. The slipway winch has been reconditioned. As the aircraft stairs remain an ongoing issue, TasPorts is looking into alternative solutions.

The effluent project moves ahead slowly. An engineer coming to Island in the next few weeks has been asked to progress this job. TasWater has commissioned a consultant to investigate options for blackwater disposal and to determine if the current paddock disposal is an acceptable solution.

Qube and Furneaux Freight have extended their stevedoring arrangement for another 12 months. There are continuing issues with safety in the port area and these are being discussed with Qube as they are responsible for safety in the port.

Q: Livestock does not move through the areas that need to be paved therefore there is no reason for the paving work not to progress quickly. Will the works progress quickly now, particularly around the freezer containers?

Q: When the work is done near the chillers, could Dave Madden meet with the engineer to check the suitability of the work before its concreted?

Q: TasPorts has removed all the waste bins from the wharf. One quarantine bin remains and people are using it for general rubbish. Reportedly the bins were removed due to some misuse, difficulty of emptying and an understanding that TasPorts is not required to provide bins. Bins are needed on the wharf. If necessary could there be a discussion with Council about emptying bins?

A: Rhys will follow up on all these points.

Item 3: Livestock Facility

Livestock transporters and shippers report that the surface of the cattle yards becomes slippery when wet and livestock are slipping over when being moved. Scott Wood has been liaising with port personnel on how to best overcome this problem without interfering with washout operations.

ACTION: Rhys to talk with Brendon to undertake trials in select areas.

Item 4: Port & Coastal

Prior to the last Committee Meeting a public document was distributed to members. No further information has been made available to Council since that time.

Item 5: Other Business

Q: What is the status of the shipping containers?

A: Council is looking into getting someone to assess them.

Next Meeting: early march (unless something comes up)

Meeting closed: 2.40pm