

MINUTES.

1.	<p>ATTENDEES: Andrew Orchard – Apollo Bay Recreational Boating and Fishers Anthony Alfirenko – Otway Coast Committee Bill Gross – Apollo Bay Community Representative Lisa Deppeler – Apollo Bay Sailing Club Peter Sarda – Apollo Bay Sailing Club Markus Nolle – Apollo Bay Fishermen’s Coop Russell Frost – Apollo Bay Commercial Fishers Brett Harris – Visiting Commercial Fisherman. Tony McGann, Frank Castles, Simon McBeth, Fiona Waddington – Colac Otway Shire Cr Chris Potter – Councillor Colac Otway Shire.</p>	
2.	<p>APOLOGIES. Nick Polgeest – Apollo Bay Fishermen’s Coop</p>	
3.	<p>MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING Accepted</p>	
4.	<p>CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP. Apollo Bay Ocean Rescue has verbally nominated Peter Biddle and Michael Fischer as proxy. The nomination needs to be in writing and the nominated representatives will need to be appointed by council at the next ordinary council meeting. An expression of interest in nomination as a Community Representative of POABCC has been received from an Apollo Bay community member, John Marriner. Council to advertise This position in order to attract other applications and choose a representative to be appointed by council in due course.</p>	<p>Fiona Waddington Frank Castles</p>
5.	<p>REVIEW OF CURRENT POLICY – WAITING LIST. Current berth/mooring policy (Filename: POAB – Guide to Berths and Moorings) was reviewed and some alterations made as follow: The introductory paragraph headed ‘Waiting List’ needs to be expanded to indicate that there are 2 separate waiting lists, one for marina berths and one for swing moorings. An applicant can elect to be on both waiting lists. The refusal of an offer of a berth or mooring will not alter the position of the applicant on the waiting list. The offer will simply be made to the next in line on the waiting list. An upgrade from a swing mooring to a marina berth implies forfeit of the swing mooring. It needs to be made clear that allocations are made to only one person or entity.</p>	<p>Fiona Waddington</p>

	<p>The name of the owner needs to be evident in the registration of the vessel. The paragraph headed 'Application Process' needs to be altered to 'Process for renewal of annual licences'.</p> <p>The minimum vessel length for eligibility for a marina berth is to remain at 10 metres.</p> <p>Priority of commercial vessels over recreational vessels is to remain unchanged.</p> <p>Section 1.5 needs to be reworded as it is ambiguous. If a vessel is to be absent from its berth or mooring the owner is expected to notify the Port Manager and to have a legitimate reason for the extended absence.</p> <p>Seaworthiness was discussed. This is covered in the User Terms and Conditions document.</p> <p>The situation of a deckhand purchasing a vessel from a retiring fisherman was discussed. The wording of the waiting list priority paragraph 1.2 to be checked.</p> <p>Amended policy document to be circulated prior to the next meeting.</p>	<p>Frank Castles and Simon McBeth</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>PARKING ON THE LEE BREAKWALL</p> <p>The parking of vehicles on the wharf needs to be restricted for pedestrian safety. Signage will be put in place to limit the time permitted for loading/unloading vessels. Vehicles of vessel owners will be expected to be parked in Mothers beach car park for periods longer than the loading/unloading period.</p>	<p>Frank Castles</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>TERMS OF REFERENCE.</p> <p>The updated terms of reference have been circulated and changes accepted. Amended terms of reference to be published.</p>	<p>Fiona Waddington</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>BRIEF STATUS OF THE PORT CONDITION AND COMPLETED PROJECTS.</p> <p>New navigational aids (lead lights) have been installed and were commissioned on 3 May 2019. Russell Frost has queried the integrity of the alignment of the new lights. This issue is to be investigated with independent advice.</p> <p>The new mariners' ablution building has been delivered in April. It is accessed by key entry and is only available to users of the marina. Thanks were given by the committee for provision of this much needed upgrade.</p> <p>The boat ramp and carpark are due to be sealed in late May or early June (weather dependant). Partial closures will be a necessary part of the process but inconvenience will be minimised as much as possible There will be advertising in media (print and electronic) to alert the public to the proposed works</p> <p>The SEMP (safety and environment management plan) audit was done in March. One of the outcomes of this process has been a requirement for more engagement of the Port manager (Colac Otway Shire) with Port users and tenants. Emergency plans are another area that needs work.</p>	<p>Simon McBeth</p> <p>Simon McBeth</p>

	<p>In-harbour dredging.</p> <p>The coastal consent application for in harbour dredging, which included a bund as a means of addressing Undaria risk concerns, was rejected by DELWP. DELWP have advised that the priority for them is beach erosion and this will take precedence over the risk of Undaria spreading. A new application will be made without the bund solution. It will involve discharge of sand out of the harbour, taking into account the seasonal nature of Undaria proliferation.</p> <p>The proposed plan to include a bund to collect dredged sand inside the harbour (to prevent spreading of Undaria) has been rejected. The environmental priority is beach erosion and this will take precedence over the risk of Undaria spreading. A new application will be made. It will involve discharge of sand out of the harbour, taking into account the seasonal nature of Undaria proliferation.</p>	
<p>9.</p>	<p>GENERAL BUSINESS.</p> <p><u>Proposed new Port fee structure</u> - The proposed new fees were discussed. They will be presented at the next council meeting. Most increases have been kept to approximately CPI increase in view of the level of service that has been provided to date. Some fees have risen above CPI in line with state expectations to recover more cost than is currently occurring (approx. 12%). In due course, as the level of service improves, the fees will be over the next 3 years progressively increased in line with other similar port facilities. Portland is the benchmark for fees in Victorian local ports. The swing mooring fee was discussed. The fee includes the annual inspection by professional dive team. COS to provide one free mooring for the Sailing Club for community service purposes.</p> <p>A suggestion was made that swing mooring users have free use of the wharf when they need to do maintenance work on their vessels. Fees for use of wharf for necessary maintenance will be considered by Simon McBeth. Discretion will be employed with mitigating circumstances to waive or adjust fees if deemed appropriate.</p> <p>Proposed fees for use of boat ramp were discussed as a source of revenue. Charging for use of a boat ramp at a local port is no longer permitted by State Government.</p> <p><u>Sailing Club parking area for vessels</u> – there have been some complaints from the public via Andrew Orchard regarding yachts possibly extending beyond the designated area. Sailing Club and Apollo Bay Informal Fishing Group to sit down together and discuss.</p>	<p>Simon McBeth</p> <p>Simon McBeth</p>
<p>10.</p>	<p>ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS</p> <p>The federal government money for the Harbour precinct \$12.5 million – An overview of the concept plan to be delivered at the next meeting.</p> <p>Lead Lights – an update to be provided prior to the next meeting</p>	<p>Tony McGann</p> <p>Simon McBeth</p>
<p>11.</p>	<p>NEXT MEETING</p> <p>Tuesday 6 August.</p>	

