

TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DRAFT OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held at 2pm on Thursday 15th December 2016
In the Liberation Room, Secretariat, Stanley

*“These minutes are draft minutes until confirmed by
Resolution at the next meeting of this Committee”*

Present:	Hon Gavin Short (GS)	MLA
	Hon Phyl Rendell (PR)	MLA
	Mr Colin Summers (CS)	Director of Public Works
	Miss Louise Pole-Evans (LPE)	Island Representative
	Mr Marvin Clarke (MC)	Stanley Representative
	Mr Gus Reid (GR)	East Representative
	Mr Adam Cockwell (AC)	Work Boat Services
	Mr Keith Knight (KK)	West Representative
	Ms Diane Simsovic	Policy
	Mr Mark Tetterborn	Policy
Minutes:	Valorie McLeod	PWD
	Trudi Clarke	PWD
PART I		
		ACTION
1.	Apologies:-Mr Morgan Goss, Mr Matt Bassford and Mr Martin Slater	
2.	Declarations of Interest	
	MLA Phyl Rendell – Item 8	
3.	Confirmation of minutes of the open meeting held on 8th September 2016	
	Item 9 – KK said that Fox Bay is two words.	
	Item 9 – LPE said the sentence should have read “MG advised that FIGAS had no requirement to Refuel” and not fuel as stated.	
4.	Matters arising from the minutes of the open meeting held on 8th September 2016	
4.1	Item 4.1 - Jetties CS informed quotes have been received for Pebble Island Jetty and are hoping that works will start in January 2017. Need to talk to WorkBoat Services as to when the Concordia Bay could be chartered. WBS is flexible as to when the work can be carried out.	CS
4.2	Item 4.3 - North Arm /New Haven Road CS said that the signs have now arrived and will be installed in the New Year.	
4.3	Item 7 -Quarry Choice for Capping Port Stephens Road Have been and had a look at Burrow Pits and Quarry’s on the West with one quarry being suitable. Emma Edwards has been out and done some work on them. Will pick up on the site investigations in the new year. The land owner has given permission for the quarry.	

5.	Highways Update – Colin Summers, Director of Public Works	
	<p><u>General</u> Grading going well on A and B roads, have completed 100% on A roads, starting second round now on B roads with 60% completed works ongoing. Nothing achieved on any C grade roads.</p> <p><u>East Capping and Crushing</u> Works held up due to a problem with the crusher. Crusher is now up and working and is sited at Bush Rincon, Approx 12,000 tonnes stocked piled.</p> <p><u>Cattle Grids</u> Works will commence in the second half of this season. JK Contracting are the contractors.</p> <p><u>West Roads Capping</u> North of the Marlo has been realigned, capping work now commenced on the Fox Bay to Port Stephens road in the area of Leicester Falls with 65% completed. Works are a little behind therefore will not be moving to Port Howard until the 3rd week in January 2017. Are struggling with dry materials.</p> <p><u>Safety and Realignment</u> All works completed</p> <p><u>Culverts</u> 35% of works completed. Contract was with Arthur Turner however Rincon Grande farm are going to carry on with the works. They have collected culverts today and will commence works in the new year.</p> <p><u>North Arm/New Haven Road</u> Works on the North Arm road have been suspended and efforts have been diverted to the San Carlos road.</p> <p><u>San Carlos Road</u> Have completed capping to Head of the Bay, some ditching works have been done on the north side of Sussex Mountain and 30% capping works have been completed on the section of road from Port Sussex turnoff and Hell's Kitchen.</p> <p><u>West Roads Improvements</u> Works completed around Gorse Bush Pass. Will be back there in the next year to do realignment works but it is repaired sufficiently for the time being. Works have commenced on the South side of Mount Brown but are a bit behind schedule. Back there in the new year as still about 6 weeks' worth of works to do. Will then move to Stoney Ridge but will not complete these works before the end of the season. The MOD have agreed to carry out works on the roads on the north side of Mount Brown. They are going to do a reconstruction on that section, then capping. FIG are providing materials and haulage and MOD will be providing 7-8 operators, Grader, Roller, Excavator and Lorries.</p> <p><u>MPA Road</u> Are doing preparation works for the asphalt season. This has been delayed and now due to start in late January 2017. Currently night closures are in place, this started on the 13th December. This is to allow culverts to be replaced. 3 more to go.</p> <p><u>Cape Pembroke Road</u> Funding has been approved by members, Contract extension has been issued to contractor. About 65% of the road has been completed. Since then they have been hauling from the quarry back into stock pile to do the next section.</p>	

