

TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DRAFT OPEN MINUTES

**Minutes of the meeting held at 14.30 on Monday 2nd July 2018
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 Barry Elsby (BE)	MLA
	Mr Colin Summers (CS)	Director of Public Works
	Mr Ivan Porritt (IP)	Roads Engineer
	Miss Louise Pole-Evans (LPE)	Island Representative
	Mr Marvin Clarke (MC)	Stanley Representative
	Mr Adam Cockwell (AC)	Work Boat Services
	Mr Morgan Goss (MG)	FIGAS Manager
	Mr Iain Robertson (IR)	Director of Development & Commercial Services
Minutes:	Valorie McLeod	Secretary
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PART I		
		ACTION
1.	Apologies for Absence Martin Slater, Harold Neilson and Gus Reid	
	The Chair RE informed that there is an urgent item to be discussed in the exempt section of the meeting, this being “Capital Allocation of the 2.5 Million Budget”. RE has consulted with the Clerk of Assembly and agreed that this could be included. No objections received from the committee members.	
2.	Declarations of Interest Louise Pole-Evans - General	
3.	Confirmation of minutes of the open meeting held on the 7th March 2018 Page 2 – FIGAS 2 nd paragraph, should read “this is work in progress” rather than this is a working progress”. Also the word “have experienced” is two words rather than “haveexperienced” as stated in the minutes.	
4.	Matters arising from the minutes of the open meeting held the 7th March 2018 <u>Item 4.1 - Jetties</u> LPE asked for an update on the Jetties and Ramp survey. CS informed that the desk top study is now completed and this will go to the Exco meeting in July 2018 as an information paper only. The Design Engineer Job Metetwa has started contacting people for arranging site visits during August and September 2018. CS said that by the end of September JM should have seen everyone on the list. The report will then go to CS and IR who will then do a final report which will go into the budget process in December 2018.	

Lively Island – This is now included in the Study/Report, Martech have completed works on the Pebble Jetty and also the Fox Bay Jetty.

Item 4.8 – Concordia Bay Crane

LPE asked if BE and IR had yet been out to look at the operation?

BE informed that they had seen some cargo coming off the ferry but not any big loads. IR said that they have had a number of meetings with Work Boat Services and CS. There is now a working group which had their first meeting last week which will look at all issues. RE asked how long this piece of work would take to get some results, IR said that he should have some more information available in a few month's.

FIGAS

Regarding the engineering issues, MG informed that they now have a full complement. Have supplemented them with 3 skilled contractors to help speed the major servicing through. Hoping to have 4 aircrafts available towards the end of September for passenger transport. With the demise of Bravo Mike which they are still recovering at the moment, this has derailed some plans but MG said they are in talks with the aircraft manufacturers Britten-Norman for leasing an aircraft which will not be cheap but could be here by September 2018. FIGAS should be in good shape for the summer season.

MG has also been talking to Britten-Norman about the delivery timeline for the new aircraft which is looking at April 2019. Islanders that we need are very hard to come by. MG is also looking at options for a 2nd aircraft if the need arises.

Work Boat services are helping to get Bravo Mike back into town on the 13th July 2018. The aircraft is almost ready to be pulled apart and WBS are going to deliver the heavier equipment on the 5th July. Preliminary investigations show that the wing is written off but they are working with Britten-Norman to get an engineer here to do a study, hopefully within the next 6 weeks to 2 months they will have a decision on the condition of the wing.

RE asked if a new wing could be purchased from Britten-Norman but MG said that there are only second hand wings available. MG is going to discuss this with them when he is in the UK next week. Regarding the engines, both have received shock damage but one was ripped free.

Bravo Delta should be back on line tomorrow

New engines arrived on the Scout and they will be fitted to Bravo November in the next few weeks so she will be ready with 1000 hours at the start of the summer.

Bravo Oscar will get a new engine.

Will have a fleet in the next 18 months or so of new engines.

Bravo Oscar will be a backup aircraft as she is a lot heavier as she can carry 4 passengers instead of the usual 6 on the other aircrafts.

Pilott update

Derek Clarke retires in August 2018.

MG said that he is hoping Drew does not leave to go to BAS as they are looking for a couple pilots at the moment. If loose Drew then will have to bring out a contractor piolet. Are looking at options just in case Drew does leave.

Dion is also about to go training. MG said that it does look like a contract pilot will be required for about a year.

