



PORT COMMUNITY CONSULTATION COMMITTEE - BUNBURY
WEDNESDAY 7th August 2024

MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT	Graham Winter Paul MacGillivray Todd Brown Tresslyn Smith	Lee Smith (RM) Keith Wilks (CEO) Alana Monaghan (Corporate Affairs Mgr.) Carol McKenzie (Committee Secretary)
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APOLOGIES	Mike Ansell	Robyn Fenech (Director)
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As Acting Chair for this meeting, the RM opened the meeting at 5:05 pm and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Declarations of Interest

No declarations.

2. Minutes of the Previous meeting

The Minutes of the previous Committee meeting held on 22nd May 2024 were noted as approved via circular resolution on 14th June 2024. The circular resolution was affirmed by the Committee.

3. Action Items from Previous Minutes

Stakeholder result comparison between the three ports – the Corporate Affairs Manager presented this in Corporate Affairs section of the meeting. The summary will be attached to the Minutes. The Chair requested this item stay on as an Agenda item for the next meeting. (Action item 9) The summary was attached to the Minutes as requested.

4. New Staff and Safety and Security

The RM gave the following presentation: -

We have not had any new staff of late, the teams are all complete at this stage.

In the Safety and Security space it was noted the National Security Level has increased to “Probable.” The Security team attended a meeting with WA Police this morning to discuss this. The Maritime Security level has not increased. The Security team are doing an excellent job and have recorded an increase in events in the port such as anti-social behaviour and

cutting of fences. Reporting has improved, and we continue to push our teams to be more vigilant.

5. Environment

The RM gave the following update on behalf of Duncan Gordon: -

Wapres are currently experiencing an incident with smouldering in their Biomass stockpile. Biomass is smaller than woodchips and is almost like compost which has resulted in it decomposing to the point of combustion. Wapres are digging away at the stockpile to get to the source of the burn and have everything under control. There is a significant amount of smoke and odour coming off the stockpile which has exacerbated the issue. Our Environment Department are in communication with the Regulator and our Communication Team is dealing with the media.

Environment are working with community members regarding alumina dust.

We are waiting for the results assessment of the Yarragadee aquifer.

6. Port Trade

The RM gave the following update:

The trade for the last financial year has come just shy of a record which is a great effort by all involved. Spodumene and lithium prices have experienced a down turn.

Albemarle have ceased operations and are now only operating one train. Spodumene and lithium will keep going through the port.

Grain tonnage through the three ports is down and woodchips are also down showing it is currently a challenging market.

Bunbury had 17 million tonnes of product move through the port in the last financial year including the movement of a record 1.6 million tonnes of caustic soda and 27,000 tonnes of break bulk cargo. The break bulk cargo was made up of Albemarle's construction equipment and wind turbines. Break bulk cargo will continue coming through the port in the future. There was a total trade movement of 35.4 million tonnes for the whole of Southern Ports last financial year.

We have just had the vessel for the Synergy – Collie power station project with 80 modules being offloaded. We are expecting the invertors on the next vessel coming in for Synergy. This showcases energy transition with project in Collie being the largest battery storage in the southern hemisphere.

We continue to receive several enquiries regarding onshore and offshore windfarms.

We have a potential sugar vessel coming into port as well as the Helix Q7000, which is an oil well demobilization plant, due to come in towards the end of August.

The land at the Outer Harbour from the sheds to the tug moorings has been transferred to the Department of Transport as part of the Transforming Bunbury Waterfront Project. Works in the area will soon begin with dredging of the harbour, the building of a rock groyne which will also include a new fishing platform and new boat pens. This will involve an increase in trucking movements to the Outer Harbour with the rocks being trucked in for the new groyne.

7. Marine

The RM gave the following update:

The Harbour Master and pilots are currently undergoing simulator training in Fremantle this week.

