

## Port of Apollo Bay Consultative Committee Meeting

Meeting via Video Conference.

Facilitated by Pam Richardson at BeingThere  
Using Vidyo Connect application.

Tuesday 5 May 2020

Time: 12.30pm

# MINUTES.

<b>1.</b>	<b>ATTENDEES:</b> Anthony Alfirenko – Otway Coast Committee, Bill Gross – Apollo Bay Community Representative, John Marriner – Apollo Bay Community Representative, Peter Biddle – Apollo Bay Ocean Rescue, Lisa Deppeler – Apollo Bay Sailing Club, Markus Nolle – Apollo Bay Fishermen's Coop, Frank Castles/Simon McBeth/Fiona Waddington – Colac Otway Shire, Cr Chris Potter – Councillor Colac Otway Shire assisted by Pam Richardson – Being There.
<b>2.</b>	<b>APOLOGIES.</b> Andrew Orchard, Russell Frost, Mick Heland, Tony McGann, Marcus Pola
<b>3.</b>	<b>MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING</b> No issues
<b>4.</b>	<b>CITY DEAL PROJECT FUNDING – AN UPDATE</b> Addressed in General Business.
<b>5.</b>	<b>ADDITIONAL NAVIAD LIGHT FUNDING</b> Russell Frost has suggested an additional set of lead lights to improve last year's project. An E-W set of lead lights, to follow after coming through Henty Reef sector light. Proposed location on top of Visitor information centre. Additional Funding of \$25 k has been requested- not yet confirmed. <b>UPDATE ON MARINA EXTENSION</b> For any extensions to the existing floating marina to occur the following sequence of events needs to happen: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bellingham Marine requires a wave study. The data from Deakin University's recent wave study (which POAB had free access to) has been submitted to Bellingham Marine.</li> <li>• Suitable design options.</li> <li>• Business case – Suitable providers have been identified, but their advice is to wait until Frank's City Deal/harbour master plan planning work is finalised and feed this into a business case for a marina extension.</li> <li>• A range of options from Bellingham Marine – advice would be sought from POABCC on various options so that an informed planning process can be followed.</li> </ul>



	<p><b>FLOODLIGHT AT HARBOUR ENTRANCE – FOR DISCUSSION.</b></p> <p>Some fishermen have complained that the floodlights are blinding and upset night vision on approach to the Port. No particular negative feedback was received from POABCC.</p> <p>Simon to gauge opinions of other port users. Lisa Deppeler to discuss with Sailing Club Markus Nolle to follow up with Apollo Bay Fishermen's Coop members.</p>	Simon McBeth Lisa Deppeler Markus Nolle
6.	<p><b>CURRENT PROJECTS</b></p> <p><u>In-harbour dredging.</u></p> <p>So far this current project is progressing well. The dredging is about 20% complete. There are 6 cut zones - 2 of them are complete.</p> <p>To date, progress is as anticipated. There have been no issues with seagrass and zero stoppages so far. Stoppages due to man-made obstructions are in line with what was anticipated and budgeted for. All being well, we expect to have surplus budget available to address extra sand removal in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Edge of dredging envelope to boat ramp</li><li>• SE corner sand beach build up.</li></ul> <p>As per the contract a hydrographic survey was done by the contractor before the start of dredging. Another survey will be done after completion of the specified dredging envelope. One purpose of the survey will be to calculate the quantity of sand removed for billing purposes. The pre-dredge survey revealed a shortfall in the pre-project estimate of sand volume to be removed. The specified dredging envelope has been altered (a contract variation) in order to enable the initially estimated volume of sand to be removed from the harbour. This has been made possible by eliminating an already deep zone from the original contract and replacing that area with an extension out towards the east where there is a large build-up of sand inside the main (east facing) break wall. This outcome is good for the Port, enabling a larger area of deep water to be created.</p> <p>Water quality has been measured almost daily. No reportable thresholds have been reached. A minor breakdown on Saturday 2 May stopped the dredge for a few hours. It was observed that the water cleared very quickly as anticipated. Broken glass has been evident on the beach between Mother's corner and the Surf Lifesaving Club. A bin has been placed at the entrance to Mother's beach for the public to pick up glass and rubbish. POAB crew are daily picking up debris from the beach on low tide.</p> <p>Lisa suggested that a progress report be submitted to the Apollo Bay News Sheet, with an emphasis on the environmental aspects of the dredging to address public concerns. This has already been addressed by Simon McBeth and an update is being included in this week's publication.</p>	Simon McBeth