	<p><u>Cattle Grids</u> LPE asked what was happening regarding the Cleaning and Maintenance of cattle grids IP said that the technical assessment has been done and sent to Lynn Brownlee. The contract is to be awarded soon as its all straight forward.</p> <p><u>Culverts</u> LPE asked about the realignment at the Warrah and said that she has also had members of the public asking her about realignment in general? CS said that realignment at the Warrah was not going to take place as when the road was reviewed, it showed that it would require an awful lot of work and it's not that bad at the moment and as far as PWD are aware or have not been told, there have been no accidents or incidents in that location. With regards reviewing other parts of the roads, CS said that the plan is when cattle grids or culvert replacements are done they will insure that they are looking at whether or not it should be realigned at the same time. CS also stated realignment will be looked at when capping works are being done too.</p> <p><u>Staffing</u> Assistant Roads Engineer – post is still out for advert at the moment. Did have a couple candidates come through but no contact has been received from them, even after offers were made to them.</p>	
5.	Highways Update – Ivan Porritt – Roads Engineer	
	<p><u>General</u> The 17/18 season works have now finished, IP informed that 100% works completed on the East and West Class A and B roads during this season.</p> <p>Contractor had been capping from Harps Farm to Port Howard. He has now completed his 4th year of a 5 year contract and is looking at starting works again in November 2019 once a suitable quarry has been located.</p> <p><u>Cattle Grids</u> Same contractor doing the capping on the west has completed 6 cattle grids in the Narrows Area on the Dunnose Head-Shallow Harbour Road, all these were done by the end of May 2018 and opened to traffic in June 2018. (These were 2 cattle grids in Charters in April whilst capping in the area and 4 in Dunnose Head).</p> <p><u>East Roads Improvements CAT B</u> Have placed some Base Course material and done some realignment works from Green Patch down to the cattle grid near Estancia. Done some extra ditching and replaced new wavy coils for drainage. Contractor completed 1st year of a 3 year contract capping on the North Arm from where the burrow pit was for approx. 3m down the road.</p> <p><u>West Roads Improvements CAT B</u> The balance of works in the Stoney Ridge area was completed. The contractor was hauling material from Spring Point. Also done repairs on soft spots and repaired the damage he had done on the road by hauling. RE asked if other burrow pits are still being looked into?. IP said it has been talked about with CS and Nunker Summers the General Foreman. When a machine can get to the West then will be looking for other material to use. CS said that they did open up 4 test areas at the start of this season but none of them contained satisfactory material. CS did say that they are trying to find material which is about 500 meters off the road otherwise they would spend about a year building a road to the burrow pit, CS said that this may have to be done if nothing suitable is found close to the roads especially down the South.</p>	

Culverts

1st year of a 3 year culvert replacement contract has been completed. Has been working through a list of culverts to be replaced. The Contractor has already taken some culverts out ready to start works in the next season which starts in October 2018. LPE mentioned that the culverts at the Warrah had not been done and asked if there was a reason for this?. IP informed that the contractor had run out of time but this will be one of his first jobs in October 2018.

MPA Road

Asphalt works on the MPA road have been completed at the end of April. They got to just around the bend from the Port Harriet turnoff. Have removed the cattle grid at Boot Hill and replaced 6 culverts in this section as well.

A 3 year contract for the supply of Asphalt Labour is out for tender with a closing date of the 6th July 2018. IP informed that there had been 3 companies expressing interest.

Airport and By-Pass Road

Completed 850m starting from the FIC warehouse, which included completely rebuilding the FIPAS Junction. Did also put in some placement ducts for any future developments.

Safety, Signage & Realignment

PWD have completed the realignment works at Port Howard jetty, works completed about 7 to 10 days ago.

NEXT YEARS WORKS:-

East Roads Improvements Cat B

Capping the area from Green Patch to Estancia.

Look at rehabilitating of the road from Rumford heading towards the Estancia Triangle.

The 2nd year of the 3 year contract on the North Arm road will continue.

West Roads Improvements Cat B

Looking at into rebuilding the Hill Cove road and doing some work on the road in between the two settlements as when it gets wet it goes rutty.

Capping East Falkland Cat A

Crushing at Port Harriet at the moment. Going to stock pile the material and do some work on the MPA road and the Green Patch area. Will also be moving to Bush Rincon and Canada Ronda as and when required.

Capping West Falkland Cat B

Will start final year of a 5 year contract to rebuild and cap the Fox Bay to Port Howard road.

Cattle Grid Installation

Got grids to replace on East and West

This will be the 4th year of his 5 year contract.

