



GSBC NRM Special Committee Meeting # 55 Minutes

Triabunna Community Hall
Wednesday 24th May 2017, 10:30am.

1.0 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), Keith Davis (NRM South), Senior Constable Daniel Lamont (Tasmania Police), Alan Morgan (Coles Bay), Jane Wing (Orford Community Group), Annie Browning (East Coast Primary Producers Assoc.), Derek Madsen (*Banwell*).

Guests: Fiona Steel and James Gourlay (Crown Land Services), Adrian O'Leary and Tony Pollard (GSBC), Phil Roberts (EPA).

2.0 APOLOGIES

Nicky Meeson (GSBC Biodiversity Officer), Diana Nunn (Coles Bay), Kath Hitchcock (PWS Triabunna Field Centre), Judy Broadstock (Bicheno), Gary Stoward (Dolphin Sands Ratepayers Association), Ben Flear (Brown Bros. Devils Corner Vineyard), Kate Hibbert (Department of Defence), Rosemary Jarvis (Bicheno), Steven Heggie (PWS Freycinet).

3.0 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Confirmation of previous minutes from GSB NRM Committee meeting no. 54:

Moved: David Tucker **Seconded:** Jane Wing *Carried unanimously.*

Mel noted that the wording of action item numbers 6 and 10 need changing.

4.0 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING.

1. Ask contract engineer to provide Committee with an update on the development of stormwater plans: GSBC Engineering Consultant was unable to attend today's meeting but Mel will request that he attends the next Committee meeting.
2. Invite a representative from CLS to attend a future Committee meeting to discuss Bagot Point and Crown Land in general: two representatives from CLS are attending later today.
3. Ask Council's Manager Building and Marine Infrastructure Adrian O'Leary to attend a future Committee meeting to provide an update on the relevant legislation that governs slipway operations: Adrian is attending and has also requested Senior Policy Officer, EPA Division, DPIPWE to also attend.
4. Follow up with CLS regarding contacting Aurora/Transend regarding removing the debris they leave behind at the Gordon St Reserve in Swansea: Mel advised that CLS are aware of the situation and can discuss it when they join the meeting after lunch. David asked if it would still be possible for Terry to organise a working bee to clean up the debris. Terry agreed to organise this.
5. Site visit and quote to CLS to undertake follow up weed control on Swansea's unmade road reserves: Mel advised that this is in progress.
6. Work with DPIPWE and ECPA representative to draft a letter to elected members regarding chemical for control of priority weeds: Mel advised that the DPIPWE *Nasella* Project Officer is attending the next ECPA meeting. Mel will also invite him to attend a Committee meeting.
7. Ask DPIPWE *Nasella* officer to visit serrated tussock sites in Little Swanport: Terry advised that this will happen later this year. Annie noted that the officer has recently visited some properties in the Swansea area and suggested that the serrated tussock on some properties may be beyond eradication and instead a 10 year plan for containment could be developed. Mel noted that Amanda has been working with Tasmanian Irrigation in regards to serrated tussock monitoring and control. Mel will ask Tasmanian Irrigation to come back to the Committee for an update on weed management and hygiene in regards to the Swan Valley Irrigation Scheme. Mary (Terry's predecessor) worked with property owners in Little Swanport to develop long term management plans for their serrated tussock. David noted that he holds concerns about the *Nasella* officer saying that serrated tussock is not eradicable in a Zone A municipality.
8. Forward the update on DSG managed roadsides to the Committee: Mel has done this and advised that she received a recent update from DSG. The CD (Clean Down) site signs are installed and confirmation received that the slashing directions requested can be implemented on the Tasman Hwy. Terry asked about confirmation of slashing direction for Lake Leake Highway? This was not provided in the recent update so Mel will follow up on this with DSG. David noted that we need to monitor contractors use of CD sites and slashing directions, and request again that they advise Council when they are going to commence slashing. Jane asked if it would be possible to circulate the list of CD sites so that Committee members can advise if they observe contractors using the sites (or not)? Mel will check this with DSG.
9. Circulate the PD for the position of Committee Chair: done.
10. Investigate possibility of Waubs Beach becoming a priority site in the State Government climate change project: Mel advised that this action item has not been worded correctly. Mel will amend to 'ensure that Waubs Beach is considered in future coastal hazards / climate change projects in GSB'. Mel distributed information about the 'Climate Resilient Councils Project' to all present.