	<p><u>Contract Status</u> Port Howard/Fox Bay Capping/Building - Currently in year 3 of a 5 year contract. Haulage for MPA Road – In year 3 of a 3 year contract. Contract out to retender. Haulage for the North Camp Roads – One more year to go on contract. Capping/Re-building North Arm Road – Contract ends at the end of the summer season. Resources have been diverted to the San Carlos Road though. Wall Stream – Completed. Culvert Replacement – Year 2 of a 3 year contract. Cattle Grids – Year 2 of a 5 year contract.</p> <p>LPE asked CS if grading of the Shallow Harbour road would be done this year, CS informed that all grade A roads get graded twice and all the B and C roads once, CS said he is hopeful that grade C roads, which Shallow Harbour falls under will get a grade this season.</p> <p>With regards with the road to Hill Cove and Main Point, some parts cannot be graded as no capping has been put down and it is impossible to grade them. There is nothing in the 5 year programme for this road to be done.</p>	
<p>6.</p>	<p>Requests for Additional Road Constructions – Colin Summers – Director of Public Works</p>	
	<p>CS informed that between members and PWD there have been two requests for the construction of new roads, one to West Lagoons and one to Doyle Farm. The proposal at this stage is to defer these two requests until a policy document can be drafted because there are other issues involved in those previous agreements some, which are legally binding to the farm and owners and need to be reviewed and changed so that the policy fits correctly. Diane Simsovic from Policy and CS are to work on this. The aim is to have this completed by March 2017. This is why the request to defer a decision to March would be better as there is nothing really to compare them with. CS also asked that no funding is to be taken from the 2 million that is currently allocated to rural roads and approval is sought for PWD to put a figure into this year's budget process for 2017/2018 so that there would be some funds available to start these works in the fourth coming season.</p> <p>KK asked if the current policy is very flexible. CS said that the original policy states that you had to be resident on the farm all year round apart from going on holiday, this was for road building but PWD are no longer doing this, just maintenance of roads now. Need to check if the policy still stands. CS said that it needs to be made clear if funds are to be taken away from maintenance to cover road building, is it first come first served basis or would funds be allocated each year.</p> <p>CS said it's not about a case of not doing the works but how about doing it, this requires more thought.</p> <p>PR said if the March date for the policy paper could be kept to be reviewed and supports the proposal to put some funds into the coming budget. PR also agreed funds should not be taken out of this year's budget.</p> <p>CS informed that they have reviewed the ability of PWD doing the work and now think PWD may have the plant but may still choose not to do it and still put it out to the private sector.</p>	<p>DS/CS</p>

	The Committee approved proposals as put forward by DPW. Decision is deferred to March and that no funding is taken from already allocated funds. CS will write back to both applicants saying that the decision is being referred until there is a new policy review which will be in March 2017.	CS
7.	Proposed dates for TAC in 2017 – Colin Summers – Director of Public Works	
	The below dates were agreed for TAC meetings in 2017 Thursday 9 th March 2017 Thursday 8 th June 2017 Thursday 14 th September 2017 Thursday 7 th December 2017	
8.	Concordia Bay Lift-On Lift-Off Crane – Matt Bassford – Director of Central Services	Policy
	<p>Mark from Policy talked the TAC members through the paper that was prepared by the Policy Unit about the heavy lift crane on the Concordia Bay. This would cost about £400,000 with making a saving of £13,000 a year. The conclusion of the paper was that it could not justify on economic grounds. There was a long discussion on the pros and cons for the crane. MT said that he had spoken to farmers and Adam of WBS but was not able to get much information regarding the service provided.</p> <p>KK said that the paper was just focused on all the Islands, it did not include Fox Bay which has about 50% of the cargo delivered/picked up from there. PR also said that the crane is used to unload goods from the West Falklands, its not just the operation of the Islands.</p> <p>One of the big problems is not being able to lift containers and livestock crates off at New Haven.</p> <p>AC said the cost evaluation is correct and the real savings are likely to be small. It's about the ability to provide what the people want.</p> <p>CS informed that the timber jetties would not be able to take any heavier loads as they were not designed for it.</p> <p>PR asked AC what is the life line expected for the current crane which is used and when is it likely to be replaced. AC said that it will be resurveyed this year and will then have a better idea. AC said that the concern they have is that they are working on a safe working load all the time and if there is any degradation in the crane and the safe working load is downgraded that would have a massive impact on the service. GR felt that if the crane needs replacing surely an upgrade is the way to go.</p> <p>DS asked about current costing for repairs to the crane to help/improve a cost benefit analysis. AC said that there are two factors, the maintenance of the crane and also that they have to hold extra plant out at New Haven such as a side lifter. This side lifter gets regularly maintenance to it and looks to be replaced in about 5 to 8 years. AC did inform that this is being looked into as a capital investment by FIG, this was not possible a year ago but also this does not potentially need to be the case either.</p> <p>The conclusion was that there are two issues to be thought about. First to note</p>	

	that there is no economic benefit and second, that there is no capital funding. The policy section are now to do more research on the crane and bring this back to the next TAC meeting.	
11	Date of next meeting	
	2pm on Thursday 9th March 2017 in the Liberation Room, Secretariat	
12	Exclusion of Public and Press	
	The meeting closed to the public.	