

# Scotland Island Residents' Association



## Minutes of Special Committee Meeting

**Date:** September 21, 2013  
**Venue:** Judy Readman's Home  
**Present:** Bill Gye, Alan Gaines, Cass Gye, Sue Dickson, Graeme Crayford, Ruth Gaines, Tim Turpin, June Lahm  
**Apologies:** Betsi Beem, Ian Souter, Jon Maxim, Debbie Cordukes, Judy Readman

Meeting opened at 10 am

### Church Point Plan of Management:

As the PWC Church Point Working Group met on September 20, it was unanimously agreed to add this item to the agenda.

BG advised there was a large turnout at the meeting with SIRA represented by BG and IS, WPCA by MW and KL and CPF by JC and SC. As well as the representatives from the Onshore Resident Associations there were number of visitors. Mark Ferguson, General Manager PWC, chaired the meeting and Chris Hunt presented the PWC briefing.

CPF has put forward another version of their plan with 2 rows of parallel parking which precludes the building of the decked option.

SIRA pressed PWC to determine if this new Option is to be included and, if so, that it be assessed, costed and fees confirmed. Without that information it will be very difficult to put this Option to our community.

PWC advised they will be holding a public forum, date to be confirmed, prior to reaching a final decision with a report presented to the Council meeting on either the 1<sup>st</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in November.

Prior to Council's Forum, SIRA will need to hold its proposed Community Forum on CP on October 27 (TBC) as well as conduct a survey of all residents on the various options presented by PWC.

#### Actions:

- BG to produce notice for PON with links to the various PWC documents and timing details of the various associated events.
- CPSC to produce a draft of the survey in liaison with WPCA for approval at the next SIRAC meeting (subject to PWC clarifying the options and costings).
- A working group comprising BG, BB, RG, JM be established to plan and run the Community Forum on CP (may select up to 3 other people to join the group).

**Agreed Unanimously**

### Visitor's Policy:

It was noted that the Q&A Session held at the end of the last scheduled SIRAC Meeting was very successful. It showed that questions, presentations and dialogue from/with the Community were better facilitated separately from normal Committee business.

#### Motion:

- That the current Visitor's Policy be rescinded
- That SIRAC Meetings be conducted as business meetings for Committee members only
- That Open Discussion Sessions be held at the end of scheduled SIRAC Meetings for anybody to attend.

**Moved:** CG; **Seconded:** AG **Carried Unanimously**

**Action:** BG and RG to draft communique and meet with BB, JM on the process for community engagement with SIRAC for approval in advance of the next SIRAC Meeting

**Agreed Unanimously**

It was noted that at the last SIRAC meeting it was decided to engage an independent facilitator to conduct a session on Community Engagement. BG advised that he had received a recommendation from Jane Mulroney, Community Engagement Officer, PWC.

**Pasadena:**

Land and Environment Court Conciliation Conference September 30 (on-site)

**Actions:**

- BG to give oral submission based on SIRA submission and support PWC response to the Pasadena DA
- Other Committee members welcome to attend in support

**Agreed Unanimously**

**Emergency Water - Associate Membership:**

JR, CG, GC followed up legal requirement for membership with RS and DV; concluded that it is necessary to help mitigate risk.

Proposal: That SIRAC explores the feasibility of introducing a category of Associate Membership to reflect SIRA's dual role of Service Provider and Advocate. This would resolve the current objections of those who object to joining SIRA in order to purchase water.

Under this arrangement Associate Members would have rights to access services provided by SIRA but without full voting rights and would be ineligible to stand for office. SIRAC would then only represent full members when undertaking its advocacy role. It was concluded that this would require amendment to the SIRA Constitution.

It was noted that a simpler alternative might be to strengthen the provisions of the current Water Agreement to obviate the need for membership.

If the Constitution was to be changed it was suggested that we should use this opportunity to update it in order to bring it into alignment with the current Associations' Incorporation Act and Regulations.

**Actions:**

- JR, CG, GC to seek further advice as to whether Associate Membership would be legally acceptable to mitigate risk or possibly simply strengthen the Water Agreement to obviate the need for membership
- GC to present the implications of aligning the SIRA Constitution with the current Act and Regulations at the next SIRAC Meeting for consideration

**Agreed Unanimously**

**Reschedule SIRAC Meeting:**

As the next scheduled SIRAC Meeting coincides with a long weekend it was agreed to reschedule it to the following week, October 13, 2013.

**Meeting closed at 12:00 pm**

**Next Meeting: October 13, 2013 in Community Hall**