There is a proposal for a 3 year cattle grid/cleaning and maintenance and rehabilitation contract. This should be awarded within the next week.

<p><u>Safety, Signage and Realignment</u> Looking at realignment works at Gorse Bush Pass. CS did inform that he has recently received an email from the MOD. CS said they need to look into this as the MOD are about a year behind on their works and it would not be worthwhile doing the realignment until they have finished. MOD have at least 2 more seasons of work left and it would make more sense to run over the old surface than the new one.</p> <p>More investigation works need to be done by IP into this. CS said to do the design works just in case it does go ahead this season.</p> <p><u>Culvert Replacement</u> Funding is for the 2nd year of a 3 year contract on the West at the Warrah</p> <p><u>Balance of Camp Roads</u> Held as a small contingency in case needed elsewhere.</p> <p><u>MPA Road</u> Will continue with Asphalt works from where finished last season. Hoping to get as far as the cattle grid on the east side of the Mt Kent turn-off. Culverts to be replaced come September and some additional works such as ditching and alignment. Total stretch of works to be done is approximately 4.8 km.</p> <p><u>Airport Road</u> Will start works where left off last season and head down to the Megabid junction which is about 850-900 meters. There will be some works to be done at the Boxer Bridge junction but works will not be as major as the FIPASS one. Ross from the design section is currently working on the final survey.</p> <p>RE asked the question “how long is Boxer Bridge going to last?”. CS said that that Boxer Bridge is not due a survey until later this year. CS said an engineer would not be able to tell you how long it would last. It is expected that in about another 5 years weight restrictions down to only a light vehicle will have to come into place. This is to be looked into CS said.</p> <p><u>Contracts</u> Contracts out at the moment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently a 3 year tender is out for the Haulage on the North Camp Tracks • Cattle Grid and Maintenance contract for 3 years • Provision of Asphalt Labour contract for 3 years • Contract for the road to West Lagoons farm has been awarded and will start in October 2018. • Contract for a road to Philomel Farm will be going out to tender at the end of the month July 2018. LPE asked why has this not gone out before, was this a budget issue?. This was confirmed and also that the design was not completed. <p>RE asked if the 3 year contracts should be increased to 5 year contracts? CS said that there is no evidence that a 3 year contract is ineffective. These are fixed sum contracts and CS said how you can decide what it would cost in 4 or 5 years' time is almost impossible. CS has spoken to FIDC and the bank in the past. As FIDC are the main investor, they are happy that they will invest in a company or individual based on the contract being awarded for 3 years.</p> <p>RE then asked how far through a contract is it decided to start arranging to issue a new contract? CS informed that most are already done. What needs looking at is the whole of the Asset Management Plan which ties in with all of</p>	<p>IP</p>
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	<p>this CS said. Once IP has updated the Highways asset plan it will then be released to TAC and RBA for information.</p> <p><u>Farm Roads</u> The contract for the West Lagoons Road has not been signed off yet. IP is going to chase this up.</p>	IP
6.	Surface Water Drainage – Marvin Clarke – Stanley Representative	
	<p>MC declared an interest</p> <p>MC said for many years the roads have been over laid but there are in some cases that where the level of the road there is not much between the curb stones especially in the heavier rain fall. The pits in the middle of the roads then channel the water to them and the water then runs down into the adjacent property's. About 4-5 years ago this got looked at along Davis Street with site visits, a problem was identified. MC asked what was the prospect of replacing the curb stones? MC said he understood that there is drainage and other issues but to be aware there are frustrations from property owners.</p> <p>CS said that the "HAMP" would be of some interest to Stanley members as well as camp. CS has asked IP to include the 5 year plan of Stanley. CS said that there has also been an investment of just over a million pounds a year which was approved my members for Stanley roads. The first piece of work to be done is the completion of Ross Road, there is additional funding to start on other works but Davis Street does appear on it but not in year 1 or 2. CS did say that the drainage issue is a frustration for PWD generally. Some of the drainage are reaching capacity.</p> <p>IP will be getting the existing gullies and drains jetted/sucked out to see if this would reduce some of the flooding. CS said that this will hopefully help a bit enough until works are ready to replace or in some cases the complete replacement of the pavement. CS did say that these works would not happen within the next 6-12 months.</p> <p>MC said he is aware that the works on the cards but after a few years of being told that it is being looked into, he felt it did not hurt to bring it back to the table to be discussed.</p>	
7.	Date of next meeting	
	September 2018, date to be confirmed.	
8.	Exclusion of Public and Press	
	The meeting closed to the public.	