

Minutes

Date 10/08/11

Time 5.30pm **Location** South East Regional Office, Gate
12 Worsley Road, Bangholme

Chairperson	Joy Humphreys	Meeting Subject	Tidal Waterways
Attendees	Committee Members: Judy Wilks, Andrew Meehan, Neil James & Claude Picinalli, City of Kingston KCC: Cr Trevor Shewan. Melbourne Water (MW) Tim Seipolt, David Norman, Wendy West & Anushia Sivanesan		
Apologies	David Jordan, Mark Woodland, David Norman		
Note Taker	Alan Clements		

1. Agenda item	Welcome & Apologies	Presenter	Joy Humphreys
Discussion	Joy welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance Joy asked for any additional apologies.		
2. Agenda item	Confirmation of the minutes & matters arising from previous meeting	Presenter	Joy Humphreys & Tim Seipolt
Discussion	<p>The committee confirmed that the minutes from the previous meeting were correct</p> <p><u>Maintenance charges tidal gates</u></p> <p>A committee member suggested that 2500 properties (and not just the residents of the tidal canals) are protected from flooding by the Patterson River tidal gates. The WDC paid for the total replacement of the tidal canals therefore it makes sense that they all pay for the maintenance of the tidal gates. (As unlike KWR the residents of the tidal canals pay the special precept rate as well as the WDC). Tim informed the committee that residents of the tidal canals only contribute 42% to the maintenance of the tidal gates.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> It was proposed that the correspondence from Lynne and Andrew Meehan, asking for all maintenance of the tidal gates be paid for from the WDC to be forwarded by Tim to MW management</p> <p>Moved: Neil James Seconded: Claude Picinalli The committee all voted in favour of the motion.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action: Tim Seipolt</p> <p><u>Access easements and their usage</u></p> <p>A committee member believes that residents of the tidal canals are being asked to pay up to \$1,000,000 out of precept rates over time because of the zoning of the MW access easements and waterways are zoned residential.</p>		

	<p>Tim informed the committee that MW really only have Long Island Point Drive & Canberra Street that are suitable to undertake our boat and barge maintenance activities, although he does not believe that they will be suitable for the long term. It was decided that we would need to discuss this further and should be included as an agenda item at our next meeting.</p> <p><u>Dredging of the tidal canals</u></p> <p>Tim advised the committee that we do not have the facility to adopt a sinking fund but our pricing team is looking at what can be done and will discuss this with the ESC. Tim to update the committee at our next meeting. Action: Tim Seipolt</p> <p><u>Jetty replacement program survey</u></p> <p>A committee member suggested that residents have different understandings of the jetty replacement program and what the residents are actually paying for. Tim advised that at the next meeting we would present the principles of the Jetty Replacement Program that had been developed between Melbourne Water and the previous sub committees.</p> <p>Wendy informed the committee that MW is in the process of implementing a customer service charter to replace the 1973 maintenance agreement for the tidal canals.</p> <p>Part of this is the customer service charter is the resident's survey that has been sent out to all residents which closes on the 15th August, to date only 6.8% of the residents have completed the survey.</p> <p><u>Implementation of new sand beach areas</u></p> <p>It was decided that we need to have an exceptional meeting to form a plan and vision of how we would like the tidal canals to look in 20 years. For example, raised beaches alongside tidal canals retaining walls. This will be included as agenda item at our next meeting.</p>		
3. Agenda item	Tidal gates replacement program update	Presenter	Wendy West
Discussion	<p>Wendy informed the committee that the community information day for the tidal gates was well received last weekend. She also gave an update to PLAC on the Tidal Gates replacement program including how Town Centre will be open at the end of August and Runaway Bay two weeks later.</p> <p>Whalers Cove West Tidal Gate has been completed and is open while the Whalers Cove East Tidal Gate works are still progressing. There is a lot more work involved with the east channel as there was originally only one Tidal Gate and this work involves extending the concrete structure so another set of gates can be installed. There is also severe deterioration to the original concrete channel.</p>		
4. Agenda Item	Jetty replacement program update	Presenter	Wendy West & Tim Seipolt
Discussion	<p>Tim gave the committee an update on the jetty replacement program which included the following information.</p> <p>Submitted over 30% of jetties to council Jetties completed: 8% Moorings completed: 7%</p> <p>Wendy informed the committee that as a result of our last meeting there has</p>		

	<p>been a change in staffing for communications. MW now have a dedicated communications advisor one day per week assisting the jetty replacement team. This is to ensure that we have a coordinated approach to the jetty replacement program communications.</p> <p>Andrew informed the committee that apart from an initial community bulletin informing them of the jetty replacement program, residents have not been informed when their jetties are programmed to be replaced.</p>		
5. Agenda item	Maintenance Report	Presenter	Alan Clements
Discussion	Alan handed out the maintenance report and informed the committee if they needed any further information to contact him		
10. Agenda item	General Business & Correspondence	Presenter	Joy Humphreys
Discussion	<p>1. Wendy invited committee members to form a tidal canals communications sub committee to help with the content of the PLAC newsletters. This would also mean that she would not have to send draft newsletters to all members seeking their feedback and comments before the newsletter could be printed. Claude kindly agreed to form the communications sub committee with Wendy.</p> <p>2. Wendy also thanked Judy for meeting with MW to gain further knowledge about PLAC and MW. This invitation is open to any of the committee members who need any further information.</p> <p>3. Andrew informed the committee that he received a letter about a meeting regarding the public jetty at the rear of the shopping centre. He thought that this should have been discussed at PLAC before any meeting was planned to ensure PLAC members could be available to assist information sharing with their neighbours.</p> <p>4. Neil mentioned that residents from Snapper Point Drive had contacted him informing him they received a letter about the jetty replacement program six months ago but had received no further information.</p> <p>5. Claude informed the committee there was a number of oversize boat and lifting devices throughout the tidal canals and he thought that some of these were a navigational hazard to boating.</p> <p>6. Wendy informed Judy that she had checked and the next PLAC meeting is a different date to the Village Committee meeting.</p>		
	Meeting Closed: 7.08pm		
	Next PLAC Meetings: 12 th October 2011		