



NRM

Glamorgan Spring Bay
Natural Resource Management

GSBC NRM Special Committee Meeting # 54 Minutes

Swansea Town Hall
Wednesday 1st March 2017, 10:30am.

1.0 PRESENT

Present: Councillor Bertrand Cadart (Chair), David Tucker (Vice Chair), Mel Kelly (GSBC Manager Natural Resources), Terry Higgs (Catchments to Coast Coordinator), Cynthia Maxwell-Smith (GSBC Sustainability Officer), Rosie Jackson (GSBC NRM Administration), Gary Stoward (Dolphin Sands Ratepayers Assoc.), Derek Madsen (*Banwell*), Alan Morgan (Coles Bay), Judy Broadstock (Bicheno), Keith Davis (NRM South), Jane Wing (Orford Community Group), Annie Browning (ECPPA).

2.0 APOLOGIES

Nicky Meeson (GSBC Biodiversity Officer), PWS Freycinet, Kate Hibbert (Department of Defence), Diana Nunn (Coles Bay), Rosemary Jarvis (Bicheno), Kath Hitchcock (PWS Triabunna Field Centre).

3.0 ELECTION FOR THE POSITION OF CHAIRPERSON

David Tucker vacated the Chair.

Mel Kelly called for nominations for the position of Chair:

David Tucker nominated Bertrand Cadart.

Gary Stoward seconded the nomination.

Bertrand accepted the nomination which was passed unanimously.

Mel Kelly called for nominations for the position of Vice Chair:

Alan Morgan nominated David Tucker.

Bertrand Cadart seconded the nomination.

David accepted the nomination which was passed unanimously.

On behalf of the Committee, Mel thanked David who has been Chair for over 9 years and a member of the Committee since its inception. We are grateful that David has agreed to stay on the Committee and accept the position of Vice Chair.

Mel thanked Bertrand for accepting the position of Chair.

The Chair welcomed two new Committee members, Keith Davis who is replacing Lyndel Wilson at NRM South, and Annie Browning who is representing the East Coast Primary Producers Association (ECPPA).

The Chair noted that it is good to have an ECPPA representative on the Committee again.

4.0 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Confirmation of previous minutes from GSB NRM Committee meeting no. 53:

Moved: David Tucker *Seconded:* Derek Madsen. *Carried unanimously.*

5.0 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING.

Look into the award winning GPT installed at Glenorchy: Cynthia passed around a photograph of the award winning trap installed at Glenorchy. It is not suitable for use in the sea. It is a surface trap for still water.

Mel: The *Urban Drainage Act 2013* requires Council to prepare stormwater management plans for all catchments. Mel to ask the contract engineer to provide the Committee with an update on the development of the stormwater management plans.

Invite a representative from CLS to attend a future Committee meeting to discuss Bagot Point and Crown Land in general: Mel advised that a representative from CLS has been asked to attend a Committee meeting this year.

Follow up with Regulatory Services Manager regarding the Coles Bay slipway drain: Mel attended a meeting on site with representatives from the Coles Bay slipway consortium, the PWS Lease/License Officer, Council's Manager Building and Marine Infrastructure, and Council's Plumbing Inspector. The consortium members acknowledged that the drain did get blocked up and needed to be manually emptied, however a cover had been built to alleviate this problem. Conditions on the permit for the slipway required it to be operated in line with a management plan which includes an annual auditing process. No audit has yet been undertaken so this has since been arranged and should happen in March. The consortium is also looking at how they can better

communicate how the slipway operates to the local community. The operation of slipways has been problematic statewide, not just on the east coast. Mel to ask Council's Manager Building and Marine Infrastructure to attend a future Committee meeting to explain what the current standards are in line with the relevant legislation.

Ask CLS to contact Aurora or Transend regarding removing the debris left behind at the Gordon Street Reserve (Swansea) and requesting that they remove their debris in future: Mel has done this and will follow up with CLS.

Site visit and quote to CLS to undertake follow up weed control on Swansea's unmade road reserves: Mel noted that this is in progress.

