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## **Draft Meeting Minutes:**

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**Project:** Community Consultation Project for the Proserpine-Shute Harbour Road

**Subject:** Minutes – Project Advisory Committee (PAC) Meeting No.6  
1:00pm – 3:00pm, 14 February 2008, Whitsunday Development Corporation, Cannonvale

**Meeting opened by Mark Fenton at 1:10pm**

### **Agenda Item 1: Welcome and Introductions**

#### **Attendees:**

1. Marc Turner – Tourism Whitsundays (TW)
2. Faye Chapman – Residents Traffic Action (RTA)
3. Jillian D’Urso – Department of Main Roads (DMR) on telephone for start of meeting
4. Dr Mark Fenton – Environment and Behaviour Consultants (EBC)
5. Arwen Rickert – Environment and Behaviour Consultants (EBC)
6. Jim Jarvis - Community member
7. Rebecca Andrews – Whitsunday Development Corporation (WDC) present for start of meeting
8. Mary O’Flynn - Residents Traffic Action (RTA)
9. Jim Wort – Residents Traffic Action (RTA)
10. Peter Jennings – Whitsunday Way Advisory Committee (WWAC)
11. Phil Holloway – Whitsunday Shire Council (WSC)
12. Pat Aprile – Department of Main Roads (DMR)
13. Jan Clifford – Community member
14. Robin Salmon – Community Member
15. Cr Tolma Camm - Whitsunday Shire Council (WSC)
16. Cr Steve Muller - Whitsunday Shire Council (WSC)
17. Cr Keiran McCarthy - Whitsunday Shire Council (WSC)

#### **Apologies:**

1. Cr Mario Demartini (WSC)
2. Lyn Gregson – Adelyn Retail
3. Danielle Seymour – Whitsunday Shire Council (WSC)

## **Agenda Item 2: Minutes of previous meeting**

### **2.1 Minutes from PAC 5**

The minutes from PAC meeting number 5 held on 17 December 2007 at the Whitsunday Shire Council Boardroom were confirmed.

## **Agenda Item 3: Consultation Update**

### **3.1 Communications**

Two media releases have been placed in local newspapers since the last PAC meeting.

- 19/20 December 2007
- 09/10 January 2008

### **3.2 Consultation**

No further public consultation activities have taken place since the last PAC meeting.

Jan Jarrett requested an update on the project from Main Roads and has been invited to attend PAC meetings.

Minister Pitt expressed interest in attending a media opportunity with the Shute Harbour Road Consultation process but is very booked up. Main Roads will liaise with Minister Pitt's office to try to fit around his availability as the PAC is keen to find a date for him to launch the Whitsunday Way Vision.

Paul Smith, Manager of Statewide Planning for Main Roads has been invited and has confirmed he will attend the next PAC meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> February.

## **Agenda Item 4: Upcoming consultation process**

### **4.1 Development of Vision Statement and guiding principles**

The Draft Whitsunday Way Vision Statement, as circulated to PAC members prior to the meeting, was projected on the screen with comments received from Main Roads inserted as a starting point. This was used as the basis for discussion and comment by PAC members. The pre-amble, vision statement and statement of intent was discussed and amended by PAC members present at the meeting. There was insufficient time in the meeting to address the guiding principles so EBC undertook to complete this discussion individually with PAC members prior to the next PAC meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> February.

It was also agreed that the information on future and proposed developments along Shute Harbour Road from Whitsunday Shire Council, as promised at the last PAC meeting, was required to assist PAC members better understand the current and future constraints on the road corridor. This information is available from Peter Button and will be requested for the next PAC meeting to inform discussions on the Vision.

### **4.2 Preparation for Information Sessions**

PAC members agreed that the timing of the information sessions will be dependent on the timing of the release of the Maunsell Traffic Modelling however it was expected to be complete by the end of February. If it is available at this time this would enable the information sessions to commence in mid March once the Whitsunday Way Vision is finalised.

## **Agenda Item 5: Other items**

### **5.1 Integration with other projects**

A meeting of related projects (WGMI – Maunsell, Dept Local Government and Planning), Airlie Main Street Project – GHD), Road Signage Audit – WDC) has still been unable to be held to discuss linkages and integration. However verbal updates were provided to PAC members at the meeting.

- WGMI and Maunsell Traffic Modelling – still incomplete but the traffic modelling is anticipated to be complete by end of February.
- Airlie Main Street Project – Arwen contacted Julie Boucher from GHD for an update and is meeting with her on Monday (18 February) to discuss linkages between the Streetscaping project and the Shute Harbour Road consultation. In particular, Arwen wishes to see the comments relating to Airlie Main Street received from the public consultation held in 2007 provided to GHD to feed into their process. The GHD project is progressing well with parking and intersection layouts now developed, as well as plans for upgraded drainage through the Airlie.
- The Whitsunday Development Corporation has engaged consultants to develop a signage plan. The project will look at entry statements and themes, as well as the general signage layout. An initial meeting has been called for this project.

### **5.2 Darren Crosby – Whitsunday Transit**

Darren described to the PAC that Whitsunday Transit are major users of the Shute Harbour Road as they carry in excess of 1 million people on the road. Keeping one major route through Airlie Beach to Shute Harbour (whether it be through the Main Street or on Waterson Way) was important to ensure their services do not have to be split. Future developments need to consider bus facilities and there need to be major bus terminals developed to service the increase in population. Mr Crosby explained that bus facilities can be aesthetically pleasing and that footpaths and bus stops need to be shady to accommodate use by people.

Mr Crosby felt that it was important that better lead in areas to bus stops are incorporated into future planning so that the buses can get completely off the road and pull close to the curb when picking up or setting down passengers. The current bus size (12.4m – 55 seater) is adequate for current and future needs.

### **5.3 PAC response to Shingley Hill Development**

Some PAC members expressed concern that development applications were being received by Council that may impact on the intersection treatments and view from Shute Harbour Road and requested clarification on the involvement of PAC in communicating community desires to developers in such instances.

The Main Roads view is that the assessment of development applications is a statutory process outside of the PAC's scope, however that there is a role in ensuring the vision, once finalised, is distributed to WSC, Main Roads and others parties with a role in assessing the development application to ensure the community's desires are understood.

The PAC agreed that this was appropriate however there was a need to ensure the vision had standing and was not just a document to gather dust. It was agreed that the vision, once finalised, be the subject of presentations to Main Roads and Council, and also be provided to developers to help guide decisions that may impact on the road.

It was agreed that the WSC needs to adopt the vision as a resolution. The PAC agreed to present the process for vision development at the next WSC meeting for approval and then present it to Council for approval at its last meeting in March prior to amalgamations.

**Meeting closed: 3.15pm**

**Next meeting: 27 February to finalise Whitsunday Way Vision.**