

Minutes of the Port of Brisbane Corporation Community Consultative Committee meeting

**Held at the Visitors' Centre, Fisherman Islands
Wednesday, 10 November 2004**

Present:

Rick Morton (Chairman), Nikki Wood (Secretary), Peter Waterman (Convenor), Margo Canavan (Pinkenba Community Association Inc.), Michael Healey (AMCS), Doreen Draheim (Bayside Environmental Network), Pam Pavey (Manly Chamber of Commerce), Bill Benham (Rotary Club of Port of Brisbane), Simon Baltais (Wildlife Preservation Society), Rowan Bullock (Port business community), Dennis O'Neill (North Point Residents), Debbie Davis (Hemmant community), Barry Wilson (Rivermouth Action Group), Rosie Field (PBC), Wayne Young (PBC), Michael Moore (PBC)

Observers:

Rob McMichael (North Point Residents), Edward Fenson (Rivermouth Action Group and Brisbane Region Environment Council), Kirsty Macphee (Pinkenba Community Association Inc), Robyn Willey.

Apologies:

Peter Hellen (Wynnum Manly Regional Development Partnership), Jill Greenhill (Bayside Environmental Network) , Michael Leistner (Wynnum Village Chamber of Commerce).

1. Introductions

Rick welcomed everyone to the meeting and acknowledged the apologies.

2. Approval of minutes

The Committee members confirmed the minutes from the last meeting held on 18 August 2004 as a true record of that meeting.

3. Business arising from minutes

- Confirmation of membership: Except for Rob McMichael replacing Sean Harrison as the alternate for Dennis O'Neill of the North Point Residents Group, the membership was confirmed.
- Reissue of Terms of Reference and Standing Operating Procedures: Everyone, except for Bill Benham, received these documents.

ACTION: A copy of the documents to be posted to Bill Benham.

- Removal of pepper trees: To be carried forward to the next meeting when Jill Greenhill is present.
- Additional seating at Norfolk Point: Michael thanked the Corporation for the additional seating at Norfolk Point.

4. Status of Sand Extraction

Rick reported that he had made enquiries to the Environmental Protection Agency and Department of State Development and Innovation but was unable to advise of any update on the status of the sand extraction study.

5. Implications of Moreton Bay Marine Park Rezoning for Future Port Development and Operations

Rick advised that the rezoning has had no impact on port development or operations, but has downgraded some areas, such as the Bulimba and Wynnum creeks, which were now classified as general use and not habitat conservation zones. This avoids permitting issues associated with many of the historic uses (eg. jetties) and is more appropriate to the conservation status of the creeks.

6. Overview of Issues Covered by the Community Consultative Committee 2002-2004

Rick gave an overview of the topics that had been discussed by the Committee over the past three years including Seagrass Watch, Port of Brisbane Motorway, land tenure arrangements and the Future Port Expansion project.

Rick said he felt that the Committee had been a successful two-way communication tool in a number of ways, including specifically members' feedback on the Corporation's annual report and the dissemination of information on issues like the oil spill that occurred at Lytton.

Rick also spoke about the past field visits by members of the Committee, and extended an invitation to any members who would like a tour of the Fisherman Islands facilities.

Barry asked about the timing of a dedicated rail line or corridor to Fisherman Islands. Rick responded that the Corporation did not know.

7. Future Port Expansion Update

Wayne presented an update on the FPE Seawall Project. He spoke about the delivery of rock, composition of the seawall, and the extraction of fish, sharks and turtles from the area at the time of closing the wall.

Wayne also presented an overview and plans for the 12-hectare bird roost on Fisherman Islands, which is currently being developed by the FPE Seawall Alliance.

8. Wynnum-Manly Foreshore

Rick explained that the Wynnum-Manly Foreshore project is a Brisbane City Council activity, and that the Corporation has an in-principle agreement from the Council that it will take over management control of the beach area near the Manly Boat Harbour.

Pam Pavey informed the Committee of the repeated vandalism, including breaking of fences and locks, that occurs every weekend in this area of the harbour. Pam also said that the windsurfers near the bird roost area were scaring the birds.

9. Planning, Assessment and Environmental Management Processes for New Wharves and Associated Infrastructure

Rick explained that the Corporation considers global, national and local trends to estimate trade growth levels over a number of years, and the corresponding infrastructure required to handle that trade.

All capital works, such as the building of wharves, terminals, and cargo-handling facilities and warehousing, are approved by the Corporation's shareholding Ministers. All works undertaken over water require EPA approvals and have long-lead times.

Rowen spoke about container growth rates and P&O's plans to utilise the land available, and the arrival of two new container cranes over the next two years.

Barry asked about the light pollution in the Wynnum Manly area from Fisherman Islands at night. Nikki informed Barry that the Corporation had not received any complaints about light pollution from the Wynnum Manly area in over four years.

10. Pinkenba Wharf and Area Beautification of Approaches: Collaboration with Tourism Queensland

Margo explained that the area from the Gateway Bridge to the temporary cruise wharf at Pinkenba was very unattractive and potentially damaging for tourism with the cruise vessels now regularly using the wharf.

Margo said that Tourism Queensland had funds available for promoting tourism in South East Queensland and that she had suggested at a Ministerial Forum that it investigate spending some of the money cleaning up and beautifying this area in Pinkenba. Margo asked that the Corporation follow this up and Rick agreed.

Margo advised that Rivercity Projects had organised a tree-planting day in the area in December and Margo invited members of the Committee to come along.

Margo provided Rick with the contact details of owners of the waste-transfer facility in Farrer Street to investigate the operation of the facility.

ACTION: PBC to follow up beautification of the Pinkenba area around the temporary cruise wharf with Tourism Queensland.

ACTION: PBC to investigate the operations of the waste-transfer facility in Farrer Street.

11. Quarry Site Rehabilitation and Tree Planning

Rick informed Bill that the Rotary Club of Port of Brisbane would have sufficient land at the quarry site to plant 100 trees.

ACTION: Bill to contact Brad Kitchen at the Corporation to arrange the planting in time for Rotary's 100th anniversary on 23 February 2005.

12. General Business

- Barry asked about the Super B-Doubles operating on Fisherman Islands and was informed that they currently operate under a month-to-month permit from Queensland Transport.

Barry also asked whether port operators would use Super B-Doubles or Triple Bs on roads outside of Fisherman Islands if permitted, and was informed that if it was legal and appropriate they could be used.

- Dennis informed the Committee that the North Point Residents Group had sent a letter to QR regarding wheel squeal and a very noisy train that passed Constellation Way around 4.00am each morning. There had been no response to date. The group advised that the Energex line project had been postponed until early next year and costings and alternative routes were being looked at.

Rick advised the Committee that the 4.00am train was the train delivering rock to the FPE seawall and that it would stop in

February 2005. However, he could not confirm that another train may not take this slot.

- Margo thanked the Corporation for its support in helping the Pinkenba Community Association Inc to plant 750 trees at the Pinkenba Common area after a fire wiped out 90% of the trees planted at the last two River*clean* events.
- On behalf of the Bay Visioning Group, Michael asked for designs of the William Gunn Jetty as it was working with the Brisbane City Council to build an interpretative centre in the area and wanted to ensure that the centre and jetty would complement each other.

Nikki gave an overview of the progress of the works currently being undertaken at the jetty.

ACTION: Michael Moore to provide the plans for the jetty to the Bay Visioning Group.

- Dates were set for the 2005 meetings as follows:

Wednesday 9 February
Wednesday 11 May
Wednesday 10 August
Wednesday 9 November