

Transport Advisory Committee
14.30 hrs, Thursday 25th April 2019
PWD Conference Room, Bill Roberts Way
AGENDA

Part 1	
1.	Apologies for absence
2.	Declarations of interest
3.	Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting held on the 14 th December 2018
4.	Matters Arising from the minutes of the meeting held on the 14 th December 2018
5.	Highways Update – Colin Summers, Director of PWD – Report Attached
6.	Roads and Cattle Grid Questions – Harold Neilson, West Representative – Questions and Answers attached.
7.	Jetty Update – Colin Summers, Director of PWD – Report Attached
8.	Date of next meeting (August 2019, date to be confirmed)
9.	Exclusion of Press and Public
Part 2	
EXEMPT	<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>
10.	Confirmation of the exempt minutes of the meeting held on 14th December 2018
11.	Matters Arising of the exempt minutes of the meeting held on the 14th December 2018
	<i>NOT FOR PUBLICATION by virtue of paragraph 10 and 17 of Schedule 3 of the Committees (Public Access) Ordinance 2012, relating to Information about relevant contracts and negotiations and budgetary information</i>
12.	Cattle Grids 2018/2019 Season – Question and Answers attached
	<i>NOT FOR PUBLICATION by virtue of paragraph 10 of Schedule 3 of the Committees (Public Access) Ordinance 2012, relating to Information about relevant contracts and negotiations.</i>

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></p> <p>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.</p> <p>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".</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.	

2018-2019 SEASON WORKS:

GRADING WORKS:

- Class A, B & C road grading has been 80% completed on the west, this was due to breakdown's with both rollers needing to be brought back to the garage to be repaired.
- Balance roads: remainder of the Port Stephens Rd, the road to Albemarle and the Shallow Harbour Rd will be given priority as soon as the weight restrictions are lifted in Oct.
- The MPA Road is currently being capped in the L'Antioja area and graded.
- The Newhaven to MPA Rd is currently being graded. Two grading crews are working on this section of road and then one will branch off at the JB turn off; with one gang continuing to MPA and the other working their way round to San Carlos.

EAST ROADS IMPROVEMENTS CAT B:

- The rehabilitation works have been completed for the season in the North Camp. The works included placement of borrow pit base course material, replacement of culverts, additional drainage and ditching works.
- The 2nd yr of a 3yr contract for the reconstruction of the North Arm / San Carlos Rd is currently being completed with the placement of capping material and final ditching works.
- The contractor will then be landscaping the borrow pit used for base course material and tidying up the site.

WEST ROADS IMPROVEMENTS CAT B:

- The works on the reconstruction of the road between the 2 settlements at Hill Cove have been completed at this stage.
- The possibility of further works along this section will be discussed with the DPW during the winter months.

CAPPING EAST FALKLAND CAT A:

- Capping works commenced on the 11th March in the L'Antioja area, heading towards MPA.
- The crusher has now been moved to Megabid from Salinas Beach for maintenance works.

CAPPING WEST FALKLAND CAT A:

- The final year of a 5 year contract to rebuild and cap the Fox Bay to Port Howard Road, has been completed.
- Discussions with the DPW will take place during the winter months for potential contracts to be put out prior to the start of the 2019/20 construction season.

CATTLEGRID INSTALLATION:

- The contractor has started the 4th year of a 5 year contract.

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- Grids have been installed in the Sheffield area, with the balance timber work to be completed. The contractor has started the Boundary Farm grids.
- The contractor will then relocate to complete the grids on the east next season.
- A cattle grid has been installed on the Cape Pembroke Rd.

SAFETY, SIGNAGE & REALIGNMENT:

- Discussions with the DPW will take place during the winter months regarding realignment & safety works contract(s), being put out for the works prior to the start of the 2019/20 construction season.

CULVERT REPLACEMENT:

- The culvert replacement works at Port Louis and on the Rincon Road have been completed.
- The contractor has started to mobilise to the west and start with the road realignment works (on the Fox Bay side), and culvert replacement at the Warrah.
- He will then move to start on the culverts at Bull Hill Stream, Poncho Stream and the Sound on the west, at the start of the 2019/20 season.

MPA Road:

- 6Km of asphalt binder & surface course have been laid on the MPA Rd, from the Port Harriet turn-off to the North Camp turn-off and in the Brownings Gap section.
- Approx. 13,500t of DBM Binder course and 4,500t of DBM Surface course have been laid.
- The cattle grid at the North Camp turn off has been replaced.
- The cattle grid at the Beckside Farm turn-off has been removed.
- Once the maintenance has been completed the crusher, it will be relocated to Port Harriet, to crush the MPA Rd hard shoulder material.
- This material and the marker posts will be placed during the early part of winter.

Airport Road:

- 1Km of asphalt binder & surface course has been laid on the Airport Road from where the works finished last season past the east gate at Megabid.
- Approx. 2,400t of DBM Binder course and 800t of DBM Surface course have been laid.
- The hard shouldering works and marker post placement have been started and are on-going.

NEW CONTRACTS 2018 ONWARDS:

- The 1st year of a 3 year North Camp Tracks Road Haulage contract has been complete, using both primary and secondary contractors.
- The 3 year Cattle grid Cleaning & Maintenance contract has started and all the grids on the MPA Road have been cleaned. The contractor will now focus on all the remaining grids on both the east and west during the winter period.

