

TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DRAFT OPEN MINUTES

**Minutes of the meeting held at 8.30am on Friday 14th December 2018.
In the Liberation Room, Secretariat**

***“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 Iain Robertson (IR)	Director of Development & Commercial Services
	Mr Harold Neilson (HN)	West Representative
Minutes:	Valorie McLeod	Secretary
Public:	1 Member of the press.	
PART I		
		ACTION
1.	Apologies for Absence Gus Reid and Martin Slater	
2.	Declarations of Interest None	
3.	Confirmation of minutes of the open meeting held on the 27th September 2018 Page 2, West Roads Improvements Cat B: Last point should say the Shallow Harbour Road and not the Hill cove Road.	
4.	Matters arising from the minutes of the open meeting held the 27th September 2018	
	<u>Item 5 – Grading Works</u> IP has not had time to look into costs for the Cape Pembroke Road to date but should be ready for the next meeting. Regarding the point about the shift in policy and funds would need to be diverted to Grade C Roads, LPE asked if this has been or likely to be done. CS confirmed that nothing had not been done and would not be done for the next budget unless members request it.	IP
	<u>Item 5 – Cement Blocks</u> LPE inquired if the cement blocks had been used to replace gabion baskets. IP confirmed that Jan Clarke did some on the Rincon Road. IP has asked him if he could go back and double them up as this would give a lot more stability on the bank. IP is going out after the meeting to see how works are going.	IP
	<u>Item 5 – Warrah Bend</u> Realignment of the bend at the Warrah is to be done. IP informed that they will put some culverts in so that the road remains open. Jan Clarke is due to go	

	<p>over to that area so IP will arrange to meet him there and look at the site to see what can be done and if the budget is sufficient.</p> <p><u>Item 6 – Jetty Survey Update</u></p> <p>AC informed that the comment that read “CS informed that Work Boat Services are aware of the visits and that Adam and George both declined” is incorrect. AC said that the only visit that they were aware of was Sea Lion Island and that they went along to that. CS confirmed that an email had been received. AC said he wanted to clarify that they did not decline. CS apologised for the wording and said it probably should of read that WBS were unavailable at the time.</p> <p>Regarding the survey report, Job Mtetwa is in the process of completing the report and is hoping to have it ready by the end of today. The next stage would be for CS, Work Boat Services and IR to sit down and go through it.</p> <p>AC said that WBS preference and always has been putting in Ramps. There was a small discussion regarding this. AC said that the best solution for the kind of ship they have is a ramp for every location. CS said this is not being disputed. There is currently 1.5 million pounds allocated so we have to prioritise. Some Islands have jetties that are workable so would not need a ramp immediately but that is not to say that one could not be installed at a later date.</p> <p>RE asked if the report could be completed ASAP and then circulated to WBS and IR to comment on each Jetty. CS said that Job has been working on the report for the last couple of weeks. It did take longer to arrange to visit some of the Islands than expected. The report will be finished before Christmas and sent to the relevant people, a group meeting will then be arranged for in January 2019.</p> <p><u>Saunders Island</u></p> <p>BE asked if CS could chase up Saunders Islands for their comments just for confirmation of what they are saying.</p>	
5.	<p>Highways Update – Ivan Porritt – Roads Engineer</p>	
	<p><u>IP ran through the Highways update report:-</u></p> <p><u>Grading Works:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grading works on the A, B and C roads are to be done on the East and West this year and started in October 2018. • Half of the grading crew mobilised to the west on the 1st December and they are concentrating in the North area and in the New Year they will relocate to Fox Bay so they can concentrate on the South area. • The MPA Road has been graded a couple of times during September. • Have capped half of the Cape Pembroke Road but it still needs some drainage works, this will be discussed in the New Year. <p>LPE queried why they had only graded part of the North Camp Road as far as Teal Inlet? IP said that the Grader team had moved back onto the MPA Road but once they have finished they will then carry on where they left off on the TI Road.</p> <p><u>East Roads Improvements Cat B:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rehabilitation works have started on the Road from Rumford heading towards the Estancia Triangle. HN informed that someone had contacted him and said that the capping was very rough. It was reported that they have only laid Base Course at the moment and they are still to go back and cap it all. 	

