

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

**Held at the Visitors' Centre, Fisherman Islands  
Wednesday, 19 February 2003**

**Present:**

Rick Morton (Chairman), Nikki Wood (Secretary), Peter Waterman (Convenor), Jeff Coleman, Doreen Draheim, Brad Kitchen, Dennis O'Neill, Mike Patchett, John Dobson, Michael Moore, Jill Greenhill, Rosie Field, Simon Baltais, Cheryl Heron, Peter Hellen, Barry Wilson (part meeting), Ted Fenson (part meeting)

**Apologies:**

Paul Brooks, Greg Fokes, Greg Spilsbury

**1. Introductions**

Rick Morton introduced Jeff Coleman, the Corporation's Chief Executive Officer. There were no observers in attendance.

**2. Approval of minutes**

The minutes were approved without amendment.

**3. Business arising**

Rick Morton reported that:

- a. the presentation on the plans and procedures for Fisherman Islands given by Tony Slocombe, the Corporation's Emergency Services Executive, at the meeting of 13 November 2002 had been circulated with the minutes.
- b. visits to the port would be addressed as a separate agenda item.

**4. Manly Boat Harbour redevelopment**

Rick clarified that while Community Consultative Committee was not a conduit for gathering feedback for input into the master-planning process for the Manly Boat Harbour (because of the dedicated process established to seek feedback from stakeholders), this did not preclude the discussion of any other issues relating to the boat harbour.

Mike Patchett asked what he should do if he had a complaint about the master-planning process. Rick responded that he should raise

this with the consultants conducting the consultation, Buckley Vann, or with Michael Moore, the Corporation's Boat Harbours Manager.

At this point Michael Moore gave an update on the status of the master-planning consultation. The consultants are developing a range of concepts, incorporating feedback received through the various consultation mechanisms, and these concepts will be presented to the Project Reference Group on 12 March. This will be followed by further one-on-one interviews and open days.

## **5. Future Port Expansion construction trials**

In the absence of Greg Fokes, the FPE Seawall Alliance Project Manager, Rick Morton gave a summary of the findings of the construction trials. He explained that geotextile fabric would be laid under the rock to reduce subsidence. The rocks would be screened at the quarry, and the armour rock would be washed at the port in the existing reclamation area.

If works create turbidity plumes, changes will be made to work practices and, in the worst case, works will cease.

Noise and dust were not found to be significant problems; nor had any mud waves been created when laying rock onto soft material.

Works are expected to commence in June 2003. The rock source(s) still has to be finalised, as well as the transportation method, ie. by road or rail. From now until June, work will be carried out on the construction of haul roads within the existing reclamation area.

Mike Patchett asked how the turbidity monitoring had been carried out. Rick explained that remote turbidity monitoring equipment had been used. During the trials, the turbidity had never exceeded the limits set by the EPA. Rick said that the Alliance was still assessing how many monitoring buoys would be required.

## **6. Seagrass Watch**

Simon Baltais presented on the Seagrass Watch project. The two key issues facing the group were management of volunteers and management of the core group through funding. He explained that the project's funding would run out in March and that it cost \$10,000 to sponsor one volunteer for one year at one day per week.

Dennis O'Neill asked whether the proposed sea cages could have a detrimental impact on seagrass. Simon replied that, in his opinion, any loss of water quality (eg. from a concentration of fish faeces) would have a negative impact.

Mike Patchett requested that the Corporation consider funding the project, and Corporation representatives agreed that this would be given due consideration.

## 7. **Bayside Parklands**

In the absence of Wayne Cameron, it was agreed to carry forward this agenda item to the next meeting.

Rick Morton mentioned that the Corporation had been approached by the Brisbane *Riverfestival* to take over sponsorship of the *Riverclean* programme. If this were to occur, the Whyte Island boat ramp area would become one of seven sites to be included in *Riverclean*.

Brad Kitchen explained that, since the planting at the boat ramp as part of last year's *Riverclean*, the next few phases had been scoped in consultation with Wayne Cameron. Mike Patchett asked whether the preferred concept could be brought to the Committee as a proposition.

**ACTION:** Preferred concept to be sent out with minutes for discussion at the next meeting.

## 8. **Port of Brisbane Corporation Environmental, Social and Economic Report**

John Dobson expressed his concern at the way in which problems and issues were reported, and enquired whether there was a system for capturing complaints. Nikki Wood explained the system, and John suggested that it might be improved by allocating a reference number to each complaint, so that the complainant could see that his/her complaint had been included in the report. It was agreed that this would be done in future.

**ACTION:** Reference number to be allocated to future complaints

Mike Patchett said that the credibility of the report was questionable, as the response to a complaint raised by the AMCS was inaccurate. Rick responded that the response was in line with the information provided to the Corporation, and that further enquiries (made since this issue had been raised by the AMCS in correspondence to Directors of the Corporation), had revealed nothing to indicate that the Corporation's response had been misleading or inaccurate.

Rick also expressed disappointment that this issue had not first been raised at the Committee for resolution before writing to the Directors, as this was meant to be the purpose of the Committee.

(Mike Patchett later showed Rick photos, which Rick noted and returned.)

## 9. Visits to the port

Rick Morton took Mike Patchett and a couple of other AMCS members for a tour of the port on 15 February. As several members have expressed interest in a tour, other opportunities will be provided. It was agreed that the best time to hold these would be early on Saturday mornings.

**ACTION:** Rick Morton's Personal Assistant, Barbara Brown, to contact committee members to arrange visit(s).

## 10. Review of Terms of Reference and Standing Operating Procedures

It was agreed that the Terms of Reference be amended to include the Bulimba Creek Catchment Coordinating Committee (B4C) and Bayside Parklands Advisory Group as member organisations.

Committee members agreed to adopt the Standing Operating Procedures unchanged.

All members present indicated that their organisation wished to continue its membership for a second 12-month term.

John Dobson expressed his view that the north side was underrepresented on the Committee. It was agreed that the Corporation would gauge the interest of stakeholders on the north side in increasing representation, eg. by contacting the Sandgate Chamber of Commerce.

It was agreed that a donation of \$250.00 per group was sufficient to cover administrative costs associated with membership of the Committee. Dennis O'Neill requested that, as he did not represent a registered group, his payment be donated to the Wynnum Manly Historical Society, of which he is a member. As Dennis did not receive payment during his last term of membership, it was agreed that \$500 would be donated to the Society.

Cheryl Heron asked whether it was possible for the minutes to be published on the Corporation's website to enable easier access by members of the groups represented on the Committee. It was agreed that this would be done. All members present consented to having their e-mail address included as a point of contact.

**ACTIONS:** Corporation to investigate interest in increasing north side representation.

Rick Morton's Personal Assistant, Barbara Brown, to arrange payments to member organisations.

Nikki Wood to set up new Community Consultative Committee link on the Corporation's website.

Peter Waterman to contact Greg Spilsbury and Wayne Cameron with regard to continued representation of their organisations on the Committee and inclusion of their E-mail address on the website.

## **11. Meetings for 2003**

It was agreed to continue to hold meetings quarterly. The following meeting dates for 2003/2004 were set:

14 May 2003

20 August 2003

12 November 2003

The next meeting will be held at the Port of Brisbane Visitors' Centre at 6.30pm on Wednesday, 14 May 2003. Refreshments will be served from 6.00pm.