Adrian O'Leary joined the meeting at 11:20am.

Bertrand advised that this project was discussed at this month's Council meeting. Mel noted that there is also information available on Council's website.

11. Repeat request to DSG that machinery wash down is done on Lake Leake Highway before entering GSB: done.
12. Committee members who have not yet signed the confidentiality agreement please do so as soon as possible: ongoing until all members have signed the form.

Bertrand asked if it would still be possible to arrange a tour to the Enviroinex factory in George Town?

Cynthia advised that she can look into this and that we could also tour the ToxFree recycling plant in Launceston on the same day. Cynthia to investigate hiring a bus.

Senior Constable Daniel Lamont joined the meeting at 11:30am.

5.0 COMMITTEE CORRESPONDENCE

Email from Alan Morgan regarding policy on recyclables at Waste Transfer Stations – to be discussed when GSBC Manager Works joins the meeting.

6.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

Nil further.

7.0 GUEST SPEAKER SENIOR POLICY OFFICER, EPA, DPIPWE: GUIDELINES FOR SLIPWAYS IN TASMANIA

The Chair welcomed Phil Roberts, Senior Policy Officer, EPA, DPIPWE.

Phil provided everyone with a copy of the State Governments *Environmental Guidelines for Boat Repair and Maintenance*. Phil spoke to the guidelines and also handed out information about the variety of agencies that have a role to play in slipway management in Tasmania.

The diverse use of slipways, and leases and licenses complicate management. CLS can review leases and licenses as they come up for renewal. The impact that activities undertaken at slipways have on the environment is not new. It is reasonable that people using slipways should know this and operate in a sustainable manner. The guidelines are not difficult to follow, they are simple and do not require sophisticated equipment.

Adrian advised that GSBC's Environmental Health Officer has highlighted the ongoing need to educate people about responsible practices at slipways and marinas etc. Adrian advised that he will send a copy of the State Government's guidelines to people who lease marina berths in Triabunna.

Alan asked who monitored moorings? Adrian advised that this is the responsibility of MAST.

David suggested that the MAST newsletter would be a good way to make the guidelines known to boat owners/operators. Phil agreed this would be a good idea.

James Gourlay and Fiona Steel (Crown Land Services) and Tony Pollard (GSBC) joined the meeting at 12pm.

Adrian noted that there are 3 formal slipways in GSB. The guidelines are often discussed at the GSB Marine Infrastructure Committee meetings and Adrian works closely with the EPA in regards to the Triabunna marina.

Phil suggested that the manager of the Oyster Cove marina could be invited to GSB to speak to industry stakeholders and the Marine Infrastructure Committee about the benefits of Marine Industries Association Accreditation.

The Chair thanked Phil and Adrian.

The Chair also congratulated Adrian on the refurbishment of the Triabunna Hall and the recently completed Triabunna Gatehouse project.

8.0 RECYCLABLES AT WASTE TRANSFER STATIONS.

The Chair welcomed Tony Pollard, GSBC Manager Works.

The Chair read out the email from Alan Morgan.

Tony advised that the Waste Transfer Stations (WTS's) all have recycling skips which accommodate recyclable glass, plastics and cardboard. Cardboard must be flattened and cannot be bailed up in string or rope. The fees are based on a user pays system to cover costs to Council and ratepayers. Recycling is not free. In regards to the day that Alan was advised not to put cardboard in the recycling skip, the caretaker of the Coles Bay WTS was ill at this time and a temporary caretaker was staffing the WTS at Coles Bay. Caretakers have diagrams which illustrate how they measure cubic metres.

Alan noted that since he sent the email he has seen the waste management information on Council's website regarding fees for recyclables at WTS's.