	<p><u>Detailed design for fishermen's wharf/lee break wall remediation.</u></p> <p>The contract has been awarded to WGA – Adelaide. They have an excellent track record and the quoted price was competitive. The price, which was lower than expected, will allow for detailed design for both lee and main break walls. This is a fantastic outcome.</p> <p>Part of the brief to WGA for their design is to include the potential for development of new marinas off the main break wall and provision of services (power and water). Also a suitable surface to enable service vehicles to access the wall.</p> <p>Funding requests to Department of Transport will be staged in accordance with priorities identified in the detailed design specifications to allow a future development plan and funding for future sustainable maintenance of the harbour precinct.</p> <p><u>Rock revetment at lee break wall.</u></p> <p>This project is complete. It was slightly over budget and slightly behind schedule but the end result is good.</p>	
7.	<p><b>SAFETY – RISKS, ISSUES AND INCIDENTS.</b></p> <p>During mobilisation of the current in-harbour dredging project one of the contract dredge crew had a hand crushed between 2 pipes. The incident was reported to Work Safe and a site inspection occurred last week. The result of the inspection was satisfactory. Fortunately, the crewman was back to work the next day, his hand was bruised with no broken bones.</p> <p>Slipway Operations - A COS safety environment inspector has been engaged to perform internal inspections of slipway operations when required.</p>	Frank Castles
8.	<p><b>BRIEF STATUS OF THE PORT CONDITION AND COMPLETED PROJECTS.</b></p> <p>Discussed in item 6 above.</p>	Simon McBeth
9.	<p><b>GENERAL BUSINESS.</b></p> <p>John Marriner asked about the waiting list for berths for large commercial boats. In future the plan is to increase the marina berth area, thereby extending the capacity of the harbour. The POABCC will be consulted regarding best use of marina berth space for planned future development. We envisage a range of berth sizes to better utilise the space in the harbour. The T-heads of the marina arms could potentially be used for larger vessels such as Maverick (20 m length).</p> <p><u>City Deal Funding.</u></p> <p>Frank Castles has been appointed as Project Director for the City Deal funded projects. He will remain as Operations Manager for COS for Port of Apollo Bay operations. The 2 roles are closely related and Franks dual role will enable efficiencies to be exploited.</p>	Frank Castles



	<p>The 'Geelong City Deal' is a federal grant, distributed by RDV (Rural Development Victoria) with the project management delivered by Colac Otway Shire. Funding has been provided for 3 projects in Colac Otway Shire:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Kennett River toilets and carpark upgrade</li><li>2. A walking track from Skenes Creek to Wild Dog Road.</li><li>3. Upgrade of facilities in the harbour precinct, including the Fishermen's Coop, the POAB office and workshop/yard space and a walking track link from Apollo Bay Foreshore to the boat ramp area.</li></ol> <p>On Day 8 of Frank's new role, 3 contracts are ready to be signed by Colac Otway Shire. The contracts must be approved at local, state and federal government levels before the funds can be released. RDV have not signed yet. Frank is endeavouring to expedite this process so that funds will be accessible as soon as possible.</p> <p>Lisa Healey has been redeployed from GORVIC (visitor centre – currently closed) to assist during the Covid-19 restriction period and is providing great assistance. Frank has been working with DELWP and Otway Coast Committee. The Golf Club has been consulted; Frank has walked the golf course with Richard Lythgo (club president) and Damian Carney (green keeper).</p> <p>Time has been spent with the Kennett River Association.</p> <p>Frank has walked the coastal area from Skenes Creek to Wild Dog Creek with Tim Cobb and Graeme Costin to envisage possibilities for the proposed pathway. Ian Seuren from planning will also be involved in planning aspects of the proposal. Suzanne Barker is a contractor who was involved in the recent Community Infrastructure Plan and Traffic Management Plan. She will also be engaged in the project to assist with taking all aspects into account. It is quite complicated with up to 8 different agencies involved! Frank is confident that things will get mobile as soon as possible.</p> <p>Bill Gross had a concern regarding the recent meeting at the Port with Simon Clarke's planning people. The concern is regarding the proposed option of a retaining wall design below the Coop. A previous study was done in 2006, which quoted a cost of \$1.2 million to extend the area through to the Sailing Club with a retaining wall. The proposed cost, although it is a quote from 2006, is not insurmountable. This particular proposal would allow tourists to walk through and even to see the harbour works area.</p> <p>The City Deal includes provision of access all the way through from town via Mothers Beach Car Park area to the boat ramp/sailing club area. It is all being incorporated in the design.</p>	
10.	<b>ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS</b> Website upgrades. Smart forms to be used for berth/mooring renewals.	
11.	<b>NEXT MEETING</b> Tuesday 4 August 2020.	