

TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DRAFT OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held at 2.30pm on Thursday 25th April 2019.
In the PWD Conference Room, Bill Roberts Way

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

Present:	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 Harold Neilson (HN)	West Representative
	Mr Marvin Clarke (MC)	Stanley Representative
	Mr Adam Cockwell (AC)	Work Boat Services
	Mr Gus Reid (GR)	East Representative
	Mr John Hellowell (JH)	FIDC
	Catherine Silva Donayre (CSD)	Deputy Director of Development & Commercial Services
Minutes:	Valorie McLeod	Secretary
Public:	1 Member of the press.	
PART I		
		ACTION
1.	Apologies for Absence MLA Roger Edwards and Morgan Goss	
2.	Declarations of Interest None	
3.	Confirmation of minutes of the open meeting held on the 14th December 2018 MC and AC were both at the last meeting. Their names had been missed off the minutes. <u>Page 3, Capping West Falkland Cat A:</u> Replace the word Grading to Gradient so the sentence should read, “HN asked if there is any plan to lower the Gradient as you go over the Little Chartres Bridge”. <u>Page 5, Item 6 – Aircraft Upgrade Modifications</u> It was informed that FIGAS have purchased all glass cockpits and not that all cockpits had been installed on all the aircrafts.	
4.	Matters arising from the minutes of the open meeting held the 14th December 2018 <u>Page 1, Item 5 – Cement Blocks</u> LPE asked how the cement blocks are working in place of using Gabion Baskets. IP said that Jan Clarke has used the blocks on the Johnson and Rincon Road and they are settling nicely. JC is to put some in at the Warrah still and PJ is going to put some in on the Philomel Road and see how the	

	<p>bigger ones cope with the bigger culverts.</p> <p><u>Page 4, Fox Bay Airstrip</u> IP has discussed this with Morgan Goss and Andrew. IP is now in the process of preparing a contract for them so they can put out a tender to get someone to cap the airstrip. IP should have this completed in the next 2 weeks</p> <p><u>Page 4, Item 6 – Leased Aircraft</u> LPE asked what was the situation with the leased aircraft?. BE informed that there had been some delay with the manufacture and had to start again on one element which did set them back for some time. It is now on course for being here in September/October at the latest. BE confirmed that they are looking at other options that could be put in place if there are any further delays. The aircraft should be fully serviced and ready to use for commercial passengers around 2 to 3 days after it arrives. FIG have approved funds for 2 new aircrafts, 1 is brand new which will increase the fleet size. The 2nd one is to replace the crashed one.</p> <p>Regarding the leased aircraft, BE said they are waiting for updates from MG. The plane has been deemed unfit for commercial flights. CSD said they are due to have meetings with MG next week for updates.</p> <p><u>Page 5, Item 7 – Work Boat Services Update</u> AC confirmed that the Islands runs are longer than what they were 2 years ago. There is no intention to change the schedule from the base schedule.</p>	IP
5.	<p>Highways Update – Ivan Porritt – Roads Engineer</p>	
	<p>IP ran through the Highways update report:-</p> <p><u>Grading Works:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grading works on the A, B and C roads have been completed by 80% on the West. Works did have to stop as both rollers had major problems and were required to be brought back into town to be repaired. • The remainder of the Port Stephens, Albemarle and Shallow Harbour roads will be given priority to be done once the weight restrictions have been lifted in October 2019. • The MPA road has now been capped in the L'Antioja area. • Now grading in from MPA back to Stanley. <p>LPE asked if on the North Camp, can the cattle grids be done. IP informed once the grader crew reach the JB turnoff they will then head to the North Camp road.</p> <p><u>East Roads Improvements Cat B:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rehabilitation works have been completed for the season in the North Camp, including the placement of the borrow pit material. Have replaced a couple of culverts so have done some additional drainage and ditching works. • The contractor has now finished the North Arm reconstruction works this week. IP has been down to see the works, some drainage works and landscaping to be done and then remove all plant. • Should be ready to start on the San Carlos road next year. <p><u>West Roads Improvements Cat B:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Works on the reconstruction of the road between the 2 settlements at Hill Cove have been completed. CS and IP to discuss if any further 	CS/IP