Email Sorell Council with CC to DPIPWE regarding Paterson's curse infestation in Sorell municipality: Done. Keith said that he would ask the NRM Facilitator at Sorell Council to assist in following up.

Write to state and federal politicians, their shadows and the Greens regarding assisting land owners with chemical for weed control: Mel – suggested that in order to get an effective response, we should narrow the focus of this proposed letter to just serrated tussock and write it in partnership with the ECPPA and DPIPWE's newly appointed Nasella project officer. Mel to work with Annie/the ECPPA and DPIPWE to discuss further if this is the best way forward.

Mel reiterated that there has been a lot of financial support for serrated tussock control from local, state and federal government over many years.

Derek noted that land holders need to undertake follow up control of serrated tussock so that work done in the past is not 'undone'.

Terry will ask the DPIPWE Nasella officer to visit properties in Little Swanport that have serrated tussock.

6.0 GUEST SPEAKER JENNY BROWN, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF ENVORINEX

Jenny Brown presented to the Committee about Envorinex. Envorinex collects, recycles and re-manufactures waste plastic into 2nd life products and collects and supplies polymer products from agriculture, aquaculture, mining and viticulture including plastics such as fishing floats, salmon pen pipes, pallet sheets (corflute) and silage wraps. The Envorinex factory is in George Town.

The Chair asked if it would be possible to have a factory tour?

Jenny advised that the Committee would be welcome to tour the factory in George Town.

Jenny advised that their collection truck could come to the east coast to pick up materials, however there would need to be enough to fill a 20 yard truck to justify the travel.

Lunch 12:30pm – 1:00pm.

7.0 REVIEW OF THE DRAFT PROSSER CATCHMENT PLAN

All present received the 2 page summary document 'Review of the Prosser Catchment Plan'.

Mel provided some history of catchment planning in Glamorgan Spring Bay.

A Consultative Committee will be established to review the draft Prosser Catchment Plan.

A public forum will be held on 25th March from 10:30am in the Triabunna Community Hall.

Further information including the draft *Prosser Catchment Plan 2002* will be available on Council's website www.gsbc.tas.gov.au

The objective is to have a final plan by the end of 2017. The layout/format of this plan will be similar to that of the Swan Apsley and Little Swanport Catchment Plans.

8.0 BUSH WATCH WITH SERGEANT PEARCE, TASMANIA POLICE

Sergeant Pearce joined the meeting at 1:30pm.

Sergeant Pearce reported that generally there has been very little crime in the area.

However, some cases of wood stealing from private land have been reported in the Swansea area. There continues to be issues with illegal camping and fires at Bagot Point. Several infringement notices have been issued. One report of illegal burning of rubbish in Swansea has been addressed.

Cynthia spoke about the 'no fish farms' graffiti in Orford, including across the shorebird interpretation sign at Radar Park.

Sergeant Pearce advised that if graffiti is reported, Police will follow it up. We are fortunate that generally speaking we have very few problems with graffiti in Glamorgan Spring Bay. It is a rare occurrence, so when it does occur it is quite a shock to the community.

Terry asked Sergeant Pearce if there were any updates on the illegal fire wood harvesting and rubbish dumping site in swift parrot habitat near Buckland. Sergeant Pearce advised that Police officers travel this road regularly and two individuals have been charged.

There was an article in the Sunday Tasmanian on 26/2/17 reporting that 'Police, the Environment Department and Crime Stoppers have launched an initiative enlisting law-abiding hunters to report criminal activity in the bush', a great partnership initiative.

Mel advised that Council has recently issued two infringement notices to individuals that have dumped rubbish (including green waste) on Council managed land.

The Chair thanked Sergeant Pearce.

Sergeant Pearce departed the meeting at 1:55pm.

