

**Minutes of the
Port of Brisbane Corporation
Community Consultative Committee meeting**

**Held at the Visitors Centre, Port of Brisbane
Wednesday 13 May 2009**

Present:

Rick Morton (Chairman), Rosie Field (Convenor), Jill Greenhill (Bayside Creeks Catchment Group), Pamela Pavey (Manly Chamber of Commerce), Dennis O'Neill (North Point Residents Group), Ian Hill (Bayside South Development Forum Inc), Ted Slater (Pinkenba Community Association), Roz Perry (PBC), Brad Kitchen (PBC), Toni Dugdale (Caltex)

Apologies:

John Dobson (Moreton Bay Environmental Alliance), Ross Boyce (Manly Chamber of Commerce), Barry Wilson (The Rivermouth Action Group), Simon Baltais (Wildlife Preservation Society), Christine Briggs (Bayside South Development Forum Inc), Cameron Thorpe (DP World), Phil Saunders (Wynnum Districts Chambers of Commerce), Margo Canavan (Pinkenba Neighbourhood Watch), Bill Benham (Rotary Club of Port of Brisbane).

1. Introduction and apologies

Rick noted the apologies and welcomed Toni Dugdale from Caltex.

2. Approval of minutes

The Committee approved the minutes of 11 February 2009 as being a true record of that meeting.

3. Business arising

There was no business arising.

4. The Corporation's role in the recent oil spill (*Brad Kitchen, Manager Environment, PBC*)

Brad gave a presentation on PBC's role in the clean-up of Moreton Islands' eastern beaches after 270 tonnes oil was split from the *Pacific Adventurer*.

Maritime Safety Queensland is the leading response agency for oil spills. PBC is a first "strike" response agency. Brad was sent to Moreton Island the day of the spill to assess the situation, and PBC staff were involved in a range of support roles throughout the clean-up operation, on and off the island.

The conditions at the time of the spill included very rough seas and high tides, contributing to the oil being pushed up onto the beaches at Moreton Island.

As part of PBC's support role, staff set up a decontamination site at Eagers Creek to ensure everything, including boots, clothing, and motor vehicles, were cleaned of oil after leaving the oil-contaminated beaches. This was hot, dirty and labour intensive work eg. 600 boots were cleaned up to three times a day, every day.

See presentation – Oil spill

5. Stevedores update

In the absence of Cameron Thorpe, Rick gave a brief overview of trade through the port to the end of March.

Due to the large amount of grain being exported through the port total trade tonnage is up. However, containers are experiencing a decline in trade, as are motor vehicles.

6. Manly Boat Harbour update

Roz gave an overview of the progress of the works currently underway at Manly Boat Harbour. The PBC marina was completed and opened in April, with the single channel to be finished in May. Moreton Bay Trailer Boat Club's marina berths were due to be completed in about six weeks, with Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron's dredging and marina berths to be completed in late 2009.

Other development at the harbour included the Environmental Protection Agency moving into its new building in March, and the upgrade of the northern boat ramp and car park in May.

Dennis asked if a queuing pontoon was to be anchored from the ramp at Shorncliffe and Scarborough boat ramps.

Roz said that both ramps would be upgraded with a queuing pontoon. Work was due to start at Shorncliffe in mid May. The ramp would be widened to accommodate four lanes with a pontoon down the middle. The ramp would be closed for approximately eight weeks. Work at Scarborough was due to start in June/July and would take approximately 8/10 weeks. Also, discussions were under way for a pontoon for Whyte Island boat ramp.

Pamela asked if there was going to be any provision for the charter boat industry at Manly Boat Harbour.

Roz said that PBC had held discussions with the Manly Chamber of Commerce and that we had a berth enquiry from one charter boat operator to date. Long term, PBC could look at accommodating the

charter boats within the new marina, but currently all berths were allocated. PBC has a long term commitment to the current tenants of the new marina. Roz said that PBC would be happy to review any proposals the operators may have.

Pamela asked if a meeting could be organised between PBC and the charter boat operators, and Roz said PBC was happy to meet with them.

Ted asked about the progress of the Pinkenba boat ramp.

Roz said that the upgrade to the boat ramp had been completed and that the plans for the road and car park had yet to be finalised.

Ted said that the ramp was very popular, particularly on the weekend, and has been known to accommodate up to 60 cars and trailers. He mentioned concerns that trailer parking had been dramatically reduced from initial plans of 40 down to 20.

Roz said that PBC would take this into consideration, and let Ted know when the plans had been finalised and advise final parking numbers.

See presentation – Manly Boat Harbour

7. Port projects

Brad presented on a flood mitigation project PBC is undertaking at Perrin Creek. To reduce flooding upstream of the Lytton Road Bridge, and next to the Colmslie Industrial Estate, PBC is realigning a section of the creek into an existing man-made drain that runs into the Brisbane River.

This work is an extension of the flood mitigation works undertaken by the Brisbane City Council some years ago on the southern side of Lytton Road.

As a result of these works, an area of land will be created, which will enable the industries in the Colmslie Industrial Estate to expand.

As part of the project, the Gold Coast City Council will collect and transplant up to 3,000 mangroves that are currently growing in and alongside the man-made drain. PBC will clean up a former oxbow area adjacent to this site, where we have already installed a number of nest boxes to encourage the wildlife. There is also an opportunity to provide some parkland within this industrial area.

Rick updated the committee on the Captain Bishop Bridge project. The duplication of the bridge and the associated road works means that parking and fishing in the area next to the bridge will no longer be possible. This area will become part of the new bridge.

See presentation – Perrin Creek.

8. Materiality

Rosie presented on the importance of materiality to PBC's annual reporting process. Material issues are those that the PBC's customers, stakeholders and shareholders consider may impact, or challenge, its ability to be a successful business.

Rosie handed out a questionnaire to members to rate the importance of a number of issues including climate change, boat harbours and boat ramps, dredging, oil pollution and safe workplaces.

The feedback from the questionnaire will be used to establish a materiality register and inform PBC on what to report on in relation to its sustainability reporting.

9. Other business

Ted raised the issue of die back of mangroves in the Pinkenba area caused by water-filled drains, belonging to the Brisbane Airport. The water was also creating a breeding ground for mosquitoes. The Pinkenba Community Association (PCA) was working with Brisbane Airport Corporation to resolve the issue.

Ted reported that Incitec Pivot had discovered low amounts of dioxin in the soil. The company was addressing the issue through the appropriate channels.

Ted reported that flathead and crabs had recently disappeared from Boggy Creek. The PCA believed that pollutants were leaking into the creek from the surrounding area. And, the absence of frogs in the area indicates that something is happening to the environment.

Dennis asked where the sand from Port West had gone to? Rick advised that the sand had been re-distributed over the site as part of the reclamation process.

Ian asked about the wick drains, and Rick advised that the process to speed up the reclamation using the wick drains was well advanced.

Dennis asked about the Sandgate Cooperative, and Roz advised that nothing was happening at that site for the moment.

Dennis asked about the progress of the new office building. Rick said it was on schedule for completion in May 2010, and when completed the Committee could tour the building and hold a meeting there.

10. Next meetings

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 5 August at 6.00pm for 6.30pm** at the Port of Brisbane Visitors Centre. The date for the last meeting in the year is 11 November.