

**Transport Advisory Committee**  
**9am Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2018**  
**PWD Conference Room**  
**AGENDA**

<b>Part 1</b>	
<b>1.</b>	Apologies for absence
<b>2.</b>	Declarations of interest
<b>3.</b>	Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting held on the 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2017
<b>4.</b>	Matters Arising from the minutes of the meeting held on the 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2017
<b>5.</b>	Highways Update – Ivan Porritt – Roads Engineer – Report Attached
<b>7.</b>	Date of next meeting
<b>8.</b>	Exclusion of Press and Public
<b>Part 2</b>	
<b>EXEMPT</b>	<p>The public are likely to be excluded from the meeting for this/these item(s) of business by virtue of paragraph(s) 10 and 17 of Schedule 3 of the Committees (Public Access) Ordinance 2012]</p> <p><i>The Chairman to move as follows:</i>  <i>“I move that the press and public be now excluded on the ground that the next items of business to be considered are likely to disclose exempt information under paragraphs 10 and 17 of schedule 3 of the Committees (Public Access) Ordinance 2012.”</i></p>
<b>9.</b>	Confirmation of the exempt minutes of the meeting held on the 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2017
<b>10.</b>	Matters Arising of the exempt minutes of the meeting held on the 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2017

## TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### DRAFT OPEN MINUTES

**Minutes of the meeting held at 9am on Monday 11th December 2017  
In the PWD Conference Room, Stanley**

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

Present:	MLA Roger Edwards (RE)	Chair
	MLA Mark Pollard (MP)	MLA
	Mr Colin Summers (CS)	Director of Public Works
	Miss Louise Pole-Evans (LPE)	Island Representative
	Mr Martin Slater (MS)	Managing Director, FIDC
	Mr Gus Reid (GR)	East Representative
Minutes:	Valorie McLeod	Secretary
<b>PART I</b>		
		<b>ACTION</b>
1.	<b>Apologies for Absence</b> Marvin Clarke, Adam Cockwell, Harold Neilson and Morgan Goss	
2.	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> Louise Pole-Evans - General	
3.	<b>Confirmation of minutes of the open meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> September 2017</b> Approved without ammendment	
4.	<b>Matters arising from the minutes of the open meeting held the 8<sup>th</sup> September 2017</b>	
4.1	<p><b><u>Item 4.1 - Jetties</u></b> LPE has been asked by outer Island residents for an update on the jetties regarding a time line. CS informed that he has asked the Design Engineer to issue a plan in the New Year.</p> <p><b><u>Item 4.8 – Concordia Bay Crane</u></b> RE said the minutes state that the crane can still lift 6.5 tonnes but RE was under the impression from many discussions in the last assembly that the crane was losing its capacity and could no longer lift this amount?. CS said that the crane can still lift the 6.5 tonnes right by the crane base but does not have the capacity to lift full containers, that is why there is a weight limit of 3 – 4 tonnes further across the deck. RE said that is not what the minute says and that Adam Cockwell said they can lift more and that this is the lift into the spot, ie it can lift 6.5 tonnes into every spot and it can also lift more than that. RE asked if the minute was incorrect? CS said no that it can lift 6.5 tonnes and that it can lift more but that it is not certified to lift more.</p> <p>LPE asked what was happening with the purchase of a new crane? CS has not had anything back from Work Boat Services. AC is to be chased up for the report.</p>	AC

