



WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP

INITIAL MEETING

THURSDAY 21ST MAY 2015 @ 09.00AM – PWD MEETING ROOM

MEETING NOTES

ATTENDEES

Michael Poole (Chair)	(MP)
Matt Bassford	(MBa)
Dave Eynon	(DE)
Manfred Keenleyside	(MK)
Steve Butler	(SB)
Joseph Birmingham	(JB)
Lydia Morrison	(LM)
Michael Betts (Project Coordinator)	(MBe)
Stephanie Middleton	(SM)
Roger Spink	(RS)

Apologies

Leona Roberts	(LR)
---------------	------

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 revised plans

- 2.1 MBe explained that the previous Whalebone Arch plans had been taken to the Planning and Building Committee with himself attending as a supporter. The committee decided that changes should be made to the plans and that they should be resubmitted.
- 2.2 MK stated that the suggestions of the Planning and Buildings Committee had been incorporated into the latest designs and MBe stated that the new plans open up the area and create more space on the footpath. DE said that people are worried about losing grass space and although this isn't an issue with the current plans, this should be conveyed to the general public. SB stated that he had already received some objections to the new plans and reiterated the fact that comments made on Facebook do not count as official objections.

- 2.3 MP suggested removing the most recent plans from next Planning and Building Committee which would give more time for a public meeting to be organised regarding the Waterfront group. DE enquired as to whether the deferral would lead to the plans not being completed over winter but MK said that it would just mean work would be delayed by a month. SB suggested that the plans should still be taken to the June meeting in order to be deferred which will help to air the issue and give the public more chance to view the plans.

3. Historic Dockyard Update

- 3.1 MP said that the Executive Council paper regarding the Historic Dockyard had been completed and will be heard at 24th June meeting. MP stated that the paper had been sent to the Lands Committee, the Financial Secretary, and the Attorney General in order to gain their comments.
- 3.2 MP explained that If Executive Council approves the plans then the Museum and Falklands Conservation will have 5 years in which to complete their proposed alterations to the sight. RS explained that Falklands Conservations plan for the land is for their offices to be situated there as well as a building that will be used by the watch group which could also be utilised by the Museum's youth group, Pastfinders. The Museum, amongst other things, intends to introduce more outdoor exhibits as well as a coastal path that would incorporate the Antarctic Memorial.

4. Commonwealth Walk Proposal visit

- 4.1 MP explained that he had been in contact with Commonwealth Walkways, an organisation that aims to keep people in Commonwealth countries active by creating safe accessible and attractive walkways and asked the group whether they considered this a good idea. RS stated that it could be a good way of connecting different attractive of the town. MP stated that having a subgroup to get in contact with Commonwealth Walkways would be a good way to move forward with the project which was agreed by the rest of the group. MP added that a representative from the Commonwealth Walkways would have to visit which could be funded by the project.

Action - MBe to look into budget regarding Waterfront Project.

5 Future Project Discussion

- 5.1 MP brought up the fact that as Phase 1 on the Public Jetty alterations were nearing completion, phase two could now begin to be considered. RS stated that there are several proposed ideas regarding what to do with the land next to the Public Jetty and that the group will have a better idea of FIC's plans by the next meeting.
- 5.2 LM stated that it would be worth bringing up future projects at a public meeting in order to find out the sort of projects that may have public support. MP reminded the group that there had at one point been an idea for a viewing platform which could be looked into further. MK also reiterated that any plans for a development at Stanley House had been put on hold, due to the temporary IJS classrooms being situated within the grounds.

6 Public Engagement

- 6.1 RS stated that there could possibly be more consultation with the public on the plans and that meetings could be held with people that are not happy with the latest versions. MK stated that it is necessary for some plans to be drawn up in order for there to be something to consult on

and MBe stated that he had offered to have meetings with people unhappy with the plans but they had declined.

- 6.2 RS suggested doing a public presentation in order to illustrate where the ideas for the plans came from and to reassure people that the changes are for the benefit of everyone. MBe agreed stating that giving people the opportunity to see the benefits of the project are really important. Mk suggested this could be in the form of a public meeting which MP agreed with.

7 Working Group Membership

- 7.1 MBe stated that the Falkland Islands Development Board (FIDB) had expressed concerns regarding the membership of the Working Group relating to the fact that there is a lack of perceived transparency by the general public regarding how the group's decisions are made. RS suggested that several members of the public could be asked to attend group meetings.

MBe stated that one option could be to hold the meetings in surroundings (such as the Chamber of Commerce) where members of the public could attend but not speak or have an agenda item at the end of each meeting for public contribution and the group believed that this was the best option.

Action - MBe to book Chamber of Commerce for next meeting and advertise to encourage the public to attend.

8 Next Meeting

i. Time, Date and Venue

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