

Notes of the Port Tarakohe Advisory Group Meeting

Date: 23 February 2016, start 12.30 pm
Venue: Pohara Boat Club

Present: Tim King (Chair) - Councillor - Tasman District Council
Carolyn McLellan – Chair - Golden Bay Community Board
Gene Cooper – Commercial Manager – Tasman District Council
Bob Butts – Director – Port Tarakohe
Allan Kilgour – Harbour Manager – Port Tarakohe
Martin Potter – Tarakohe Marine Association
Mike Holland – Clearwater Mussels
Jason Mackay – Sanford's
Valerie Gribble – Minute Secretary

Apologies: Cr Martine Bouillir

1. Previous Notes – 24 November 2015

Amendments were made to the previous notes.

Moved

That the meeting notes for the Port Tarakohe Advisory Group, as amended, held on 24 November 2015, be received.

Carried

2. Arising from notes

Concern was expressed about the dangerous corner on the Tarakohe Road where trucks are having to cross the white line to get around the corner as they cannot physically stay on the correct side of the road. There had been two near misses recently. The matter to be referred to the Engineering Department for urgent action.

The St Monica has left the port and the owners had paid \$44,000, with \$57,000 still outstanding, but realistically Council will probably only get another \$25,000.

3. Port Strategy Update

G Cooper advised he was dealing with a review of the pricing model and has had input from Council's professional advisors. Council has undertaken to go back to the Commerce Commission by the end of February 2016. A report will go to the Commercial Subcommittee, then come to Port Tarakohe Advisory Group for information, unless there is a legal reason why it can't.

4. Health and Safety Review

No incidents have been reported, other than people jumping barriers and walking on the condemned wharf.

The St Monica and the other boat have now both gone from the Port.

It is intended to chop every second pole to make the berths bigger and put floaters on them. This will make it easier to manoeuvre bigger boats.

M Holland advised that Clearwater Mussels is building a new 29 metre vessel which will be moored at Port Tarakohe from 2017.

J Mackay advised that Sanfords will be bringing a new 25 metre vessel into the port on a permanent basis.

5. Port Volume Update

The volume update included with the agenda was in an agreed format and will continue to be sent with the agenda for each meeting. If there are any queries with the information provided, please contact Gene before the meeting to enable him to get answers.

6. Finances

The financial report was sent out with the agenda. The budget was set on seasonality of the year before.

Moved B Butts/M Solly

That the Port Tarakohe financial report be received.
Carried

7. Marina Update

Gene advised that occupancy of the marina is unchanged at around 78% overall.

For the next financial year the figures approved in 2013 will be used, ie no increase for recreational users, but there will be an increase for commercial users. It was noted that commercial users can get the GST back and also have some tax relief.

8. NZMCA Site/Boat Club

A temporary licence was issued and the general feedback is that most people are happy. Council is not happy with the Boat Club allowing non self-contained vans and tents to use the space next to the club rooms which means it is not available for people wanting to picnic. Discussions are going on with the Council and Boat Club to get to common ground.

The strategic plan will include conversations on the NZMCA ground. The licence expires in March 2016.

9. General Business

Bob reiterated the dangerous corner on the Tarakohe road and also asked about having a Port seed zone. This is to be referred to the Engineering Department.

Caroline asked about the overall strategic plan. Gene advised he will be talking one-on-one to users and is hoping to have a draft plan for the next PTAG meeting.

Merv asked about investigating installing sheet pile on the side of the old wharf. Gene undertook to look at it. He said the current plan is to pull the wharf down and hardfill behind it.

Mike requested more signage for trucks and for a wall to be put around the old wharf with sheet piling for a loading facility. He said there is a lot of congestion currently and with more boats coming it will only get worse.

Martin left at 1.55 pm.

Alan was thanked for his work and the Group wished him well in his retirement.

Gene advised that an offer is to go out to the preferred applicant for the Port Manager's position. In the meantime Andy Swanson will be filling in.

The meeting concluded at 2.00 pm

Next meeting: May – checking with Tim for change of day 12.30 pm – meeting request