

Port Community Liaison Group Meeting

Location:	Eastland Port Limited office, 2 Crawford Road, Gisborne
Date:	28 July 2022
Time:	5.30 p.m
Attendees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patrick Willock, Port Community Liaison Chair - PW • Marty Bayley, Eastland Port - MB • Briar Robb, Eastland Port - BR (minute taker) • Andrew Gaddum, Eastland Port - AG • Daniel Kingsford, Eastland Port - DK • Allyson Burrows, Resident - AB • Kate Sykes, GDC - KS • Osman Mansoor, TDH - OM via zoom • Dineke Hambling, Resident, DH • Anne Gemmal, Pacific Harbour Inn - AnG • Deane Purdue, Resident, DP • Warwick Bruce, Resident - WB • Larry Foster, Resident - LF • Winston Moreton, Submitter - WM • Cristal Bennett, GDC - CB (Online via Microsoft Teams)

Agenda items

1. OPENING

The Chair declared the meeting open at 5.30 p.m welcoming everyone to the meeting and advised MB to kick off.

A round of introductions was needed due to a new person (Winston Moreton) joining the hui.

MB opened the presentation for the meeting acknowledging the agenda.

2. Projects

2.1 Wharf 7 rebuild

MB provided an update on the Wharf 7 project and said it is progressing well despite some setbacks. The project is due to complete October 2023. The second shipment of piles are due to arrive on the 8th of August. DK acknowledged there has been some noise issues associated with the piling hammer but a noise shroud has just arrived and will be installed soon which will improve the noise. MB said all approved management plans are provided on the project website if any members wish to read them.

WB queried where the crayfish nurseries are located and MB said they are located by the Wharf 6 structure. MB noted that McConnell Dowell are keeping the sedimentation down. He also mentioned the settlement devices are being monitored.

KS asked how does the swell affect the boom. MB said the one that was in there was being affected by the swells so McConnell Dowell have purchased a heavier duty one and it is being installed.

2.2 Maintenance dredging applications

DK gave an update on the two dredging consent applications. DK said the renewal of these consents were publicly notified with one submission received from Rongowhakaata Iwi Trust. A Cultural Impact Assessment from Rongowhakaata has been produced and is being worked through with proposed amended conditions.

WM said he made a submission against the dredging consent but said it was declined because it was late.

2.3 New tugs

DK said the two new tugboats, Maki and Ika Nui have arrived and performing well. AG said there were a few reasons why the tugboats were purchased. The Titirangi is 40+ years old, and the idea was to get two identical tugs so they can hold one set of parts and it's easier for the guys to learn with one type of tug. The Waimata is being chartered to the Port of Napier and then Wellington.

2.4 Southern Log Yard Seawall

MB said a Kororā Conservation Management Plan is in place and a number of activities are taking place to create a protected coastal habitat for the little blue penguin. A 260 metre penguin exclusion fence on the top has already started and twenty penguin boxes will be installed, and predator control measures will be put in place too. Local Ecologist, Steve Sawyer from Ecoworks who developed the conservation plan will be helping with this project. LF asked if Eastland Port knew how many kororā are located on the seawall. DK said as part of the project the number of nesting penguins will be monitored, so the level of information will build up over time. A penguin dog will be brought in to help indicate the number of penguins annually.

DH asked what kind of predator control will there be and DK said they will have different targets such as rats and cats. MB said information boards about keeping dogs on leads around the area will be put up around that space to help with any attacks. Whaia Titirangi will be helping with the trapping and monitoring as they already trap a lot of Titirangi.

WM queried how the port has budgeted for the kororā plans and MB said there was a portion of landscaping works that was planned but subsequently taken off so the money could be used for the kororā works.

AB asked if Whaia Titirangi catch anything in the traps - BR said they often catch rats.

AB asked if the roadway next to the penguin fence is going to be used as a pathway or private road. MB said it will be used for Port access.

2.5 Twin berth stage 2

MB gave an update on the Twin Berth application and said it will be lodged next week and will be publicly notified. The submission period will be extended from 20 to 30 working days. Eastland Port will be holding drop-in days throughout this period for people with any questions.

WM departed the meeting at 5:53pm.

MB said once accepted by GDC the application will be found online on the Eastland Port webpage for the general public to access during the submission period. A number of application briefs outlining key interest areas will be produced.

An example of the surf breaks and coastline effects was handed around the group.

MB said the Inner Breakwater repairs have completed today but the contractor will come back in summer to fix some of the voids.

2.6 Environmental webpage

MB said for transparency and removing any barriers for people wanting to access resource consent information and reports, the Port will publish all documents on a webpage. This will mean anyone will have access to resource consents, management plans and monitoring reports.

LF asked when they would become available and BH and MB agreed it would be sometime in the next month.

As part of improving transparency, MB asked the group if they would be ok if going forward, the minutes from this forum are published online – all members in presence were in agreement.

KS asked if the consents published online are port only and MB clarified that it will just be Port consents and the Matawhero Log Yard.

3. Environmental performance

3.1 Inner harbour stormwater performance

DK gave an update on the quarterly monitoring undertaken on the 14th April – all of which complied with all the consent requirements.

3.2 Southern log yard stormwater

DK also gave an update on the last round of sampling. He also talked about how the upgrade of the Southern Log Yard stormwater treatment system as part of the Twin Berth application will resolve some of the compliance issues.

3.3 Community complaints

DK went over the complaints raised in recent months. Majority of the complaints came from the Upper Log Yard so DK has met with some loader operators to remind them they need to be mindful and comply with the Noise Management Plan.

DK said one of the complaints that came through in June was related to the pile driving.

DK also clarified the July complaints included up to the end of last week, 24th July.

KS asked what was the area from the pile driving complainant and DK said it was across the river. DK explained that in this specific instance McConnell Dowell had the machine settings up slightly too far

which caused a double hit noise. However, they have adjusted their equipment and will install the noise shroud in the coming days which will improve the noise.

The group agreed that the noise isn't intrusive it's more low frequency but carried a long way.

AG said McConnell Dowell will get through the majority of the piling in the next 2-3 months. MB said they only do the pile driving during daytime hours. DK also mentioned that McConnell Dowell and Eastland Port are closely monitoring the noise.

3.4 Upper log yard Noise Management Plan (NMP) review

Dk talked to the slide regarding the NMP and said that they would like to meet with Kopuawhakatapu Roopu to discuss the NMP. PW asked AB her views on a meeting between her group and the Port in regard to the draft NMP. AB replied that it would be inappropriate for her to comment as they have begun legal action against GDC and the Port.

4. Questions/ other concerns

DH asked what the operating hours of logging trucks are down her road. MB clarified the checkpoint at the Port opens at 4am but if they are bringing in logs from the off-site storage site then they can come in anytime. MB said there is normally a lull from 12 noon onwards on Saturday. DH expressed that the trucks beep and the air breaks are very disruptive during the night.

A few members said the speed bumps on Hirini Street have made the noise worse but LF said those speed bumps were put in for the safety of people using the cycle way.

DP asked what the current situation is with the shipping and flow of ships. MB said the Port are seeing some slow cart-in from the bush. He said shipping and demand is getting better. AG said there is a lot of stimulus being put into China at the moment to help.

LF asked when the walkway by Kaiti Beach is going to finish and MB said it will be within the next few weeks.

WB asked when the slipway repairs is going to be undertaken and MB said it won't be this summer but the one after - once the Wharf 7 project is complete. WB also asked what is going to happen to it and MB said a portion will be taken off to ensure two vessels can get in and out safely.

4. CLOSURE

PW thanked members for their attendance and contribution and declared the meeting closed at 6.12p.m.