



Yorke Peninsula Council

Minutes of the public consultation regarding the Marion Bay Boat Launching Facility Options Review

held on Tuesday 25th July 2017,
in the Marion Bay Community Hall
Slow Street, Marion Bay commencing at 1pm

ITEM 1 WELCOME

Chief Executive Officer, Mr Andrew Cameron opened the meeting by thanking everyone for attending and introduced the Mayor, Councillors and GHD consultants John Ewers, Project Manager and Birgit Porter, Stakeholder Engagement.

PRESENT

Mayor Ray Agnew OAM, Councillors Naomi Bittner, John Rich, and Adam Meyer.

IN ATTENDANCE

56 community members and Jenny Oldland, YP Country Times.

ITEM 2 – GHD PRESENTATION

Birgit and John made a presentation on their findings. The presentation included an overview of the process, the stakeholder engagement process, details regarding the options developed and key stakeholder issues identified throughout the process.

The presentation acknowledged that safety was a key concern and that the facility is critical to supporting the Marion Bay economy.

ITEM 3 – QUESTION AND ANSWERS

The floor was opened for questions. The following is a summary of all items raised.

Question - How would GHD model something that's not yet been built?

Response – John (GHD) – all computer simulated models.

Comment. Actual ratepayers (holiday home owners) can't get to today's meeting nor were included in the reference group. Families with little children squid off the jetty.

Comment - Penguin Point should be kept as a swimming area.

Comment – Not enough information to rate payers.

Question – Were low tides considered? There are times when boats can't get in or out.

Response – John (GHD) - the detailed design would pick up this issue.

Question – Have GHD taken into account other lessons learned for projects around the Yorke Peninsula.

Response – Birgit (GHD) - Yes

Question – Will our rates go up?

Response - Birgit (GHD) – Elected Members need to know the community's preferred option in order to understand ongoing costs.

Response - Andrew – (YPC) – Council won't be able to support ongoing dredging.

Question – What about toilets and car parking. Who is going to maintain these?

Response - Birgit (GHD) – All valid issues. Car parking was a constant issue brought up in the consultation.

Comment – Line marking will help if car parking cannot be done. Need other infrastructure. Fees for boat ramp – cost of year passes/day passes?

Question – during the build process how will boats launch?

Response – Andrew (YPC) – Not determined at this point, specifics will all come out in the detailed modelling. Need Federal and State funding, money is achievable but will take time.

Question – How did you determine the 'key stakeholders'?

Response - Birgit (GHD) – Council provided the list based on a commitment to provide a good cross section of the community.

Comment – Concerned about the ongoing costs. For example, destruction due to sand movement, dig out behind groynes, will get washed out over the year. Nowhere in the world can anyone stop wash out from groynes.

Response – Cr Adam Meyer (YPC) – that was one of his biggest concerns as an Elected Member responsible for budget. That was why GHD was selected. It's up to the community to decide on best option before moving forward.

Comment – By developing these options bigger boats using the facility will create a bigger issue.

Comment - Sea rescue takes 1hr 10 min to get here. Cray fishers not here during winters, so there's no one here for rescues.

Response – Cr Adam Meyer (YPC) – State Government is on board with this project due to sea rescue being able to service between Adelaide – Pt Lincoln if this goes ahead.

Question – Who's going to do the detailed modelling? Will Coast Protection be included?

Response - John (GHD) – Modelling will be done by a consulting organisations who have the technology. GHD will continue to work with Coast Protection Board to get real data into the model. This is key in setting the framework and the independence of the review.

Question – How accurate is the model?

Response - John (GHD) – There is lots of data that will be used to ensure its accuracy.

Comment – Groynes are banned in North Carolina, so his preferred option is 2. Don't really want boats going out in big surf.

Question – On the reference group, had lots of feedback. If we end up building over the existing ramp, it will be out for 4-6 months. Why not build 25m across further and leave the existing ramp where it is?

Response - John (GHD) – This needs to be taken into consideration.

Question – is it fair to ask anyone for their preferred option without having the detailed modelling? Particularly without knowing the impact on the environment and ongoing maintenance costs?

Response - Birgit (GHD) – Council could spend lots of \$\$\$ on doing further modelling, but really need community direction before proceeding, including whether the community wants Council to proceed to the next step.

Response – Andrew (YPC) – we don't currently have it in the budget to proceed to the next step. It costs approx. \$80k for the modelling, therefore not cost effective to have all options modelled.

Question – Options 3 & 4 have big cost and environmental impact. Locals have learnt to live with the current option. But visiting fishermen may have issues. Why aren't we talking about option 2?

Response – from a community member – Option 2 doesn't provide the safety aspect, we've had so many near fatalities. SABFAC have money in the kitty now to get this done.

Response – Cr John Rich (YPC) – now lived in Marion Bay for 15 years and knows there are lots of diverse opinions. Option 1 & 2 doesn't give Council the confidence that safety has been addressed. This consultation is about gathering data. Take this on board and read the report. Council will make a decision on the next steps once we have this data (including environment and maintenance impacts). Decision won't be made by a small group of people.

Andrew (YPC) – next steps – consultation closes 29th September. Survey isn't the only channel, can also write in to Council. This will be considered by Council at the November Council meeting.

Question – will option 3 & 4 be open to charters and commercial fishers?

Response - John (GHD) – It will be open to commercial operators, however have heard that commercial operators have no desire to launch here, rather they will stay at Pondie.

Next Steps:

John (GHD) – survey closes end September. 1 month for Council to collate results, then present to the November Council meeting. Further studies in the new year.

Andrew (YPC) – funding is key. Need the detailed design for SABFAC approval. Need State approval before getting any Federal funding. If everything goes smoothly, this will be a 2 year process.

Question – if this is going to take 2 years, what's the risk mitigation strategy?

Response - Birgit (GHD) – Council by going through this process acknowledges the risk. We need to start the process, doing nothing will negatively impact Marion Bay.

ITEM 4 CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 1.52pm