	<p><b><u>Item 6 FIGAS Report</u></b>  RE asked about the report that MG done for the last meeting as it looked like the report was only for TAC members. CS said the report just showed number of passengers increasing and movements.</p> <p>LPE asked if it would be possible to have an update on aircrafts as this time of the year again they are only using 2 aircrafts which is not great. CS said that they are putting funding in for 2 more positions. Currently there are 2 members of staff in the UK training, due back in the new year. The main issue is getting staff CS said, not asking for funding. There are 2 contractors that like coming here but only for 3 months at a time, pay is better in other parts of the world.</p> <p>RE said that they do need to look into the long term plan, maybe another airframe is needed.</p> <p>MS asked if we are training enough. When the 2 engineers were sent away for training that was enough at the time but not now.</p>	MG
5.	<b>Highways Update – Colin Summers, Director of Public Works</b>	
	<p><b><u>General</u></b>  Grading ongoing and as well as expected to be.</p> <p><b><u>East Capping and Crushing</u></b>  Capping and crushing are on target.</p> <p><b><u>Cattle Grids</u></b>  Due to start works later in the year. Looking at replacing the cattle grids at Mount Harriet and Becksid which is in relation to the MPA road works.</p> <p><b><u>West Roads Capping</u></b>  Works have begun. A site visit is being done at least every 2 weeks either by Ivan Porritt of Nuncker Summers.</p> <p><b><u>East Roads Improvements</u></b>  Works have started around Brookfield, and then starting to work back from Estancia to Stanley</p> <p>The North Arm/ San Carlos road works has been awarded and the contractor has started on the North Arm road</p> <p><b><u>Safety and Realignment</u></b>  Have received information from BACTEC that they have cleared the corner of the minefield at Port Howard and now just awaiting for a written confirmation. CS will not let anyone go in there until he has received a signed confirmation saying its safe. Ross from Design is hoping to go out and do a survey around the 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2017.</p> <p>RE asked if delisting minefields and removing fences is something the MOD still do. CS confirmed that at the moment BACTEC still need the CBFSAI approval to remove the minefield signs, once the signs are removed they are no longer minefields and fall back to FIG.</p> <p><b><u>Culverts</u></b>  Just been awarded for a new 3 year contract to Jan Clarke. JC is to produce a programme of works and CS is expecting this in the next few days.</p> <p>LPE asked if there are any plans to realign around the bend at the culvert at the Warrah. CS said he would have to check but thinks there is not.</p>	CS

### **West Roads Improvements**

Works for Stoney Ridge have been awarded to PJ McKay. He is due to start this work once he has finished the North Arm Road works which he is meant to be doing before Christmas, he is about a week behind schedule at the moment.

The MOD are not going to be doing any work on the West this season due to accommodation issues.

### **MPA Road**

Asphalt contract awarded and the men are here, they have done a section of the airport road and are going back to the UK this week for the Christmas break and due back in January and due to start works on the MPA road. They do have marking posts in up to the end of the existing asphalt.

The new asphalt plant arrives on the next MOD boat.

When the asphalt workers come back they have a full programme from the 2<sup>nd</sup> week in January right through to March as they have Sappers Hill to do which is almost 2km.

The problem with the current plant is the decanting as the asphalt has to come in drums. With the new plant it is hoped that they can put the asphalt from the drums into the tanks at the end of the season, the tanks are slightly bigger.

Airport Road – RE said that a wonderful job had been done.

CS informed that extra works had to be done on the FIPASS Junction/Bypass Road as it was built on sand so had to dig further down to the hard base.

### **Cape Pembroke Road**

Got some tidying up works to be done. A cattle grid is to go in just behind the FIGAS hangers making access to this area easier. Also some works on the road towards the east end due to some washed out areas. This work will be picked up towards the end of the season. CS confirmed all this work is included in the original funding request and are still expecting to underspend.

