

MINUTES OF MEETING

Meeting # 2

Glebe Island/White Bay Community Liaison Group

Clontarf Cottage

4 Wallace Street, Balmain

5.30 pm to 7.00 pm

Tuesday 19 September 2006

Attendees	
Facilitator	Denise Wilson
Community Representatives	Carolyn Allen Ann Bastock George Cooper Damian Cobley-Finch John Fisk Mary Mortimer
Lessees	Andrew Saldanha – Gypsum Resources Australia David Crawford – Gypsum Resources Australia Thomas Carroll – Lubrizol Peter Athanitis – Sugar Australia Ltd Keith Morgan – Mountain Industries Ltd (Penrice)
Agencies	Corrie Swanepoel – Leichhardt Council
Sydney Ports	Alistair Palmer Christa Sams Kamini Parashar Shane Hobday (part)
Apologies	Stephen Falkiner Shayne Wilde – Maritime NSW Tim Moore – City of Sydney

Meeting Record

1. Introduction to New Members of the Group

All present introduced themselves.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting – Outstanding Action Points - All

SPC committed that when formal information regarding developments is available for public dissemination the group would be notified by SPC as a priority. In the period since the first CLG meeting information became available regarding IC&L's development and the public exhibition of IC&L's preferred project report (PPR). The exhibition period of this report was notified to the group prior to exhibition commencing.

At the last meeting, it was raised by the community that trade through Glebe Island White Bay is only one percent of total port trade. SPC was requested to clarify the proportion of trade through Glebe Island White Bay. In the financial year 2005/2006 Glebe Island White Bay accounted to 5.5% of total trade activity within Sydney Ports as measured on a mass tonne basis.

The Sydney Ports Master Plan covered Glebe Island White Bay and a link was provided in the minutes of the first CLG meeting.

SPC raised the possibility of a port tour for the group prior to the next meeting. This matter was discussed at the end of the meeting and it was agreed that a water based port tour would be arranged, at a date to be confirmed.

SPC agreed to provide details of the planning instruments that relate to the Glebe Island White Bay precinct. Details of these instruments are provided below:

- **State Environmental Planning Policy (Major Projects) 2005 (SEPP)** – the aim of this SEPP is to identify development to which the assessment and approval process under Part 3A of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979* applies, and to facilitate development of sites of State significance.
- **Sydney Regional Environmental Plan (Sydney Harbour Catchment) 2005 (SREP)** – SPC owned land is not zoned under SREP 2005 but is however identified within the Foreshores and Waterways Area Boundary of the SREP.
- **Sydney Regional Environmental Plan No. 26 – City West** – the aim is to promote orderly and economic development of land known as City West. SPC land is located within the Bays Precinct and is zoned 'Port and Employment' under SREP No. 26.
- **Glebe Island and White Bay Development Control Plan (DCP)** – The Glebe Island and White Bay Masterplan (2000) has been deemed a DCP.

“Stolt Spray” Incident

A report was given by Shane Hobday, General Manager Marine Operations, Sydney Ports Corporation regarding the incident aboard the “Stolt Spray” around 11 pm, Sunday 3 September 2006. The “Stolt Spray” was berthed at White Bay 3 carrying lubrizol to be unloaded into a barge and transported up the Parramatta River to Duck Creek. A fire broke out on board in one of the two boilers (which are used to heat the lubrizol to reduce the viscosity and therefore increase the flow rate for discharge). Soot in the funnel caught fire producing thick plumes of a non toxic smoke and the fire was entirely contained within the boiler. Thick smoke continued to flow from the boiler for some time after the fire was extinguished. Both the fire brigade and the police reported that they were satisfied with the response to the incident.

A question was raised regarding Sydney Ports' level of control over vessels in such an incident and Mr Hobday reported that the Harbour Master has the power to direct vessels to leave the berth or to allow access to the vessel. This gives Sydney Ports Corporation the powers to intervene in an incident if necessary.

A question was raised that the fire brigade was unaware of the products being carried on the vessel. Mr Hobday indicated that a register of products is carried on the vessel and a copy of this register is held by an SPC employee who is on site for the entire duration a bulk liquids vessel is at the berth.

Thomas Carroll from Lubrizol reported that Lubrizol considered that the incident was handled well and that communications were effective and timely.

