

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

**Held at the Visitors Centre, Port of Brisbane
Wednesday 6 August 2008**

Present:

Rick Morton (Chairman), Rosie Field (Convenor), John Dobson (Moreton Bay Environmental Alliance), Jill Greenhill (Bayside Creeks Catchment Group), Sandra McLeod (Hemmant Community), Pamela Pavey (Manly Chamber of Commerce), Barry Wilson (The Rivermouth Action Group), Simon Baltais (Wildlife Preservation Society), Christine Briggs (Bayside South Development Forum Inc), Ted Slater (Pinkenba Community Association), Phil Saunders (Wynnum Districts Chambers of Commerce), Ross Boyce (Manly Chamber of Commerce), Cameron Thorpe (DP World), Bill Park (Salvation Army), Bill Tranberg (PBC), Scott McKinnon (PBC), Karla Simpson (PBC).

Apologies:

Dennis O'Neill (North Point Residents Group), Margo Canavan (Pinkenba Neighbourhood Watch), Bill Benham (Rotary Club of Port of Brisbane), Ian Hill (Bayside South Development Forum Inc), Nikki Owen (PBC).

1. Introduction and apologies

Rick noted the apologies and welcomed Bill Park (Salvation Army Emergency Services), Ross Boyce, the new alternate for the Manly Chamber of Commerce, Bill Tranberg, Senior Manager Infrastructure Planning and Chief Engineer (Port of Brisbane Corporation) and Karla Simpson (Port of Brisbane Corporation).

2. Approval of minutes

The Committee approved the minutes of 14 May 2008 as being a true record of that meeting.

3. Business arising

Pamela asked if the fencing around the EPA building construction at Manly could be pulled back.

Rick advised the Committee that Roz Perry had spoken to Pamela and that due to Occupational Health and Safety reasons we had to fence the area.

Pamela asked if a port-a-potty could be installed at the northern boat ramp.

Rick advised that at this stage we didn't have any plans to install port-a-potties in the northern car park. There was one available in the southern car park of the harbour.

Rick also said that work on the Manly Boat Harbour single channel, dredging and new marina construction, would commence shortly; and that the foundation work for the EAP building had commenced.

4. Emergency response at the Port of Brisbane (*Bill Park, Salvation Army*)

Bill Park gave a presentation on the Salvation Army's pivotal role in responding to disasters. The Emergency Response team is made up a team of people who provide food and beverage to the emergency services and volunteers all year round.

5. Captain Bishop Bridge

Bill Tranberg gave a presentation on the upgrade of the Captain Bishop Bridge. The earthworks for the widening of the bridge are scheduled to start next month (September 2008) and the construction will start in September 2009. Completion will be mid 2010. The two new bridges will comprise three lanes each way to allow for ease of access in and out of the port.

Barry Wilson asked if the bridges would provide greater clearance for boats. Bill advised that there will be a marginal increase in clearance, but that the rail bridges (which determine clearance heights) will remain in place.

6. Stevedores update

Cameron Thorpe advised that, with the completion of berth 10 and the associated terminal area in the new year, both DP World and Patrick would have expanded their berth length.

Trade has continued to grow and, in the last quarter, it grew by at 8%. DP World had reaffirmed its long-term commitment to Brisbane by signing a 40-year agreement to lease at the Port of Brisbane. DP World embraced the inclusion of a "Good Environmental Practice" clause in the lease, which enables the Corporation to impose a reasonable requirement to undertake environmental and sustainability enhancements.

Rick mentioned that the environmental clause will be in all leases in future.

DP World would be investing \$A250 million to upgrade its terminals at the port over-time, in response to market demand.

Cameron advised the committee that vessels are becoming larger in size with the capacity to carry more cargo, however, this means less vessels visiting the ports.

In some parts of the world, shipping companies are slowing the vessels to reduce the amount of fuel and therefore the cost to the shipping company. However, this means that ships can sometimes miss their schedule time to arrive and depart a port. As a result, ships can miss out Brisbane.

John asked what happened to the cargo when a ship misses Brisbane?

Cameron explained that exporters would wait and book another vessel, and that the imports would get loaded off somewhere else (typically Sydney).

Rick mentioned that the Corporation, as part of its commitment to finding ways of reducing greenhouse gas emissions, was undertaking an emissions survey to find out what fuels ships used, and their operating procedures.

7. Five top issues

Rosie reported back to the Committee on the areas of concern that they had submitted as part of our annual reporting of environment and community matters.

We plan to report and verify the top five issues in the People and Environment Report for 2007/2008, and have contracted Ernst & Young to undertake this verification.

As part of a process we looked at feedback from the Committee, as well as our annual customer and employee surveys to arrive at top five issues. The issues were:

- Port access (and associated issues including safety, congestion)
- Climate change – greenhouse gas emissions and energy use
- Dredging – Number of sites tested in Brisbane River and Moreton Bay that contain material unsuitable for disposal at sea
- An engaged workforce
- Safety

8. Other business

John asked for clarification on the ownership of the beach area at the end of Davenport Drive at the Manly Boat Harbour. He reported that the area was mess, and Pamela agreed.

Rick advised that the title had been transferred from the Corporation to the Brisbane City Council at the request of several community groups , and said he would confirm when this occurred.

ACTION: Rick to check when the title for the beach at the Manly Boat Harbour had been transferred to the Brisbane City Council.

John advised that a member of the community had found mussels in Tingalpa Creek. When this information was phoned through to our Receptionists, the caller was informed to contact AQIS, instead of Biosecurity Queensland at the Department of Primary Industries & Fisheries.

Barry said that there mussels in Wynnum Creek.

Rick reported that there are several types of natives mussels and that no exotic mussels had been found in Brisbane to date. Rick also agreed to advise our Receptionists of the correct agency responsibility for exotic pests.

ACTION: Rick to advise Receptionists that exotic pests be reported to Biosecurity Queensland at the Department of Primary Industries & Fisheries.

Christine mentioned that the businesses on Thynne Road do not have access to transport for staff, and that she was applying for a grant to fund a public transport service in the Hemmant/Murarrie area.

Rick explained that the Corporation has recently put a proposal into Council requesting a City Cat stop at Port Gate. The idea would be for staff using the City Cat to transfer to a shuttle bus to reach their work on Fisherman Islands.

If this did go ahead, there was the possibility of having additional stops at Hemmant, Murarrie and Metroplex.

Ted mentioned that he was surprised that the Corporation was not part of Pinkenba's local community plan.

Rick explained that we were frequently in touch with the Council in relation to land use in and near port areas. PBC has made a submission to Council on the Pinkenba local community plan. The Corporations' Land Use Plan stipulated the use and development of

land in all port-related areas but does not cover land managed by Council.

7. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 12 November at 6.00pm for 6.30pm at the Port of Brisbane Visitors Centre.