

Minutes of the Port of Brisbane Corporation Community Consultative Committee meeting

**Held at the Visitors Centre, Port of Brisbane
Wednesday 14 November 2007**

Present:

Rick Morton (Chairman), Nikki Wood (Secretary), Rosie Field (Convenor), Jill Greenhill (Bayside Creeks Catchment Group), Pamela Pavey (Manly Chamber of Commerce), Dennis O'Neill (North Point Residents Group), Bill Benham (Rotary Club of Port of Brisbane), Barry Wilson (The Rivermouth Action Group), Simon Baltais (Wildlife Preservation Society), Ian Hill (Bayside South Development Forum Inc), Greg Buck (Rotary Club of Port of Brisbane), Brian McDougall (Manly Chamber of Commerce), Di Hill (Wynnum Chamber of Commerce), Brad Kitchen (PBC), Sue Koreman (PBC), Bill Morley (PBC).

Apologies:

John Dobson (Moreton Bay Environmental Alliance), Sandra McLeod (Hemmant Community), Margo Canavan (Pinkenba Neighbourhood Watch), Catherine Brosnam (Wynnum Chamber of Commerce), Christine Briggs (Bayside South Development Forum Inc), Cameron Thorpe (Port Community)

1. Introduction of new members and apologies

Rick noted the apologies and introduced Brian McDougall as the new alternate member for the Manly Chamber of Commerce.

2. Approval of minutes

The Committee approved the minutes of 8 August 2007 as being a true record of that meeting.

3. Business arising

There was no business arising. Barry Wilson requested that a telephone reminder be made a couple of days before the meeting.

ACTION: Rosie to call Barry on the Friday or Monday prior to the Wednesday meeting.

4. Port projects – annual review

Rick provided an overview of the major projects during 2007, including the merger of the Port of Bundaberg with the Port of Brisbane Corporation, the continuing trade growth, reclamation of

land, the near completion of Wharf 10, and the development of the two industrial estates – Port Gate and Port West.

Rick informed the Committee that the focus for next year would be on port productivity.

Bill asked if the time ships spent in port was declining. Rick indicated that ship turnaround times were declining slightly.

Greg asked if the Corporation had any influence over the Port of Brisbane Motorway Stage 2 project.

Nikki advised that we had been, and continued to, work with state and federal agencies to bring forward the commencement date of the motorway.

The scope of the motorway had increased, for example, from a 2-lane to a 4-lane road, and consequently costs had risen. The motorway is scheduled to commence in 2011, but the Corporation believes that it is needed now.

See presentation: 2007 Project Review

5. Dredging update

Brad provided an overview of our capital and maintenance dredging during 2006/2007, our dredging plant, and the three key dredging projects for 2008, including, Port West, Terminals 11 and 12, and the internal bund-wall construction within the Future Port Expansion.

Dennis raised the recent newspaper articles about the size of the turning basin at Hamilton not being big enough for the new cruise vessels.

Rick advised that the size of a vessel that enters the port is the responsibility of the Harbour Master, and the air draft under the Gateway Bridge was the biggest issue for many of the larger cruise vessels.

Nikki informed the Committee that generally the Portside Wharf was used for home port vessels, with the larger vessels accommodated at Fisherman Islands.

Longer term, there will be a requirement to examine the need for a cruise terminal that can accommodate the larger cruise vessels, which constitute less than 5%.

See presentation: Dredging and Port West

6. Wynnum Northpoint Residents Survey Results

Dennis provided an overview of the survey that he undertook in April/May 2007 to identify the major issues for the Northpoint Residents.

165 questionnaires were distributed with a response rate of 9%. The major issues identified included:

- the introduction of marine pests or diseases, and river pollution
- railway noise, and the rail crossing at Pritchard Street
- Pritchard Street road intersection, and the narrowness of Port Road
- Danger of cancer from Energex ionized pollutants
- Caltex noise, odour and flaring, and danger from accidents, terrorists

The survey also indicated that informing the community, supporting local schools and local job creation were issues that the Corporation positively addressed.

Dennis said that the residents were disappointed that the Energex power lines were not all put underground and felt that the Corporation could have exerted its influence in this area.

Barry asked if, under the *Integrated Planning Act*, the port had a light lux limit.

Rick advised that the port didn't have a lux limit, but that the Corporation tried to minimise lighting effects.

Brad informed the Committee that a certain amount of lighting is necessary for safety reasons, and many of the port's external lights point directly downwards. Also, The Corporation also recently trialled some lights that led to a 25% energy saving.

7. Corporation's school support programme

Rosie gave a presentation on the support that the Corporation provides to schools, including sponsorship, free port tours, and the future possibility of an employment initiative, careers day, and partnership with the Coorparoo State High School.

8. Schools of Tomorrow discussion

Due to Sandra McLeod's inability to attend this meeting, this item was postponed.

ACTION: To reschedule the Schools of Tomorrow discussion

9. Other business

Frequency of meetings

The general consensus was that the current quarterly meetings were satisfactory.

Future agenda items

Nikki expressed an interest in hearing about the activities of the members' groups within the community.

Pamela said she would like a discussion on the Manly Boat Harbour. Pamela also pointed out that there was an opportunity to publicise the installation of the portable pump-out station in the southern car park near the boat ramp.

Bill said he was interested in the activities of the Queensland Wader Study Group.

Jill asked when the Queensland Parks and Wildlife building was due to start. Rick advised that, hopefully, it would commence early in the New Year.

10. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 13 February at 6.00pm for 6.30pm at the Port of Brisbane Visitors Centre.

Further meeting dates proposed during 2008:

14 May
6 August
12 November