3. Outline of Gypsum Resources Australia Changes to Licence – Andrew Saldanha

Andrew Saldanha updated the group on the gypsum import facility. Two major changes were being sought:

- Hours of operation for trucking to be increased to 24/7
- Alter the noise level limit for unloading the vessel.

The submission period ended on 15 September 2006. SHFA is to send all submissions to DEC and is expecting a response within 21 days. GRA is anticipating an answer to the application by mid October. Corrie Swanepoel indicated that Leichhardt Council had concerns about the modifications to the noise limits for unloading the vessel. He advised Leichhardt Council had provided SHFA with a list of residents to notify for their Council area. Mary Mortimer raised a concern regarding the notification and the list that was used to notify residents eg in the Pymont area.

Andrew Saldanha indicated that advertisements were placed on site, in the Sydney Morning Herald and a "list of local residents" however the group expressed their concern and were seeking active notification.

Action – SPC/Denise to check with Tim Moore on the method City of Sydney Council uses for notification of residents at Pymont and whether SHFA had approached them.

4. Update on Port Activities – IC&L, Baileys, Issues and Incidents

4.1 Update on Penrice Business

Keith Morgan from Mountain Industries representing Penrice gave an outline of Penrice's activities at Glebe Island.

- Penrice imports soda ash which is a product mainly used in glass and as a bulking agent for washing detergents.
- Major customers are manufacturers in western Sydney
- Around 7,000 tonnes are stored on site.
- An average shipment of 4,000 tonnes comes from Osborne in South Australia.
- Fourteen shipments are received per year. Unloading takes place 24 hours per day and takes around sixty to seventy hours to discharge.
- A question was raised regarding noise restrictions placed on Penrice.
- Penrice is the oldest dry bulk importing operation at Glebe Island.

Action - Keith Morgan to check noise conditions for Penrice activities and report to the group

4.2 Update on IC&L

Alistair Palmer gave an update on IC&L and indicated that the Preferred Project Report (PPR) has come off exhibition and that the major changes indicated in the PPR were a change from bulk carriers to self discharge vessels therefore greatly reducing dust emissions. Also the silo has been changed from a dome to a cylindrical silo which in IC&L's opinion reduces the visual impact of the proposal and the views of White Bay Power Station. Additionally, the bagging operation is not contained in the PPR.

The Department of Planning is now required to make a determination and a recommendation to the Minister for Planning. The details on the timing of the decision were unable to be provided.

The community representatives expressed concern that the planning process does not provide for the community to comment on the revised PPR.

4.3 Baileys Marine

It was reported that Sydney Ports Corporation has now given Landowner's Consent for the Baileys Marine Fuels proposed bunkering facility and harbour services operation to be established at White Bay Berth 6. The environmental assessment is now to be submitted to the Department of Planning for exhibition and assessment. No timing could be provided regarding when the proposal will be placed on exhibition.

Action - Sydney Ports has undertaken to notify the group when the exhibition is known to Sydney Ports.

5. Update on Community Activities – Community Members

Ann Bostock provided a brief update on the community workshop regarding future planning on Glebe Island White Bay.

John Mant will be briefing representatives from Sydney Ports later this week.

Mary Mortimer reported there were no activities of relevance to report from Pymont.

6. Department of Environment and Conservation Licence for White Bay Berth 4 (latest statistics) – Christa Sams

A copy of most recent complaints report for August 2006 was provided to the group. The report includes a graph which indicates that no complaints were received regarding the activities at White Bay Berth 4 during June, July and August 2006.

Since the last meeting, other incidents in the Glebe Island and White Bay port area which were notified by members of the community via Sydney Ports' Harbour Control phone line were one complaint regarding vessel noise at Glebe Island, 2 complaints regarding noise from handling of pipes and trucks at White Bay, and 2 reports regarding the "Stolt Spray" incident.

Ann Bastock raised the general concern regarding noise at the White Bay berths.

7. Any Other Issues

Discussion on the power station and when it transferred from SPC ownership.

Action - SPC to find out and include in minutes.

Business members raised the issue that cars parking at the approach to James Craig Road are hazardous to truck movements.

Action - SPC to find out more and respond at next meeting.

Traffic through Robert Street was an issue. SPC outlined measures it was considering.

8. Next Meeting and Meeting Dates for Next Year

It was agreed that the next meeting would be a port tour in December.

Action - SPC to coordinate a date and advise arrangements.

Meeting months for next year are Feb/May/Aug/Nov – 3rd Tuesday of month.

Meeting closed at 6.45 pm.

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