

TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DRAFT OPEN MINUTES

**Minutes of the meeting held at 9am on Wednesday 7th March 2018
In the PWD Conference Room, Stanley**

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

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| Present: | MLA Roger Edwards (RE) | Chair |
| | MLA Leona Roberts (LR) | MLA |
| | Mr Colin Summers (CS) | Director of Public Works |
| | Miss Louise Pole-Evans (LPE) | Island Representative |
| | Mr Iain Robertson (IR) | Director of Development & Commercial Services |
| | Mr Gus Reid (GR) | East Representative |
| | Mr Marvin Clarke (MC) | Stanley Representative |
| | Mr Adam Cockwell (AC) | Work Boat Services |
| | Mr Harold Neilson (HN) | West Representative |
| Minutes: | Valorie McLeod | Secretary |
| Public: | 2 Members | |
| PART I | | |
| | | ACTION |
| 1. | Apologies for Absence Morgan Goss and Martin Slater | |
| 2. | Declarations of Interest Louise Pole-Evans - General | |
| 3. | Confirmation of minutes of the open meeting held on the 11th December 2017 Page 3, Hangers should read “Hangars”. | |
| 4. | Matters arising from the minutes of the open meeting held the 11th December 2017 | |
| | <p><u>Item 4.1 - Jetties</u> LPE asked if there was a timescale for works yet. CS advised that PWD are due to submit an Exco paper to the April meeting. CS said that they have managed to take the 40 plus jetties down to 15. The jetties that have been removed don't exist anymore or are not used. Job Mtetwa, Design Engineer has been in touch with AC from Work Boat Services and discussed the 15 jetties. The next stage is for JM to make contact with the users/land owners and go and do a full survey and then submit a report. The report is to be finished by August/September 2018.</p> <p>RE asked if there are any jetties at the moment that are unusable now and should be brought up to standard?. AC said that Lively Island is one. CS said that Lively Island is not on the list and that this jetty is being dealt with as a separate project. Works are out for tender at the moment.</p> <p>Pebble Jetty – CS confirmed that Martech are due there this week and will take two weeks to complete works. They will then move onto the Fox Bay jetty.</p> | |

Item 4.8 – Concordia Bay Crane

RE said that he was expecting a report on this in the December 2017 meeting. AC confirmed that the report was given to the CE in September as requested. AC confirmed a couple of points:-

- The crane limit is set to 6.5 tonnes gross, this is the limit set for all containers so that they can be lifted anywhere on deck. There is potential to lift heavier weights by putting them closer to the crane but that then limits the availability to move them around. They do and can take heavier containers but it is on a case by case basis.
- The report that the CE asked for has gone to the CE and is now up to FIG to deal with. IR informed that FIG have the report and that they are discussing this internally and with Work Boat Services. IR said that there are only two options, 1st one is to replace the crane which is expensive and a lengthy process, 2nd option is to bring in a mobile crane to New Haven but this is still in the development stage. IR and BE (Barry Elsby) would like to see the operation to experience what the problems are.

It was suggested that maybe an option is to look at the possibility purchasing a bigger vessel instead of investing in large amount of funds into purchasing a bigger crane. RE said this is subject to a separate piece of work which is ongoing and a report is expected at some stage.

FIGAS

IR gave a quick overview regarding investments..

FIGAS have experienced difficulty this year with engineering issues, engine failures and lack of engineers.

Two new engines have been purchased and should have arrived on the Scout. Have approval to procure another 5 engines in the next few months.

In the upcoming budgets they have asked for additional funds for the purchase of new engines so there is a rolling programme of replacing engines for the next two years. IR said they are also procuring additional engineering support. The two engineers which are away training will be coming back shortly which will help the shortage situation (please check on this approval for all these engines).

There is also the possibility of getting another airframe by the end of the year but this is a working progress. IR wanted to make aware that they are looking into investing significantly into FIGAS and see improvements in the next summer season.

There are also currently two pilots on a training programme recruited locally from the islands.

Concordia Bay Operational Update

AC wanted to clarify some points as he was in Punta Arenas for the last meeting.

AC said there was some talk about a second vessel. AC said that there would not be a problem getting two crews and that it might be easier as you would have more permanently retained staff.

Contingency – This has been discussed with FIG, nothing much been done on it at the moment but is ongoing.