9.0 COMMITTEE CORRESPONDENCE

- Email from Keith Davis, the new Operations and Community Engagement Manager at NRM South. Keith will be the new NRM South representative on the GSB NRM Committee.
- Email from Sandy Travers, ECPPA Secretary, advising that Annie Browning will be representing the ECPPA on the GSB NRM Committee.
- Landcare Tasmania membership renewal notice.
- Email from Donna Stanley, PWS Manager North East Coast, advising that whilst the position of Ranger in Charge at Freycinet is vacant, she will be the contact for the GSB NRM Committee.
- Email from Jill Jones at Department of State Growth (DSG) with an update for the Committee about DSG managed roadsides. Weed hygiene site sign installation in GSB will occur in the next month.
Terry advised that Amanda spoke with the slashing sub-contractor today regarding wash down and slashing direction.
- Letter from GSBC General Manager (GM), regarding erosion and sedimentation at Solis site. Remediation works will be undertaken as an intermediate measure.

David Metcalf, GSBC GM joined the meeting at 2:00pm.

10.0 UPDATE ON TEA TREE RIVULET DAM PROPOSAL: GSBC GENERAL MANAGER.

David provided the Committee with an update on the Tea Tree Rivulet dam proposal. The site was chosen through a DPIPWE desktop assessment process. Solis, Tassal, TasWater and primary producers will draw water from the 3000ML dam.

A project manager with relevant experience will oversee the project. Surveys such as flora, fauna, heritage, environmental flow are currently being undertaken by consultants.

More information is available on Council's website www.gsbc.tas.gov.au

David spoke to his letter regarding erosion and sedimentation at the Solis site. Remediation works will be undertaken during the coming weeks.

David Metcalf departed the meeting at 2:15pm.

11.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

Mel will forward the update from Jill Jones at DSG to the Committee.

12.0 CATCHMENTS TO COAST REPORT

Terry provided an update on Catchments to Coast activities:

- Clean Up Australia Day event and launch of new sign this Sunday 5th March at Rita and Doris Reserve in Coles Bay.
- The Denison shorebird sign was destroyed some years ago. This year's funding from NRM South has enabled this to be re-printed. The sign will be re-instated this week.
- Tree safety and habitat assessment along the coastal reserve from the bridge to Raspins Beach in Orford completed by IronBark Arboriculture. During this survey they identified potential bird nesting hollows and the report will make management recommendations from both a safety and habitat management perspective.
- Zone A weed control project on Crown Land in Bicheno continues.
- Attended the opening of Bicheno Men's Shed
- Attended the Dolphin Sands Ratepayers Association AGM.
- The World Wetlands Day event held at Devils Corner Vineyard on Saturday 28th January was very successful with nearly 300 people engaged during this celebration of Moulting Lagoon Ramsar Wetland
- Mid-financial year reporting submitted to NRM South.

Terry noted that Biosecurity Tasmania have advised that the Invasive Animals CRC will commence the national release of the new strain of Rabbit Haemorrhagic Disease Virus (RHDV1 K5) in March. There are no release sites for this new strain in Glamorgan Spring Bay at this stage.

Later this year (likely to be between May and June 2017), Biosecurity Tasmania expect to undertake another release of RHDV if conditions are favourable for effective release.

13.0 SUSTAINABILITY REPORT

Cynthia provided an update on sustainability activities:

- 'Bin springs' are currently being trialled on domestic kerbside bins. Initial reports are very encouraging.
- Continuing to pursue the branded reusable Great Eastern Drive coffee cup project in partnership with East Coast Regional Tourism Org.
- Looking into proposal to establish an electric vehicle charging station in Swansea as part of a statewide network.
- The National Tidy Towns awards are being held in Triabunna in May.

- Pursuing the possibility of holding ‘menders workshops’ in GSB which involves mending mentors assisting participants to repair items instead of throwing them away.

14.0 TREASURER’S REPORT

Mel spoke to her reports. The final 15/16 treasurer’s report has been completed. All present received a copy.

David asked if it would be possible for Mel to provide a report at the next meeting which shows a greater breakdown of the sources of private works. Mel agreed to arrange this for the next meeting.

15.0 GSBC NRM DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Reports were circulated via email and are also available on Council’s website in the monthly Council meeting agendas.

Mel provided an update on the Prosser River Stabilisation Project. After going to appeal, remediation has been settled and a new location for the channel has been decided upon. MAST will still need to fulfil the conditions of the DA.

16.0 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING (CONTINUED)

Advise Committee members of the date of the Tassal meeting: Done. Alan attended this meeting.