- PJ will be relocating to North Arm in the New Year.

West Roads Improvements Cat B:

- Works have started and completed at this stage on the Road between the 2 settlements at Hill Cove. Will look at doing additional works but to be discussed first with CS.

Capping East Falkland Cat A:

- Crushing is ongoing at Bush Rincon for the MPA Road capping
- Crusher will then be re-located back to Port Harriet or Rumford, decision will be made in the New Year when Nunker is back from leave.

Capping West Falkland Cat A:

- Justin Knight has started the final year of his 5 year contract to rebuild and cap the Fox Bay to Port Howard Road. HN said he had a query about the capping in the Little Chartres area. HN asked if there is any plan to lower the grading as you go over the Little Chartres Bridge. IP confirmed that JK has reduced the grading on the banking on both sides and has made it a bit wider. JK will go back and look at the hill. IP is due to go out there next week so they will arrange to look at this then.
- HN also asked if there were any plans to go into Fox Bay and do the roads. CS said there are no plans at this stage. CS informed that the contractor was only currently contracted to do Category A Roads.

Cattlegrid Installation:

- Justin has started his 4th year of a 5 year contract.
- Has completed some grids in the Sheffield area and will move to Boundary farm area.
- A cattle grid will also be installed at Goose Green and one on the Cape Pembroke Road before the end of the season.

Safety, Signage and Realignment:

- Site visits to take place to look at new realignment works at Gorse Bush Pass.
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Culvert Replacement:

- Jan Clarke has started his 2nd year of his 3 year contract.
- Completed culverts on the Rincon Road and the Port Louis Road
- Will then move over to the West in the New Year to start at the Warrah.

MPA Road:

- Completed 700m of Base course, approx. 1,500 tonnes.
- Majority of the Asphalt guys have returned to the UK for the Christmas break. Due back in the middle of January 2019.
- Have removed one culvert.
- The Cattle Grid at the North Camp turn off will be replaced and done in house by Highways.

	<p><u>Airport Road:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approx 2,500 tonnes of base course has been laid. • Just finished past the East gate at Megabid • Wearing Course will be laid on this once the Quarry get their new Asphalt plant commissioned. <p><u>New Contracts 2018 Onwards:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 year contract for North Camp haulage has started using both primary and secondary contractors • The 3 year Cattle Grid Cleaning and Maintenance contract has started and PJ has cleaned out all the grids on the MPA Road and is working his way around the ones on the East starting at the North Camp. • 3 year Asphalt Labour Contract has started • West Lagoons Road is 90% completed. One gate and one Cattle Grid to go in. • Will start on the Philomel Farm Road in early March 2019. <p>MG asked where about was IP with the Fox Bay Airstrip? IP did look at it and has also spoken to Ross Challoner as he was out there. IP due to go to the West next week so is going to go and have a better look at the strip.</p> <p>CS informed that at SFC they approved advanced funding for materials for next season which means the ordering of materials can go ahead now. Hopefully this will give an early start to the new season.</p> <p>BE asked the question if culvert works could be done throughout the year. IP informed that there is a possibility of continuing culvert works but that Cattle Grids depend on the weather due to concrete being poured. The road weight restriction also need to be considered during the winter period.</p> <p>The New Asphalt Plant is up and running, it is partly commissioned, just one belt missing which arrives on the Scout tomorrow. Will install this next week. The guys will fly out next week but will be back in January to complete full dry commissioning and should start wet commissioning the 3rd or 4th week in January producing Asphalt for the MPA Road at the end of January 2019.</p>	IP
6.	FIGAS Update – Morgan Goss – General Manager, FIGAS	
	<p><u>Leased Aircraft</u></p> <p>Is on route, had anticipated getting it here early November for the start of the season. It had trouble getting across the North Atlantic due to it being winter there. The aircraft was not fitted with anti-icing. Hoping they will do 800 miles today down to Miami. The aircraft will have a 50 hour service there and a satellite tracker and 2 meter will be installed at the same time. Hopefully the aircraft will be here before Christmas.</p> <p>Currently have 4 aircrafts up and running. Will have the leased aircraft from December 2018 to April 2019</p> <p>Romeo has had its final paint spray and should be out in the next day or two.</p> <p>MG said they are comfortable with the number of aircrafts at the moment and in the New Year should have 5 running.</p> <p><u>New Aircraft</u></p> <p>MG had discussion with Brit Norman yesterday and cant see any reason as to why it would still not meet the June acceptance flight. In June Troyd Bowles</p>	