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| 5. | Highways Update – Colin Summers, Director of Public Works | |
| | <p><u>General</u> Grading – Ahead of programme and set to achieve KPI's. There is a little set back as have lost another member of the grader crew.</p> <p><u>Cattle Grids</u> Works due to start next month The cattle grid at Mount Harriet has now been removed as part of the Asphalt works and the other grid at the other end will go next year. RE raised the fact that the contract for cleaning of the cattle grids was outstanding at the December meeting and it appears that they are still outstanding now. CS confirmed that this was not due to go out until January 2018. It is now outstanding due to a delay with the tender as there was an issue with it. The issue has been rectified. The tender secretary is due to go overseas shortly so this will be delayed until her return. This does not cause any problems, CS informed the committee, as the worst cattle grids are being covered by task orders with the existing contractor.</p> <p><u>West Roads Capping</u> Done 9km capping to date. A visit to be done in a fortnight, all going well.</p> <p><u>East Roads Improvements</u> The PWD gang have been working from Green Patch to the Estancia, they made it to the cattle grid and beyond, another couple of weeks work then will be finished on the North Camp. The North Arm/San Carlos section was completed before Christmas, the contractor needs to go back and just do some remedial works once finished at Stoney Ridge.</p> <p><u>Safety and Realignment</u> Funding for the realignment is still there, a survey has been completed. Have the minefield clearance certificate in place now. PWD will do the works at the end of the season which should be around April/May time. CS confirmed that the decision to do the job in house was made due to the fact that PWD would have to be out there to do the drill and blast works anyway and it would make more sense to just do the works.</p> <p><u>Culverts</u> Contract been let. It was mentioned that the culvert that was changed at Green Hill had been replaced with smaller culverts than what was previously there. CS confirmed this and said that this is to be rectified. LPE asked if there are any plans to realign the bend at the Warrah, CS said no but they will look at the design now.</p> <p><u>West Roads Improvements</u> Works should be completed by the end of the month. Have had to go back and do a few soft spots. Hauling is still being done from Spring point so it does take time. Have looked at Stoney Ridge but still cannot find any good material to use. CS did say that hauling from Spring Point could not carry on when they go further south to do works. An excavator will probably have to be sent over to dig test holes for a few months to find suitable material. It was asked if stock piling the material had been thought about. CS confirmed that this has been looked into but have not been able to process this. This is something that wants to be done. CS reported that the MOD had expressed an interest to continue works around</p> | |

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| | <p>the Dunbar area. They were meant to continue these works this year but due to resources and timings they differed these works and went and done some work around Mount Alice instead. However they have expressed interest in doing works in the next season.</p> <p><u>MPA Road</u> Works are well on, due to finish the base course this week. There is a slight issue with the wearing course due to the fact that there is no wearing course material and with breakdowns at the quarry so works are about 2 weeks behind schedule. They will now move onto Sapper Hill and do the base course and then go back to the MPA road and do the wearing course. Works will be completed before the asphalt workers leave.</p> <p>It was mentioned that it is a treat to drive on the asphalt, a good job has been done.</p> <p>The new asphalt plant is due to arrive on the next boat and will be ready for a September start.</p> <p><u>Airport and By-Pass Road</u> Surfacing works completed in December, 800 meters done. Works due to continue next season from where they stopped down to beyond the Boxer Bridge and Megabid junction. Once past the Megabid junction works will be easier due to the fact the specification drops a little bit and the road could be closed off and divert traffic around boxer bridge instead of having one lane open only.</p> <p>LR said the workers should be congratulated on their work, it was really well done.</p> <p><u>Cape Pembroke Road</u> Cattle grid to go in and some dressing works to be done. PWD will undertake these works.</p> <p><u>Contract Status</u> CS informed that the contracts have not changed apart from the Port Howard works, this will be now done by PWD. The closing date for the tender for West Lagoons is the 9th March, the tender for Philomel Farm is almost done but can't award this yet as have to wait for additional funding.</p> <p><u>Staffing</u> There have been 2 offers made for the Assistant Roads Engineers post, the 1st candidate turned it down, the 2nd candidate is making a decision. Grader Foreman has resigned. Still some general plant operator posts vacant. Currently looking into to see if the need to increase the number of agency workers for next year.</p> <p>HN asked about the sign for the bad corner on the New Haven Road, CS confirmed that the signs have just arrived and will be erected shortly.</p> | |
| 7. | Date of next meeting | |
| | Suggested that the next meeting should be in early July 2018. Date to be arranged. | |
| 8. | Exclusion of Public and Press | |

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