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- The 1st of a 3 year Asphalt Labour contract will be completed at the end of April 2019.
- West Lagoons Farm Road contract is 90% completed. There is a cattle grid and a gate to be installed, which will be done during the next month.
- The contractor will start to mobilise to the west for the works on the Philomel Farm Rd. This work includes trial-hole excavation for material approval and the stripping of borrow pits, once approval has been given.

Questions for TAC meeting

- 1) Why has all of the planned grading programme on West Falkland for 2018/19 season not been completed?

Due to the breakdowns that we have had with the rollers, both of them needed to be brought back into the garage so they could be repaired.

- 2) The grading crew were based at Hill Cove all season, even when they were working South of Fox Bay, which involved many hours each day travelling. Why did they not stay at Fox Bay?

We didn't / don't have any accommodation at Fox Bay, as the road camp is currently occupied by the de-miners. Works were programmed to be completed by now and therefore would not have affected the programme, but there have been delays due to difficulties. Therefore this was unexpected and a one off.

The Govt. houses are undergoing renovation works and are only 3 bedroomed.

- 3) When is the cattle grid at the boundary between Lakelands Farm and Lyn Blake Nature Reserve going to be repaired? (It has a grid section missing)

This work will be done during the winter. The contractor has been e-mailed about this and a list of other grids that have been reported. At the time of writing this, no response has been received.

- 4) Many of the West Falkland cattle grids are ineffective due to needing maintenance. When is this maintenance going to happen?

Again the contractor has been informed of the grids that need doing on both the east & west; he has stated that he will do them in the winter months.

The grid at Fish Creek and the boundary between Tex & Jennifer's farms has also been reported. These have also been forwarded to the contractor.

- 5) Why were the culverts at Hawksnest Shanty and Jimmy Langs Ditch not replaced before capping was continued over them?

This was overlooked. As the contractor responsible for the Culvert Replacement contract is on the west, these works can be programmed in to be done at the start of next season.

- 6) What was the cost to FIG of the cattle grid built recently at Cape Pembroke by Morrisons Construction?

FIG currently have a term contract for replacement (i.e. putting another new cattle grid back in the place where one already was) cattle grids – 21 in total, over a period of 5 years.

The contract allows us to add further replacement cattle grids to this contract and the cost of each additional replacement cattle grid would be £6,600 this year.

However, this is not directly comparable to the construction of a new cattle grid, which is most likely to include the creation of a stoned bypass route, moving or

installing a gate and associated posts, and excavation of the hole in which to construct the cattle grid, which may involve breaking out rock to achieve a deep enough hole.

In particular, the term contract provides for FIG to issue to the Contractor all the materials required (bagged aggregates, cement, reinforcement mesh and bars, all timber, gates, posts, pipes, cats eyes and signage) “free of charge” for each cattle grid.

This is because 20 of the 21 replacement cattle grids covered under this contract are located on West Falkland.

The work that was carried out by Morrison at Cape Pembroke was commissioned under our “Cost Plus” partnership arrangement – where FIG pay “what it actually cost” for all Labour, Plant and Materials, plus an agreed 10% fee.

The final cost of the work Morrison carried was £18,816, including materials at £5,841. This is comparable to the grid on the MPA Road which cost £14,800 excluding some materials and bypass which were supplied / completed by PWD.

- 7) What is the cost estimated per cattle grid within the 5 year set price contract currently in place?

See response to Question 6.

It should be noted that the two are not directly comparable as those on the camp roads are at least 2m narrower than those constructed on the MPA and Cape Pembroke Roads.

- 8) At the last TAC meeting the Little Chartres Hill and Fox Bay Village roads were asked about. Did nothing happen as a result of this?

The contractor did do some work on the hill, but as the landowner was being problematic regarding the fence line, insisting laybys being removed room for manoeuvre was limited. But he has done what he can to relieve the problem.

- 9) Are the plans to put more signage in place on West Falkland roads? (ie at ferry terminal at PHD with distances; at Roy Cove turn off to indicate places further afield, and to continue onwards for Hill Cove and others; at turn off between HLC settlements to indicate for West Lagoons/Main Point/Shallow Bay; same for destinations and turn offs South of Fox Bay)

The signage for the Port Howard ferry terminal and directional signs will be placed during the winter months along with the signs for the Neil Clarke Nature Reserve, as we will have more flexibility with the workforce.

- 10) Will the New Haven/Goose Green road be graded again when gang return from West to East?

The grading on the Newhaven Road was started at the beginning of April 2019. The grading gang will work on this section of road and then branch off at the JB turn off;

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with one gang continuing to MPA and the other working their way round to San Carlos.

Thank you

Regards,

Harold

JETTIES AND RAMPS UPDATE

A Draft report was completed by The Design Engineer, and submitted to DPW, on the 15th April. The report was reviewed and submitted for amendment.

The report is due to be issued to WSL and DDCS by Tuesday 23rd April for review and a meeting of the working group is to be arranged by the DDCS after that date.

Once reviewed and agreed by the working group it is proposed to circulate the report by email to TAC members with a 2 week comment period.

The paper is then to be submitted to ExCo in June (May ExCo is Budget only)

Colin Summers
Director Public Works
17th April 2019