Two of our marine team have previously worked on a Helix Q7000 vessel and will be remotely guiding the vessel into port from the land. This vessel has compulsion in all four of the legs and therefore moves smoothly. There will be two tugs attached to the vessel.

8. Corporate Affairs

The CEO and Corporate Affairs Mgr. gave the following update:

The CEO noted the visit to the port by Minister Michael and Minister Punch who had a look at the progress of the Turkey Point Access Road and Bridge Project and the laydown area for the energy transition planning.

The CEO noted there will be a Strategy refresh for the organisation but the pillars will be similar.

He spoke about the announcement of the Yalgın Iron Ore mine closure and note the ore from the mine exports through Esperance and made up 35% of Southern Ports revenue and half the trade through Esperance. This announcement came on the back of the FQM Ravensthorpe Nickel Mine closure. This will impact the whole of Southern Ports but particularly Esperance. There are leadership teams in place, and we are working with the Board on how to manage staff and costs. It was also noted there was an article in the South West newspaper stating the mining sector has experienced a 7000-job loss.

It was noted that even though the organisation did not have another record year, there were nine trade records relating to caustic soda and spodumene through all three ports, fertilizer through Albany and Esperance and break bulk through Bunbury.

Communications covered: -

- FY24 trade records
- Seafarer Welfare
- Day of the Seafarer
- Purchase of bikes for use by seafarers in Esperance and Bunbury and to be rolled out to Albany.
- ITF Week of Action – ITF came to all the ports to conduct checks on vessels under the “Nowhere to Hide Campaign” and the Communication team had the opportunity to go on Board with them.
- The Steve Lewis Regional Scholarship was awarded to Lahni Davis of Albany who is studying a Bachelor of Advanced Science at Curtin University which includes a unit in Marine Science
- Indigenous Engagement focusing on Reconciliation Week and Culture Tours.
- Minister Michael and Minister Punch’s visit to the port.
- Community Investment Program supporting thirteen groups in the last quarter with \$24,000.

The team is currently working on: -

- The Annual Report
- Stakeholder Function

- Turkey Point Access Road and Bridge Project – working with the City of Bunbury, Main Roads, and business along Estuary Drive regarding upcoming traffic implications due to temporary road closure.
- Latest Stakeholder Survey results.

9. Community Feedback

A Committee member noted the report of a ship hitting ground several months ago and discussion was had around what happened and the good reporting of the Southern Ports media team.

A question was raised about the historic outbuildings behind the Leschenault Homestead. It was noted that a local Heritage Architect is working on steps on how to stabilize the buildings.

10. Any Other Business

a) Election of Members

The Committee submitted a recommendation for endorsement for CEO approval for the following renewing members: -

Mike Ansell
Graham Winter

The Committee submitted a recommendation for endorsement for CEO approval for the following new members: -

Julie Kipping
Paul D'Vorak

b) Election of Chair

The Committee submitted a recommendation for endorsement for CEO approval for the Chair:

Paul MacGillivray – Paul accepted the nomination and thanked the Committee.

c) Election of Deputy Chair

The Committee submitted a recommendation for endorsement for CEO approval for the Deputy Chair:

Graham Winter – Graham accepted the nomination and thanked the Committee.

d) CIP Nomination

We have two nominations for a representative to sit on the CIP Committee being Mike Ansell and Graham Winter. A vote will be done by circular resolution.

The Chair thanked everyone for their nomination and for attending the meeting and closed the meeting.

Meeting closed at 6.27 pm

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, 6th November 2024
Venue to be confirmed

ACTION ITEM LIST

FROM MINUTES OF PORT COMMUNITY CONSULTATION COMMITTEE - BUNBURY

7 AUGUST 2024

ITEM NO	ACTION	DATE AROSE	ACTION BY	STATUS
10	Updated Charter to be sent to the Committee	07/08/2024	C McKenzie	
10	CIP Representative to be voted on by circular resolution	07/08/2024	C McKenzie	
10	Continue to advertise for new members	07/08/2024	Comms Team	