	<p>works in this area will be done.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nunker is away to the West today and will go and look at this road to see what state it is in as LPE said it is in a bad way. • PJ completed the culvert works on the road on Monday. <p><u>Capping East Falkland Cat A:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capping completed in the L'Antioja area • Crusher is now getting some work done to it at Megabid then will move to Port Harriet tomorrow to crush for the hard shoulder on the MPA road. <p><u>Capping West Falkland Cat A:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Justin Knight has finished his 5 year contract to rebuild and cap the Fox Bay to Port Howard Road. • IP to discuss with CS over the winter as to what is to go out to contract next year. <p><u>Cattle Grid Installation:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The contractor has started his 4th year of his 5 year contract. • Done grids in the Sheffield area. • Has started on the Boundary Farm grids. • Once finished will locate so he can start the grids in October 2019 on the East. • Have installed a cattle grid on the Cape Pembroke road. <p><u>Safety, Signage and Realignment:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to discuss with CS as to what and where works are to be done and what is to be put out to contract. <p>Regarding a site visit to Bush Pass, IP and Nunker did go and have a look and the work does need doing but this all depends on the MOD if they are going to continuing carting.</p> <p>Dunnose Head Road – Nunker is out at Wall Stream and is to meet Justin Knight to see if a temporary fix can be done to get through the winter and then see what can be done to make it better next season. It is a concern as the culvert is only 3 years old and already has been washed out. LPE mentioned that as the road is not going to be graded at the present time, by winter it will be in an awful state, is there any chance that the Concordia Bay could go into Dunnose Head?. AC said that it is not his decision to make but they have been in to Dunnose Head before so the boat can get in there. This question can be put forward though.</p> <p><u>Culvert Replacement:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IP and Harold met Jan Clarke on site at the beginning of the month. He was going to mobilize to the Warrah to do realignment works. As at the end of last week he had not done this. JC has said he will move there this week. CS said this will have to be reviewed due to the road restrictions coming in place. • LPE asked if there would be a penalty for the delay in works. IP confirmed he spoke to JC about this. CS informed that there are no penalty clauses in the contracts so it would only be if FIG incurred a cost. If there is no cost then no penalty but FIG could however decide not to give him the remainder of the work and award it to someone else. <p><u>MPA Road:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asphalt workers finished 6km of servicing, both on the MPA road and 	<p>IP/CS</p> <p>IP</p>
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	<p>the part around Brownings farm.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This consisted of 13,500 tonnes of base course and 4,500 tonnes of wearing course • Did double up on the base course to see if the new plant could handle the amount and to see if it could be laid. IP said it did look good. Doing this, they catch up quicker with the grader and prep crew. Next year maybe they will do this just a couple times a week. • Are looking at ordering a second decanter for next season. • As they are getting further away from the plant, 2 more haulage trucks are being purchased and will be at Marchwood by June and another one will be purchased next year. <p><u>Airport Road:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have replaced the cattle grid at the North Camp turnoff • Removed the cattle grid at Becksid farm turnoff. • Will be crushing for the material for the hard shouldering works this week and then the marker posts will be put down. • Done 1km of asphalt works on the airport road. <p>HN asked if there was a significant cost between having white lines instead of marker posts? It was informed that there is not much difference with costs but marker posts do not wear out, they are visible in the snow and the main reason is that there is no mechanical means of placing white lines.</p> <p><u>New Contracts 2018 Onwards:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Just completed the 1st year of a 3 year North Camp tracks haulage contract using both, primary and secondary contractors, this is working well. • The 3 year Cattle Grid Cleaning and Maintenance contract has started. The grids on the MPA road have been cleaned and during the winter the contractor has said that they will do all the remaining grids on the East and then move to the West. • The 1st of a 3 year Asphalt Labour contract has finished today. They will be back next season to continue. • West Lagoons Farm Road contract is 90% completed, just the cattle grid and gate to be put in. • PJ has now started to mobilize to Philomel Farm. Slight delay due to labour issues. 	
6.	Roads and Cattle Grid Questions – Harold Neilson, West Representative	
	<p>HN had provided 10 questions to the committee which he has received from various people. IP had provided answers to these which were circulated to members with the agenda. BE asked if anyone had any in particular that they wanted to discuss.</p> <p>Question 2 – <i>“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?”</i></p> <p>IP said that there are currently 2 camps, 1 at Hill Cove and 1 at Fox Bay. The de-miners are using the one at Fox Bay. When PWD were asked if the de-miners could use the Fox Bay Camp it looked like it would make no impact. Unfortunately they were delayed with works and it did not seem right to ask them to leave the accommodation. CS did say that basically they have not asked residents if the grader crew could stay with them but it is something that could be considered if the problem arose again.</p> <p>Question 9 – <i>“Are there plans to put more signage in place on West Falkland</i></p>	

	<p><i>Roads?”</i></p> <p>IP confirmed that there are signs to go up at Port Howard. IP has also been in touch with Julie from the Tourist Board and she is going to give IP a list of what signs the tourist board need to get people to certain places. The signs already here for the West and East will be put up during the winter. Then additional signs will be ordered if required.</p> <p>HN asked if it would be considered to privatise the grading on the East and West?. IP said it's not something that has been thought but could be looked into. If this was to happen then the contractor would have to have their own equipment.</p>	
7.	Jetty Update – Colin Summers, Director of Public Works	
	<p>CS received the jetty and ramps report last week. Unfortunately the report lacked information and had to be sent back to be re-done. This should be completed shortly. There was no information in the reports explaining why a recommendation was being made. Once the report has been done from the engineering point of view, input will be required from Commercial and Development Services and Work Boat Services on what they would like. CS is hoping to circulate the report to CDS and Work Boat Services by tomorrow at the latest. Then a meeting with the working group in early May 2019 will be due. This will then be circulated to TAC via email for only members to view and not for public information..</p> <p>CS did inform that it has come to light that the funding will not be anywhere enough so there will be a prioritisation. It is hoped that they will achieve 5 per year which will be done over three seasons.</p>	CS
8.	Date of next meeting	
	Next meeting to be scheduled for June 2019	
9.	Exclusion of Public and Press	
	The meeting closed to the public.	