



SOUTHERN PORTS - ALBANY
PORT COMMUNITY CONSULTATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday, 26th May 2021, 5:00pm

Port of Albany, Board Room
85 Brunswick Road, ALBANY

PRESENT:

Committee members:

Chair	Graham Foster
Community Member	Geoff Bastyan
	Ian Moss
	Michael Hunter
	Tony Harrison
City of Albany representative	Andrew Sharpe

Southern Port (SP):

CEO	Steve Lewis
Regional Manager	Gary Crockford
Environment Manager	Paul Mackey
Office Coordinator	Denise Fisher

Guest presenter

City of Albany, Manager Major Projects	Anthony McEwan
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APOLOGIES:

SP Board Director, Wiebke Ebeling
SP Corporate Affairs Advisor, Tori Castledine
Community member, Neil Worrell

ITEM 1 WELCOME

The Chair opened the meeting at 5:05pm and welcomed the committee members, Southern Ports (SP) employees and Anthony McEwan from City of Albany as guest presenter.

Potential conflicts of interest

No conflicts of interest were noted.

Records of attendance / apologies

Apologies were noted.

The committee members noted Leanne Marsden has resigned from the PCCC.

ITEM 2 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meetings held on 24th February 2021 were agreed as being a true and correct record.

Moved: Tony Harrison

Second: Ian Moss

Motion carried

ITEM 3 MATTER ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

The meeting noted the Board has endorsed Ian Moss as Deputy Chair.

ITEM 4 BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION

Item 4.1 The Mounts Master Plan

Anthony McEwan, Manager Major Projects, City of Albany

Anthony McEwan presented an overview on the City of Albany's project The Mounts Master Plan. The committee members were provided with copies of the Draft Master Plan and Analysis of Community and Stakeholder Engagement.

Points taken from the presentation include:

- Albany's heritage park includes Mt Melville, Bluff Rock and Vancouver Peninsular.
- It was decided strategically to focus the master plan on Mt Adelaide and Mt Clarence.
- It is 242 hectares of natural space surrounded by local neighbourhood.
- The area is overlaid with cultural (European and Indigenous), shipping and military heritage, post-colonial settlement and now tourism recreation and business.
- The Master Plan is about connecting places and people.
- The Port being adjacent to the reserve needs to be carefully considered and how it interacts with the Sound, Harbour and Ataturk Channel.
- Community engagement was done in 2019-2021 with 20 workshops and 4 information sessions, 264 surveys completed, 37 feedback forms completed, 50 written submissions.
- Significant amount of work on getting single use walk, drive, ride, share and running trails has received a positive response from the community.
- The City has submitted an application for bush clearing permit, currently going through Federal and State bilateral process which has been running for 2 ½ years.

Michael Hunter joined the meeting at 5:25pm

The City of Albany projects working in collaboration with Albany Port include:

- Wayfinding and signage mapping has started to roll out around waterfront, city centre and Centennial Park. It is to link 'Port to Point' around signage, storage and wayfinding. The City has made signage template available for the Port.
- Maritime artworks have been restored and will be placed near the pilot cottages and new hotel on waterfront. Including the buoy placed outside the port gate, these have become wayfinding beacons linking with the maritime theme.

Andrew Sharpe complimented the leadership and professionalism of the projects team lead by Anthony McEwan, including the Centennial Park precinct upgrade, Sensor Place at Middleton Beach, around Stirling Terrace refresh to the Town Hall.

The City recently was involved in a community survey for the corporate score card, which every local government can participate in. This year the City was ranked as number one regional local government in terms of liveability in forty five key areas.

The City are preparing a business case to present to the Federal Government for free entry to the National Anzac Centre.

Q: Will the new trails have disabled access?

A: Particularly around the visitor service hub, for example The Forts needs to be accessible. The Discovery Trail and the Botanical Link will all have disabled access.

Q: How does it link into the Munda Bindi and the walk trail?

A: The DBCA have commissioned the City of Albany to facilitate the project of constructing the Southern Terminus of Munda Bindi and Bibbulmun Track at the Visitor Centre under the Norfolk Island pine. It

currently finishes at the train station. Once completed the trails will finish at the Visitor Centre, who can direct people to the other key trails around Albany and surrounding area.

Anthony McEwan left the meeting after the presentation and questions.

Item 4.2 PCCC new application

The sub-committee reviewed the five new applications received and recommended to the committee:

- Benita Cattalini – 3 year term
- Andrew Duncan - 2 years term
- Rodney Symes – 2 year term
- Tina Queale – 1 year term
- Grenville Brown – 1 year term

Moved: Ian Moss

Second: Andrew Sharpe

Motion passed

ACTION: Committee Secretary to submit the recommended applications to the SP Board for consideration.

ITEM 5 ALBANY PORT UPDATE

Gary Crockford, Regional Manager

Gary Crockford acknowledged the Mounts Master Plan as a great initiative for Albany. The Port is an important part of the City and is interested in working with the City of Albany.

Item 5.1 Albany Port Open Day

The open day held on Saturday 24th April 2021 went really well. With the weather being in our favour we had 2500 people attend over the two sessions. There were several hundred people who did not purchase tickets and signed in on the day. There was great representation from Port Users, with displays of high standards. We were lucky to have a Navy submarine come alongside the berth for the day.

