



## **WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP**

### **INITIAL MEETING**

**FRIDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2015 @ 11.00AM – PWD MEETING ROOM**

### **MEETING NOTES**

#### **ATTENDEES**

Michael Poole (Chair)	(MP)
Matt Bassford	(MBa)
Dave Eynon	(DE)
Leona Roberts	(LR)
Manfred Keenleyside	(MK)
Steve Butler	(SB)
Joseph Birmingham	(JB)
Lydia Morrison	(LM)
Michael Betts (Project Coordinator)	(MBe)

#### **Apologies**

Tony Mason	(TM)
Roger Spink	(RS)

#### **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. Review of Waterfront Walk Improvement Process**

###### *i. Whalebone Arch*

- 2.1 MP highlighted that three separate planning applications have been submitted, which will be heard by the Planning Committee on the 4<sup>th</sup> March 2015. SB asked whether the planning application should be pulled due to the vocal opposition to the use of a Falkland's flag mosaic. MK reiterated that the flag on the application was merely an example of the sort of thing that could be produced and that it does not have to be a flag. It was also decided the MBe should attend the planning committee as the applicant in order to explain the process and the plans.

**Action** – MK to produce amended plans for Arch green with the removal of the Falklands Flag.

- 2.2 Regarding public reaction to the plans, MBe also highlighted that the group's agenda was set by the Waterfront Master Plan on which there were two public consultations and the group is not merely 'making it up' as it goes along. SB also emphasized that although there had been criticism on Facebook, this does not form part of the official planning process. The group therefore decided that more should be done to better inform the public of the group's objectives and the approved Master Plan.

**Action** – MBe to carry out more PR for the Waterfront Development to the general public.

*i. Ross Road Speed Bumps*

- 2.2 DE enquired as to whether there were plans for signs to be erected next to the Ross Road raised crossings. MK stated that although signs could be put up, there are currently no plans to do this; signage is not always used elsewhere and it is clear that pedestrians have right of way once on the crossings. However, the group decided that this could be discussed at the Planning Committee.

*ii. Victory Green*

- 2.3 LR voiced her concern as to the route of the proposed western path to the Historic Dockyard due to the fact that the gradient of the path through the Town Hall car park may prove difficult for some tourists. MK commented that the route was not through but past the car park and he didn't envisage that this would be an issue; the path route had been carefully considered and its proposed route avoids the sea wall which can be dangerous due to spray from the sea whilst also providing tourists with better views of the Historic Dockyard as they approached and opened up usage of some green space. There was additionally the alternative route to the south. FR stated that the museum may formally express concern at the routing of the path.

### **3. Historic Dockyard Update**

- 3.1 MP explained that there had been two expressions of interest for the land around the Historic Dockyard one consisted of a restaurant and the second proposal was a joint-bid from the Museum and Falklands Conservation. DE asked whether Falklands Conservation had amended their plans to build a two storey building in the Historic Dockyard and LR confirmed that there were now plans for a single storey structure instead. MBe is currently drafting an Executive Council paper explaining the tender process and recommending the land be awarded to the Museum and Falklands Conservation.

### **4. AOB**

- 4.1 DE informed the group that he was carrying out some work on the boathouse slipway and surrounding wall that he hopes to be completed within 6 months.
- 4.2 MP reminded the Working Group that the Islands Plan states a prospectus would be drafted to promote investment opportunities in the Stanley Waterfront development. MP asked the Working Group whether it was too early to start developing a prospectus. The Working Group agreed that it would be best to complete the current tasks taking place before advancing with the prospectus.

### **5.0 Next Meeting**

*i. Time, Date and Venue*

- 5.1 The next meeting will be held at the beginning of May 2015 in keeping with the Working Group's intention to meet every three months.