Tony advised that ToxFree are the current contractors for kerbside collection and recycling goes to the ToxFree recycling plant in Launceston. It is not possible to change the contract with ToxFree to vary kerbside collection during the winter months, and also it is important to maintain consistent communications and messages regarding kerbside collection.

The Committee then had a discussion about whether or not recycling should be free of charge at WTS's.

Mel noted that the price of recyclables as a commodity fluctuates with the market and that the generation of waste (rubbish or recycling) in the first place is something everyone should be considering. The tourism industry also needs to consider the amount of waste they generate and how it can best be disposed of. Council has undertaken a lot of community education about recycling, which is difficult as it changes continuously. There is an obligation with our contractor ToxFree to undertake community education too.

Jane noted that our kerbside collection is much better than in some other municipalities in Tasmania and it is great to have the large wheelie bin for recycling. But could Council install clearer signage at all WTS's?

The Chair noted in his capacity as an elected member for many years that waste management has always been and will continue to be discussed amongst Councillors.

The Chair thanked Tony Pollard.

Lunch 12:45pm – 1:25pm

9.0 GUEST SPEAKERS FROM CROWN LAND SERVICES

The Chair welcomed James Gourlay and Fiona Steel from Crown Land Services.

James is the Regional Property Officer for the south of the state and Fiona is the recently appointed Operations Manager for the whole of the state.

James reported that CLS has been working together with GSBC, PWS and Tasmania Police to address the management issues at Bagot Point. This has been quite successful to date and has included community consultation and a mail out. The boulders will need ongoing maintenance.

Alan asked if the public should report incidences of vehicles driving on the beach in the Bagot Point area? James advised that a photo, licence plate, date and time is required. Daniel noted that Tasmania Police can assist with this also.

In regards to illegal vegetation clearing on Crown Land, James advised that CLS will consider using signage with similar wording to that of GSBC's signs to address illegal vegetation clearing on a site specific basis.

David asked James and Fiona if CLS could contact TasNetworks/Aurora regarding the debris they left behind at the Gordon St Reserve in Swansea. After some discussion it was agreed that Mel would email TasNetworks/Aurora (Fiona to provide an appropriate contact) and CC in CLS. James noted that there are also concerns about weeds in TasNetworks operations area, particularly under power lines in disturbed areas. Mel suggested that we invite one of the environment officers from TasNetworks to talk to the Committee.

Jane asked about the trees in the 'Ten Minute Track' Reserve at Orford. David suggested that sign posts could be installed at the start of the track advising people that they are entering a natural environment and that there are risks. This is how Forestry Tasmania addressed similar issues and it worked well. Fiona noted that she was looking into using similar signage to that of Forestry Tas for Crown Land Reserves where appropriate.

In regards to the illegal firewood harvesting, destruction of swift parrot habitat and theft of cameras/equipment from the Crown Reserve west of Buckland, Mel advised that she has contacted the compliance branch at DPIPWE to request an update for the Committee about the investigations into these matters. Fiona advised that James has explained the situation to her and that she will be following up on this too.

The Chair thanked Fiona and James not only for coming to the meeting, but also for CLS assistance and support with high priority issues on Crown Land in Glamorgan Spring Bay.

Contact details for CLS:

Crown Land Services
Phone: 03 6233 6413
Email: cls.enquiries@dpipwe.tas.gov.au
Website: parks.tas.gov.au/cls

10.0 BUSH WATCH WITH SENIOR CONSTABLE LAMONT

Daniel noted that the publicity and media coverage in regards to the illegal activities in the Crown Reserve west of Buckland was very good.

Incidences of vehicles being stolen from city areas and dumped here in the bush in Glamorgan Spring Bay continues to occur periodically.

So far this year there has been fewer reports of illegal harvesting of firewood than last year.

Investigations into the recent shooting of a wedge-tailed eagle at Rheban near Orford are continuing. Anyone with information about the incident is urged to call Tasmania Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or the Wildlife Management Branch during business hours on (03) 6165 4305.

Cannabis crops have been found in the bush again this year.