In terms of planning, Gary thanked Denise and all staff for their input and organising of the Port Open Day.

Item 5.2 COVID update

The last lock down in Perth coincided with some Albany staff attending Perth for training. Masks were worn by the staff on return to Albany for the fortnight.

There are still no cruise ships scheduled to visit Albany this year and this is not likely to change in the near future.

Albany continues to have in place the fourteen day period from last international port before the pilot goes on board and the vessel comes alongside the berth. The Pilots have full PPE on before going on board the vessel.

Crews from the vessels are still not allowed outside the Port berth area.

5.1 Plantation Energy Biomass Trade

The first shipment of biomass pellets via a mobile ship loader on berth 2, rather than rota boxes, has been completed. SP and Plantation Energy put a lot of work into the risk assessment and how the loading would be managed. There were learnings from everybody on the loading, with more modifications required to equipment on loading the hatches and cleaning up the berth. The next shipment is expected in October.

5.2 EOI Land Berth 6

Expressions of interest for land around Berth 6 was released early this month. There will be a tour of the area on Friday to show people around, with the closing date being 11 June.

Q: Are we likely to see competition for grain exports?

A: Linx control the ship loader, the proponent will be required to develop a relationship with them.

Q: Is there a potential for a new industry?

A: Yes definitely.

A committee member commented on the importance of the historical and environmental aesthetics to the area around Semaphore Point and King Point.

5.3 Office Trainee

Abbie Jewell our current office trainee is making the move to Bunbury to carry on her traineeship under GM Sustainability. SP have advertised for a new trainee, with interviews being carried out this week.

ITEM 6 ENVIRONMENT MANAGEMENT UPDATE **Paul Mackey, Environment Manager**

Since 2008 the Biomass Pellet trade has faced a number of challenges including materials handling (dust), technical, commercial and 3rd party access arrangements. SP have understood the difficult history and have worked with the proponent going through the risk assessment process methodically independently facilitated by via a consultant. The main risks from the risk assessment were the load rate, dust and traffic management.

A trial run of the infrastructure was undertaken prior to berth-side commissioning that enabled port staff to observe the process and gain a level of confidence around its efficacy. The trial allowed for validation of the risk assessment process prior to the first shipment.

Observation from the shipment suggested the new handling method worked well when the material was in the enclosed conveying system, though the receival grid and shiploader spout remained challenges for dust management. The receival grid and shiploader spout remain key areas of focus for the trade moving forward. SP received 6 substantiated complaints comprising of adjacent residents and stakeholders from within the port.

The port facilitated a post-shipment debriefing with feedback being given to the proponent to action before the next shipment. As an example, there is a suggestion for the proponent consider the use of a canvas sock to reduce the air draft at the shiploader end to minimise the dust potential.

The committee members queried how the process worked. This was described along with some pictures from the Regional Manager.

Q: Is there an issue with the pellets going into the harbour?

A: Spill trays are set up along the berth/ship to bridge the ship to shore gap, as with fertiliser.

ITEM 7 STRATEGIC PROJECTS UPDATE **Steve Lewis, CEO**

7.1 Master Planning

At the previous PCCC meeting Master Planning for all three ports was a topic of discussion. This Friday the Master Planning team are going through the draft Esperance plan. For Albany, the public consultation process has been finalised. The team are meeting in early June to present an update and discussion to Albany Port. The target is for the end date to be October.

The Capstone Plan for SP will follow, linking all three master plans that supports the supply chain work. This will be shared in due course.

7.2 Southern Ports update

SP Strategic Development Plan has been submitted to the Minister for Transport. The vision is still 'Strong Regional Ports, Strong Regions'.

The ERP project is out for RFT. This will include a new accounting system will be a major change project for SP.

There has been some really good works being done in the asset management across the three ports.

Supply chain works is all mapped out which is good in helping our customers.

SP are looking at what is happening with future ports, where are the ports going.

SP Board would like to reinforce to the team in Albany, that they are to lead the sustainability thinking.

Trade across the business is going really well.

Q: Has there been any further discussions with Grange?

A: Steve replied he has recently met with a Grange representative.

The committee members suggested to invite Grange to present at a PCCC meeting. If the project goes ahead it will be a significant business for the Port and the City.

Action: SP to approach a Grange representative to present at a future PCCC meeting.

Item 8 Media Report

Tori Castledine is an apology for this meeting, the media report was emailed to the PCCC with the agenda.

Item 9 Member Discussion/Feedback and Community Questions

- The Frenchman's Bay Road channel markers area vegetation has been hacked back causing a mess and fire hazard.

Action: Paul Mackey and Graeme Poole to look at 'Rushy Point Lead' and report back to the PCCC Committee.

- Gary Crockford acknowledged the emails from Neil Worrell and Noel Chambers circulated to the PCCC regarding the Aquaculture Zones.
- Question regarding security of the ships at anchor, particularly the anchorage near Goode Beech. The meeting discussed the anchorage security is to be reported to Border Force, if the vessel is alongside the berth the Port is responsible for the security.

Item 10 Items for future discussion/presentation

A request for information at the next PCCC on the Red Fire Ant reported at Fremantle Ports.

Action: Paul Mackey to update on the Red imported Fire Ant

Item 11 Any other business

No further business

Meeting closed: 6.25pm