### **Contract Status**

- ***West Roads Capping*** – Are in their fourth year of a five year contract
- ***Cattle Grids*** – Again in their fourth year of a five year contract
- ***Haulage Contract on North Camp Roads*** – This is the last year of a four year contract.
- ***Haulage Contract MPA Road*** – A new three year contract which has started this season.
- ***Capping/Rebuilding Works North Arm and San Carlos Roads*** – New 3 year contract with PJ McKay
- ***Culvert Replacement Contract*** - A new three year contract which has recently been awarded , just waiting for programme of works but expecting works to start in the new year.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Stoney Ridge Road</b> – PJ McKay was successful for the capping works on this road which PWD started last season. A total of 2.5km to be completed. Due to start works after Christmas.</li> <li>• <b>Asphalt Labour Contract</b> – This is just for the supply of labour, this has been awarded and the men are here</li> <li>• <b>Port Howard Realignment</b> – Hoping to complete the survey of works before Christmas and then the contract should be out in the new year.</li> <li>• <b>Cattle Grid Cleaning/Repairs/Maintenance East and West Falklands</b> – Currently out for tender again. There was a issue with it the first time around, some errors around the clarification. Due to close before Christmas. This contract is to allow a contractor to go around and clean 30% cattle grids every year. (30% on West, 30% on East and 30% on the MPA Road). CS did confirm that the works could be split between different contractors if one only wanted to submit for one part but did say it would be easier if the contractor did all three.</li> <li>• <b>Camp Roads</b> – The two new camp roads have been surveyed now, (West Lagoons and Philomel). It is hoped that the contract for one of these roads will go out in the new year. RE said that most of the C class roads on the West have never been capped and are now asking for less than C class roads to be capped. CS informed that Class C roads are being capped. What the main point now is when building these new roads, they should be built to a standard where they will not require capping. The main reason for an increase in costs of capping the roads is the haulage, this is mainly on the West as finding the adequate material is much harder than the East which results in hauling the materials a further distance. Contracts are now measured rather than on rates so when they say an amount for a job then that's all they will get paid unless there is a problem. There has been a decrease in costs doing contracts this way. CS stated that he is comfortable with current funding to complete these two new roads.</li> <li>• Hill Cove Realignment – works have been delayed due to the works being done on Byron. CS said it was no point building a new road and then the MOD running loads of plant on it. Byron works are a year behind, CS said this is being monitored.</li> <li>• Capping Roads – LPE said that due to being behind on capping works some roads are now in a horrendous state. CS asked if we should be requesting 3 million pounds a year rather than the 2 million a year. However resource is a problem. Contractors will tell us they can do the works and contracts are awarded but then they cannot deliver. Currently there is only 2 or 3 contractors that can do the works.</li> <li>• Assistant Road Engineer – is due to start in January 2018 so that will give an extra person to go out and check roads and take some pressure off.</li> <li>• CS informed that the East crushing is done by PWD. Annually crush about 200,000 pounds worth of material and covers some roads on the North Camp but mainly the MPA road. Capping on the MPA Road is placed by PWD but use contractors for Haulage.</li> </ul>	
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	<b>Services.</b>	
	<p>CS informed that AC is currently away in Punta Arenas and AC sent this through to him before he went but that it does not have the November figures in it. The Concordia Bay is due to be on dry dock from today for 5 – 7 days and then some sea testing will be done. It is hoped that the Concordia Bay will be back by the 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> December 2017 weather dependant. LPE said that with the reports from AC it shows that the Concordia Bay is getting busier and busier, MS agreed that the demand on the ferry usage is increasing. It would be helpful to get a picture of that the future holds, ie would another vessel be required. RE said that one boat is not the answer as it can only be in one place at a time but CS said that it currently spends about 30% of the time doing nothing and they struggle with crew for one boat let alone two. However one of the things being looked at is what the contingency is, this is being looked at by Work Boat Services and FIG.</p> <p>LPE said that generally you have to wait 6 weeks to get a boat which is a very long period especially when you have cut down on your cargo. MS said when the Concordia Bay comes back it will have to play catch up for weeks and weeks and this will have a massive impact on the tourist season this year. CS said he did not think it would take much to catch up as they did not cut much on the West Islands and nothing on the East at all. West Islands were a week early and there were some restrictions. RE said that the impact on tourists is not as important than the people that live here. LPE asked if FIGAS are going to be able to work to the demand on the reduced service due to the ferry on dry dock. CS confirmed that they will, they have offered flights to/from STY/PHD, this will be the pick up and drop off as they have to fly past there most times empty. LPE said she thought the freight would be the problem for FIGAS.</p>	AC
<b>7.</b>	<b>Date of next meeting</b>	
	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 9am, PWD Conference Room	
<b>8.</b>	<b>Exclusion of Public and Press</b>	
	The meeting closed to the public.	

## **Highways update for March 2018**

### **General:**

- Class A roads will be graded 100%: West roads 100% - East 75% to date
- Class B roads will be graded 90%: West roads 100% - East 75% to date
- Class C roads will be graded 75%: West roads 100% - East 50% to date
- Graded the roads round Mary Hill, FIGAS and Moody Brook at the beginning of February 2018.
- Grading & rolling around North Camp Tracks is on-going, from the Goose Green Road to the Head of the Bay.
- Grading crew will then work their way to MPA on the Darwin Road.

### **East capping and crushing:**

- The crusher has been at Bush Rincon crushing capping material for the MPA Road capping. A stockpile of approx. 16,000t is available for this.
- The crusher has now been relocated to the Port Harriet quarry to crush for the MPA Road shoulder work and the North Camp Tracks.

### **Cattle grids:**

- The contractor will be re-starting the cattle grid construction works on West Falkland in May 2018.
- The cattle grid at Mount Harriet has now been removed.
- The tender is currently being amended to be re-issued for the cleaning, repair and maintenance of the grids on East and West Falkland.

### **West Roads Capping:**

- The contractor re-started the capping works in Nov 17, on the Fox Bay to Port Howard Road.
- Approx. 9Km has been completed to date
- A site visit to the West took place in Jan 18 to approve a proposed borrow pit.
- Site visits are taking place approx. every two (2) weeks to ensure the work is being carried out as per the contract requirements.

### **East Roads Improvements Cat B:**

- The rehabilitation of the road at Green Patch heading towards Estancia started in Oct 17, with material sourced from a local borrow pits.
- We are hoping to reach the cattle grid at Estancia before the end of Feb 2018.
- The first section of the North Arm & San Carlos Road contract has been completed.