	<p>and MG will go to the UK and conduct the acceptance of the aircraft and within a month the aircraft should be here. The aircraft should be well integrated into the system for the next season.</p> <p><u>Aircraft Upgrade Modifications:</u> All aircrafts have glass cockpits now. Feedback on these has been positive. Bravo November is the last one to be fitted and scheduled for its modifications in April 2019. The only outstanding work is Bravo Delta and Bravo November's cabin trim to be replaced. Also the paint scheme of the aircrafts. The tender has not yet been put out for this. The new aircraft is coming with a slightly different paint scheme, it is still Red, White and Blue but does not look like the ones we have. The registration for the new aircraft will be VPFMC. This is in honour of Sir Miles Clifford as he was the person who gave funds to start FIGAS. The aircraft will be named "Sir Miles Clifford". All the fleet will look the same still Red, White and Blue.</p> <p>Bravo Mike – Had a report from the manufacturers, the cost of repair is £720,000. MG said his recommendation would be to buy a new aircraft. It is already 30 years old and the cost of running the aircraft before was around £200,000. Just to buy a new wing is around £400,000 and would be 12 months before we could get a new wing. MG is to do an ExCo paper with recommendation to buy a new one to replace it.</p> <p>MG did raise the question if we should stay with the Islanders or move to something different. It's very old and the manufacturer has not done anything really to improve it. MG handed out a booklet for members to look at of a company that has been selling aircrafts.</p> <p>Passenger Growth – are up by 10% at the moment, operating with 4 aircrafts with a leased aircraft coming in.</p>	
7.	<p>Work Boat Services Update – Adam Cockwell - WBS</p>	
	<p>AC produced a graphs forecasting movements on the ferry service up to the end of December 2018. There has been a big spike due to all the Anemoui work. They are still seeing an upward trend in usage. WBS has done less crossing this year than in 2016 and the load factors have gone up. The ferry service is getting more and more demand which is good news.</p> <p>Islands are increasing their requirements. Now have Weddell on line and Beaver Island are using the service more now. This means more time doing Island runs which result in the West Islands trips becoming longer which has a knock on effect on the ferry availability.</p> <p>There were several issues after dry dock with weather issues causing knock on delays, the schedule was not as good as it should have been. WBS did try to get all the Islands done before dry dock and again after it got back.</p> <p>Scheduling is usually based on previous year's movements. This year and will continue with next year's schedule by focusing on longer trips to the Islands.</p> <p>Weather has been more of an issue in the last few months.</p> <p>Looking at the future, AC has been talking to IR regarding purchasing a crane, this is ongoing.</p> <p>There are some marine architects coming down in April 2019 to carry out a lighting check on the Ferry. While they are here they will carry out a survey for installing a 200 tonne crane.</p>	

	Animals – Some work has be done by the working group, they have met a few time already. There have been a number of discussions on how things will change this year with different trucks and how WBS load trucks on the boat. They are building a race and animal holding area at New Haven.	
8.	Date of next meeting	
	Next meeting to be arranged for the middle of March 2019. Date to be confirmed.	
9.	Exclusion of Public and Press	
	The meeting closed to the public.	