

Marine Facilities Development Advisory Committee

Tuesday 21 February 2017

Minutes of Meeting

Minutes of the Marine Facilities Development Advisory Committee meeting held at the Huonville Council Chambers on Tuesday 21 February 2017 at 8.30am.

1. Present

Commissioner Adriana Taylor (Chair), Kelvin Aldred, Phil Jeffs, Rod Coombe, Howard Thurley and Rebecca Bell (Huon Valley Council)

2. Apologies

Scott Sharp

3. Confirmation of Meeting Notes

Resolved

Kelvin Aldred

Rod Coombe

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Marine Facilities Development Advisory Committee held at the Huonville Council Chambers, on Tuesday 29 November 2016 be confirmed.

4. Declaration of Interest

Nil

5. Business Arising

5.1 Huonville Landing (Stage-2)

It was reported that a Recreational Boating Fund Application for Stage-2 of the Huonville Landing project (floating pontoon) has been prepared and will be submitted to Marine and Safety Tasmania (MAST).

It was noted that applications close on 31 March 2017.

Discussion followed and it was noted that there had been a huge number of vessels on the Huon River during the weekend as a result of the St Ayles Skiff Regatta.

Photos of the event were captured, depicting the Huon River as a hive of activity. These photos will accompany the Huonville Landing (Stage 2) Recreational Boating Fund Application.

5.2 Dover Jetty Renewal

At the previous meeting it was reported that work on the Dover Jetty would proceed by removing the existing steel structure by crane and transporting it to Glenorchy for sandblasting and galvanisation

treatment, followed by reconstruction. This project was expected to take 6-8 weeks with the jetty completely out of action for the duration of works.

However, consultation with Auspan Officers identified a more efficient process, one which has been successfully used in the North of the State. It was reported that renewal works will now take place as follows:

- Fabrication of a new lower deck in aluminium off site and ahead of time
- Removal of all timber piles, fenders and fibreglass mesh decking
- Removal of existing steel jetty and immediate installation of the new aluminium jetty onto existing piers
- Reattachment of all timber piles and fenders
- Construction of new robust handrail to run the length of the jetty
- Re-use of fibreglass mesh decking
- Installation of 2 x 200mm piles to the end of the structure to act as buffers, fixed to the top and bottom of the jetty.

The material and fabrication costs for the new portion of the jetty will be offset by a reduction of crane hire days and elimination of transportation and galvanisation costs. Furthermore the time taken to complete the project will be significantly reduced from 8 to 2 weeks.

It was reported that work is scheduled to commence on 22 February 2017 and public notices have been placed on MAST's Facebook page as well as Council's Website.

Congestion problems with the existing boat ramp were noted and it was agreed that this matter would be listed on the agenda for detailed discussion at the next meeting.

5.3 Brabazon Park

Progress on the Brabazon Park proposal was reported as follows:

- The area has been surveyed and there is ample deep water in all directions
- A suggested site has been identified towards the south west which provides protection from most conditions
- A concept sketch was prepared, suggesting a concrete breakwater (similar to Deep Bay) with small timber jetty off the end running parallel to a concrete boat ramp, tucked on the inside of the breakwater, offering further protection from prevailing winds.

Discussion followed and it was noted that Council has been given the green light to lodge an application to lease the site as the Tassal lease has now expired. Crown Land Services has suggested that the lease application should be lodged at the same time as an *Application to Conduct Works*. Therefore the design details need to be confirmed and plans commissioned prior to lodgement of this application.

It was noted that MAST has recently announced that it would soon be installing navigation aids from Heriots Point through to Franklin. This point highlights the need for new facilities to be constructed to accommodate both trailable and non-trailable vessels.

It was finally agreed, after discussion, that a site meeting would take place on Friday 3 March 2017 at 3.30pm in order to ensure that the most suitable design and location were chosen for the area.

5.4 Ranelagh Kayak Platform (Multi-purpose Landing)

It was reported that on 5 January 2017 Crown Land Service Officers advised that they were making a few final checks and would respond to Council's request to conduct works soon. On 18 January 2017 Officers then advised that an Arborist Report and Geotechnical Advice are now required as per the Environmental Impact Assessment.

An Arborist was engaged and the subsequent report identified a dangerous tree that needed to be removed. This information was quickly passed on to Parks and Wildlife Services.

A Geotechnical Assessment has been more difficult to obtain but continues to be pursued.

5.5 Charlottes Cove

It was reported that signage has been installed in the car parking area directing drivers to park at 90 degree angles. Photos taken of the site indicate that signage appears to be working.

5.6 Shipwrights Point Jetty and Boat Ramp

It was reported that restoration work has been conducted in the car park area in order to improve ground drainage and minimise wash. The new drain has been piped and covered providing a permanent solution to this ongoing problem.

6. General Business

6.1 Site Visit

It was noted that a site visit could not be confirmed in Scott's absence however the Committee agreed to continue with the original proposal

for Wednesday 29 March 2017 leaving from the Port Huon Marina at 8.30am, subject to Scott's availability.

7. Other Business

7.1 Franklin Jetty

It was reported that the timber rail on the Franklin Jetty has come loose and is in need of repair.

7.2 Promotion of the Waterways

It was suggested that there is an opportunity for the Committee to play an active role in promoting the Huon Valley waterways and thereby attracting increased visitors to the region.

The recent success of the St Ayles Skiff and Hobart Regatta highlights the potential for water-based events to attract large groups of people.

Discussion followed and it was noted that limited navigational markers in the river from Franklin to Huonville deter many boaters from venturing upstream. However there are a number of mobile phone apps currently available that can assist in navigating this stretch of water.

Kelvin offered to speak to the Franklin Marina owner to ascertain what is currently available and how it can be disseminated for greater use.

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 29 March 2017 at 8.30am leaving from the Port Huon Marina – **subject to confirmation.**

9. Closure

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.25am.