Mel advised that the illegal firewood working group funded by NRM South and PWS are planning some awareness raising activities over the winter period. Mel will invite the project officer to attend a future Committee meeting.

The Chair thanked Senior Constable Daniel Lamont.

11.0 CATCHMENTS TO COAST REPORT

Terry reported on Catchments to Coast activities:

- The Clean Up Australia Day event, BBQ and launch of the interpretation sign at the Rita and Doris Reserve in Coles Bay was very successful with 30 people attending.

- Weed control at Moulting Lagoon is currently being undertaken thanks to support from NRM South, CLS and Brown Brothers Devils Corner Vineyard.
- A grass trial is being set up at Milton.
- The Bicheno Earth & Ocean Network have once again funded a CVA crew to undertake weed control activities in Bicheno.
- Zone A weed control on Crown Reserves in Bicheno continues thanks to funding from NRM South and CLS.
- Council funded weed control in the Peggy's Point/Breakwater area in Bicheno has commenced again as per the guidelines for working in areas of little penguin habitat.
- Fencing has been completed at the old Orford quarry near the walking track.
- Additional fencing has been completed along the Prosser River walking track to prevent additional access points to the Orford Bird Sanctuary.
- Assisting Manager Works with Aboriginal Heritage investigation at Spring Beach in preparation for road re-alignment works.

12.0 SUSTAINABILITY REPORT

Cynthia reported on the National Tidy Towns Awards that were held in Triabunna recently.

The Chair thanked and congratulated everyone who was involved in organising the awards and associated tours and activities.

13.0 TREASURER'S REPORT

Mel distributed and spoke to the Treasurer's Report.

Alan departed the meeting at 3pm.

14.0 GSBC NRM DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Mel will email these reports to the Committee.

Key activities include:

- Review of the draft Prosser Catchment Plan
- Revised Agricultural Zone and Natural Assets Code for new statewide planning scheme.
- Upcoming meeting regarding the Local Area Report (Triabunna and Orford) for the Communities and Coastal Hazards project.

15.0 OTHER BUSINESS

Annie: in Swansea it appears that septic tank pumping disposal cannot be dumped locally, it has to be taken elsewhere. Mel will follow up with TasWater and advise Annie of outcome.

Jane: could the NRM Committee discuss the idea that Council's NRM team possibly take over management of the native flora and fauna within Council reserve/s ie Raspins Beach Conservation Reserve?

Mel: as per our Terms of Reference and the Guidelines for Section 24 Special Committees of Council, we need to write to Cassie Melrose to ask whether she is able to stay on the Committee or not. If not, we will call for EOI's for a new aquaculture representative. Another oyster farmer, Tassal and/or a commercial fisher person would all be good options.

Confidentiality agreement for Committee members:

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Meeting closed at 3:30pm.

NEXT MEETING

Next Meeting Venue: Bicheno Memorial Hall

Next Meeting Date: 23rd August 2017

ACTION ITEMS

1. Ask GSBC Engineering Consultant to attend a Committee meeting to provide information on the development of the stormwater system management plan: Mel.
2. Organise a working bee at the Gordon St Reserve in Swansea to clean up the debris left behind by TasNetworks: Terry in consultation with David.
3. Invite DPIPWE's *Nasella* Project Officer to attend a future Committee meeting: Mel.
4. Invite Tasmanian Irrigation to attend a Committee meeting to provide an update on weed management and hygiene in regards to the Swan Valley Irrigation Scheme: Mel.
5. Investigate possibility of arranging a tour of the Envorinex factory and ToxFree recycling plant: Cynthia.
6. Email TasNetworks/Aurora regarding debris left behind at the Gordon St Reserve in Swansea and invite one of their environment officers to talk to the Committee: Mel.
7. Follow up with the relevant branch within DPIPWE to request an update for the Committee about the investigations into the illegal firewood harvesting, destruction of swift parrot habitat and theft of cameras/equipment from the Crown Land west of Buckland: Mel.
8. Committee members who have not yet signed the confidentiality agreement please do so as soon as possible: ongoing until all members have signed the form.

Signed by the Chair



Date: 23/8/17