



## **WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP**

### **INITIAL MEETING**

**THURSDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2014 @ 8.30AM – PWD MEETING ROOM**

### **MEETING NOTES**

#### **ATTENDEES**

Michael Poole (Chair)	(MP)
Kyle Biggs	(KB)
Kizito Buzibwa	(KB)
Dave Eynon	(DE)
Richard Cockwell	(RC)
Manfred Keenleyside	(MK)
Steve Butler	(SB)
Joseph Birmingham	(JB)
Michael Betts (Project Coordinator)	(MB)

#### **Apologies**

Roger Spink	(RS)
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#### **MEETING**

##### **1. Review of previous meeting's Minutes**

- 1.1 There were no issues with the previous minutes. The minutes are circulated via the Falkland Islands Development Corporation's (FIDC) website. The actions from the previous meeting were mostly covered in the Agenda and will be discussed during the relevant agenda items during this meeting.

##### **2. Waterfront Walk**

- i. Ross Road Recommendation from Sub-group*
- 2.1 MK talked the group through the plans that had been circulated prior to the meeting regarding a path between the Jetty centre and the Boathouse. The group agreed that there is a need for a walkway on the waterfront with MK stating his preference for Option 2. It was considered that Option 1 may require more maintenance due to its proximity to the water.
- 2.2 RC voiced his concerns regarding people having to cross the road. However, MK stated that a raised pedestrian crossing will be built opposite the Capstan and east of the Boathouse. SB stated that he still needed to contact the Attorney General with regard to public Liability. He

also considered that if there is a clear pathway, people who choose to still walk in the road do so at their own risk.

- 2.3 RC preferred Option 2, as Option 3 creates a larger physical barrier. SB agreed and added that that area of town is more traditional so option 3 would not fit in as well. DE preferred Option 1 for the first section.

ii. *Victory Green*

- 2.4 MK stated that there is going to be a path along the south side of victory green which will split in two with one leading to Ross Road and the other going to the seawall. MP stated that there is value in taking this to the planning committee as funds can be accessed with their approval as well as giving public input. It will be taken to the committee meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> October 2014

**Action** - SB to do cover report. MK to write Planning Committee paper which will include Arch Green.

ii. *Arch Green*

- 2.5 MK pointed out that the plans for Arch Green were only ideas and can be altered. MK stated that he preferred option C. DE asked how much wider the footpath would be and MK stated that it would be decided at the time. DE said that people may be upset at losing green space and so the public need a chance to comment on the design.

- 2.6 MP asked whether permission was needed to be sort as the land was gifted. It was decided that permission was not necessary as the function was remaining the same and they are just improvements. MK advised that work could commence by the start of next tourist season.

- 2.7 Option C is preferred from this group with more time being allowed for the Attorney General as a full planning application will be necessary.

**Action**- SB and MK to complete a Full Planning Application for November 2014.

### **3 Historic Dockyard Advert**

- 3.1 MB stated the need for the group to agree on the process, advert and evaluation of proposals for the Historic Dockyard. MP highlighted that SB has had talks with Falklands Conservation. SB explained that Falklands Conservation were interested in having watch group facilities and offices at the Historic Dockyard. They stressed that they want to move quickly and have their proposal considered. DE enquired as to how much space their plan takes up with SB stating that it would only be roughly a third of the area available including parking.

- 3.2 RC stated the Museum's wish to expand in order accommodate more of its larger exhibits. From their point of view, a commercial business that didn't fit into the surroundings or a two story building wouldn't be desirable. RC also emphasised the need to get it right and stated that a proper plan for the whole Historic Dockyard with a clear objective would be better. SB concurred that the criteria has to ensure the suitability of proposals to fit in the area. SB also considered that the Dockyard is currently a mess and that landscaping will be important in the short-term.

**Action** - MB to continue with the advert (Expression of interest), terms of reference. And submit weightings for the scoring criteria.

- 3.3 With regard to the evaluation of proposals it was decided by the group that Selection process would consist of the Waterfront Development Working Group and then Executive Counsel.
- 3.4 SB stated that timescales should be considered and it was decided that an advert would appear in the Penguin News with a closing date of the end of October, the weightings draft would be completed on the day of the meeting with the Terms of Reference being completed by the following Tuesday.

#### **4 Museum update**

- 4.1 RC stated that anyone is welcome to come and visit the Museum and stated that there is a lot of work to do still outside. RC again emphasised the need to expand to incorporate larger exhibits and to develop a clear concept for the area.

#### **5 Purpose of Waterfront Development Working Group**

- 5.1 MP stated that the purpose of the group is to be a coordinating body and expressed his view in the value of the group. MK stated that the group is the only body currently discussing these issues. It was agreed that meeting quarterly would be best.

#### **6 Next Meeting**

*i. Time, Date and Venue*

- 6.1 The next meeting will be in the beginning of November.

#### **7 AOB**

- 6.1 MP stated that the Thatcher Memorial is due to be unveiled on Thatcher day 2015 to the west of the Liberation Monument. He also stated that there will be a new 1914 Memorial built in front of Sure with work to commence soon. There are also plans for a Stanley tidy up day and he will inform the group of which waterfront areas this will consist of.