Compile PD for position of Chair for the Committee: Mel advised that this has been done based on the guidelines for Section 24 Committees. Rosie to circulate the PD with the draft minutes.

Follow up with Councillor Cadart regarding the position of Committee Chair and confirm date for next meeting. Done.

17.0 OTHER BUSINESS

Confidentiality agreement for Committee members

If you have not yet signed the confidentiality agreement for Section 24 Special Committee’s of Council, please do so as soon as possible and return to Rosie. If you need another copy of the form posted or emailed to you please ask Rosie.

Meeting dates and locations for remainder of 2017

- 24th May - Triabunna Community Hall
- 23rd August - Bicheno Memorial Hall
- 22nd November - Swansea Town Hall

Round table

Alan: After attending the Tassal meeting, the Committee should keep in contact with Tassal and be better informed of the environmental impacts of salmon farming to make sure the project is a success.

David: agreed with Alan in light of what is happening in Macquarie Harbour.

The Chair acknowledged this.

Mel: Tassal have presented to the Committee before, Mel will ask them for an update either via an email to be circulated to the Committee or for a representative from Tassal to attend another meeting.

Mel noted that the Committee and the community need to bear in mind that there are many different primary producers operating and impacting on our environment in different ways across GSB and that we need to be consistent and be also asking others to present on their sustainability initiatives.

Judy: Earth and Ocean Network have had a request from a group in Seymour to help them clear a track to the beach. Whilst this is not in GSB, Judy would appreciate any assistance with contacts for relevant land managers/authorities. Mel will help Judy with contacts for the relevant people at Break O'Day Council and within PWS.

Judy: the Bicheno SLS Club is concerned about the erosion at Waubs Beach.

Mel advised that there is the need to get an understanding of coastal hazards in other locations in the municipality as we have done in Orford and Triabunna. There are discussions underway on how this work can be rolled out through all councils in collaboration with the State Government. Mel thanked Judy for letting her know about the concerns for Waubs Beach and will take this back for consideration.

Keith departed at 3:30pm.

David: thanked the Committee for support over the years. Spanish heath and ragwort are making their way east across the Lake Leake Highway.

Terry advised that the Spanish heath and ragwort on Lake Leake Highway were sprayed last week.

David: we need to send a repeat request to DSG that machinery wash down is undertaken at the wash down site on Lake Leake Highway before machinery enters the municipality.

Mel will send another request to Jill Jones at DSG.

Mel thanked David again for many years of service as Chair, and welcomed Bertrand to the role.

Meeting closed at 3:35pm.

NEXT MEETING

Next Meeting Venue: Triabunna Community Hall

Next Meeting Date: 24th May 2017

ACTION ITEMS

1. Ask contract Engineer to provide Committee with an update on the development of stormwater plans. Who: Mel.
2. Invite a representative from CLS to attend a future Committee meeting to discuss Bagot Point and Crown Land in general. Who: Mel.
3. Ask Council's Manager Building and Marine Infrastructure to attend a future Committee meeting to provide an update on the relevant legislation that governs slipway operations. Who: Mel.
4. Follow up with CLS regarding contacting Aurora/Transend regarding removing the debris they leave behind at the Gordon St Reserve in Swansea. Who: Mel.
5. Site visit and quote to CLS to undertake follow up weed control on Swansea's unmade road reserves. Who: Mel.
6. Discuss with DPIPWE Project Officer and ECPA representative about sending a letter to elected representatives regarding the need for ongoing support for the control of priority Declared weeds such as Serrated Tussock. Who: Mel.
7. Ask DPIPWE nasella officer to visit serrated tussock sites in Little Swanport. Who: Terry.

8. Forward the update on DSG managed roadsides to the Committee. Who: Mel.
9. Circulate the PD for the position of Committee Chair. Who: Rosie.
10. Ensure that Waubs Beach is considered in future coastal hazards / climate change projects in GSB. Who: Mel.
11. Repeat request to DSG that machinery wash down is done on Lake Leake Highway before entering GSB. Who: Mel.
12. Committee members who have not yet signed the confidentiality agreement please do so as soon as possible.

Signed by the Chair



Date: 24/5/2017