MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT THE MOTUEKA YACHT CLUBROOMS ON 11 JUNE 2009

PRESENT: Cr Trevor Norriss (Chair), Crs Dowler & Wilkins, Community Board Chair David Ogilvie, Manager Property Services J K Frater and 11 other members of the Motueka Yacht Club, representative from Talleys, Peninsula Marina Society and Power Boat Club

Apologies were received from Andrew Talley.

The Peninsula Marina Society and the Yacht Club expressed concerns with the shortage of parking for boats at the marina and commented that the situation with the plans for future expansion of the marina will only get worse. As more development occurs, more space is required as most boats have to be pulled out at least once each year.

Ted Coppins from Talleys mentioned that they wished to retain the lease on the carpark area adjacent to their main gates and that it was 70% full most of the time. He was quite emphatic that they want to retain this land as it was at their main entrance. Boats parked by their main entrance would not be a good look. The Peninsula Society mentioned that they have enough room for their own boats but it is finding space for other boats that are hauled out that is the problem. An area needs to be found relatively close to the haul-out areas where boats can be worked on.

The question was asked about what was happening regarding the study for sand movement at the entrance to the port. Jim to contact Murray Staite and respond to the parties.

Silting up is occurring around the marinas as well and this may have been as a result of disturbance caused when the last marina was constructed.

The question was asked if the areas currently leased to the Power Boat Club, Peninsula Marina Society and Yacht Club would be better run as one organisation with assistance from Council. Those present preferred to remain with the existing organisation.

The Yacht Club said their main concerns were with boat and carparking. They would be willing to assist in some way with public toilets. Questions were asked regarding the availability of sewerage disposal facilities in the immediate area.

Jim talked about the Power Boat Club proposal for a toilet/shower/laundry facility and there was general support from the group provided it was kept simple.

When asked to prioritise the main issues, the group responded as follows:

First priority was the channel.

The second priority was to deal with the silting up of the marina.

The third priority was to provide an acceptable area for storing boats that have been hauled out including having somewhere to work on them.

The fourth priority was to provide a wash down area.

The fifth priority was to provide a toilet/shower facility although it was acknowledged that this was a separate need from the other issues mentioned above.

In answer to a question the group stated that they did not need a sewerage offload facility at this time.

Jim explained the Port Motueka endowment to the group and briefly discussed the High Court case regarding the caveats which have been placed on the residential lease titles.

It was agreed that another meeting would be held in approximately three months by which time the outcome of the High Court case should be known.

Note: advice has just been received that the High Court judge has advised that the hearing will not now take place on 10 and 11 August and a new date is still to be set.

Cr Norriss and Jim Frater attended a meeting with Power Boat Club users on 24 June 2009. Unfortunately the contact information to the Power Boat Club held by the Council was incorrect but this has now been rectified.

The discussion centred on the issues discussed at the previous meeting as well as the Power Boat Club's intentions for extending the marina. It was suggested that one option for providing a hardstand area for boat maintenance and wash down may need to be provided by way of a future reclamation. The Power Boat Club confirmed that when their marina is complete they will require all the land which they currently occupy.

Jim agreed to discuss with Francie Wafer regarding the design of the proposed toilets/shower/laundry facility. The club advised that the showers would operate by a card system similar to that used for the barrier arm. There was further discussion on the proposed sighting of the toilet facility and the club also mentioned that they would be willing to maintain the toilets and showers and that a laundry facility would probably be leased from elsewhere rather than owned by the club or Council.