**Safety and Realignment:**

- Funding was identified for the re-alignment of the hill leaving the Port Howard ferry Terminal.
- The final survey has been completed, and we are waiting for the design based on the survey results.
- It will then be determined if the work can be done in-house or put out to contract.

**Culverts:**

- A new three (3) year contract has been awarded to Jan Clarke Haulage, for the continuation of culvert replacement on East and West Falkland.
- He started in January 2018 , to date the culverts at Rumford Brook, Huckle Corner, North Arm Settlement, Cape Dolphin & Bull Hill Stream have been replaced.

**West Road Improvements Cat B:**

- A contract for the remaining 2.5Km of road rehabilitation at Stoney Ridge has been awarded.
- The contractor started the works at the end of January 2018 and aims to complete them in five (5) weeks.
- The MOD has expressed an interest to come back and continue their works in this area. Nothing further has been received or mentioned since the time of this meeting.

**MPA Road:**

- Asphalt contract has been awarded, and the same company that did the surfacing works last season are continuing this season.
- Surfacing works started in Jan 2018 at Ch2800 and will stop at Ch5250.
- All the culverts have been replaced within this seasons asphalt works area.
- The cattle grid at Mount Harriet has been removed and replaced with asphalt.
- A new three (3) year haulage contract for the MPA Road was awarded to SS Haulage; capping works commenced in February 2018 starting at the Vantan and continuing east towards Stanley.
- Looking into the possibility of making the asphalt contract a three (3) year one from October to May with a break for the Christmas period.

**Airport & By-Pass Road:**

- Surfacing works on the Airport/By-Pass Road were completed in December 2017.
- Approx. 800m were achieved, along with the placement of granular material & Allegrini marker posts for the hard shoulder.
- This work will continue season by season until we reach FIGAS.



**Cape Pembroke road:**

- The base of the road has been placed.
- Some additional drainage and capping works are required, these will now be done in the 2018/19 construction season.

**Contract Status**

<b>CONTRACT</b>	<b>STATUS</b>	<b>AWARDED TO</b>
<b>EXISTING CONTRACTS</b>		
5 year contract for capping/rebuilding and associated works on the Port Howard/Fox Bay Road	Fourth year was started in October 2017.	JK Contracting
5 year Cattle grid contract	Third year of this contract will start in May 2018, after the capping season has finished.	JK Contracting
4 year haulage contract for the North Camp roads	The 2017/18 season will be the last on this current contract.	SS Haulage
3 year haulage contract for the MPA Road (2017/18-19/20)	This was put out for tender in August 2017. The contract has been awarded.	SS Haulage
Asphalt labour contract 2017-18.	The contract was awarded in Oct 17 and asphalt works are on-going	Connor Construction (UK)
3 year contract for capping/rebuilding and associated works for sections of the North Arm & San Carlos Roads.	The contract has been awarded and work started in Nov 17.	PJ McKay & Son Ltd.
Contract for the completion of approx. 2.5Km on the Stoney Ridge Road was put out for tender (2017/18 only).	The contract has been awarded and work started in January 2018.	PJ McKay & Son Ltd.
<b>NEW CONTRACTS</b>		
3 year Culvert replacement contract 2017/18-19/20.	The Contract was awarded in December 2017.	Jan Clarke Haulage
Contract for Port Howard Realignment works.	The final survey has been completed and we are waiting for the design.	A decision will be made as to whether it is done 'in-house' or put out for contract.
3 year contract for Cattle grid cleaning, repair and maintenance on East & West Falkland	The contract is currently being amended for re-issue.	The tender will be re-issued in May 2018.
Camp Roads	The tender has been issued for road construction to West Lagoons.	Out for tender with a closing date of 9 <sup>th</sup> March 2018.

**Staffing issues:**

- Assistant Roads Engineer – two (2) offers have now been sent out to candidates (Dec 17 and Feb 18). Neither of these have responded to yes, no or indifferently. The agency staff, HR and myself have chased them up to no avail.
- Grader Foreman has resigned and the post has been advertised. There was one (1) suitable application to which an offer will be made.
- Assistant Grader Foreman resigned on January 12th and his replacement started on the 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018.
- General Plant Operator / Handyman are required preferably with grader experience and currently there are two (2) vacancies. This will be advertised during March 2018.
- I have four (4) Filipinos as contractors from the FIC; if any of these apply for the permanent roles it doesn't alleviate the staffing issues. As I will still have vacancies to be filled.