

PortBUG Meeting Minutes - draft.

3/12/15.

Present: Sam (mins), Leslie (chair), Ann, Dave, Liz, Tony, Bryan (guest)
Apologies: Bruce, Tim.
Guest: Bryan Ruhle, CCS.

1. Correspondence:

In: from Bryan Ruhle, CCS
from Minister for Transport, S Mullighan
from Chris Dunn (x2), PA/E Council – Semaphore Palais *tabled*
from Shaun Dewaal, PA/E Council x 2 - updated Action Plan & proposed Lipson St Greenway crossing at St Vincent’s St. *tabled*

Out: to Niki/TtoT (Liz) – re bypass
to Shaun Dewaal (Sam) – recommending short-term PA/E Bike Plan priorities *tabled*
to Bryan (Sam – re Dec mtg)
to Chris Dunn, PA/E Council (Sam) – Coastal Way at Semaphore Palais *tabled*
to TtoT (Sam, Liz, Tony – re Sth Rd bypass) *tabled*
to Minister (Samx2) – Sth Rd bypass & Causeway Rd/Greenway funding/SBPlan *tabled*
to Gemma Kernich, DPTI (Sam) – invitation for 2016.

2. Proposal for Broader/Regional BUG Activity: Previous notes (Nov): There was general agreement on some of the possibilities, but also general caution expressed regarding over-extending commitments, inability to represent key areas covered etc.

Guest Bryan Ruhle from CCS discussed his team’s work with 40km/h zone proposals, bike lighting on the Greenway at St Claire and bike planning. Bryan has been with CCS for 11months but has encountered problems getting community responses to proposals such as a draft transport plan being developed. Bryan noted PortBUGs interest in matters within the CCS and believed that we might be interested in those issues we have in common. Sam discussed the BUG’s concerns – possible expectations from the CCS or the community re representation, the realities of localised knowledge and our reliance on voluntary effort.

Bryan noted that currently community bicycle users are not really represented at CCS at all. Liz asked about the representation of Coastal Park issues, noting that the community appears to have been engaged in this consultation and that the CCS seemed to have conducted it quite well. Bryan indicated that this same sort of consultation would be used for the cycling and transport plan. Bryan indicated that draft transport plan should go to cycling groups for comment – the previous CCS BUG had unfortunately been unable to comment. He would be prepared to offer it to PortBUG for comment. He noted that it has not as yet gone to BISA.

Dave noted that last year CCS ran a consultation re. West Beach Rd and felt that the tenor was very local. Tony voiced concerns about who we are able to represent (& what we call ourselves). Dave noted our affiliations with Ottoway Residents & Liz made the point that we seem to be moving into a different era and we need to be able to take opportunities to represent issues where we can. Bryan suggested that if PortBUG could take an interest in issues associated with CCS, this may encourage others to come out of the woodwork and get together to represent issues.

Tony asked about CCS plans for projects over the next 12 months. Bryan noted the South Road project, the 40km/h zones, a bridge over the Torrens at Breakout Creek (footbridge), the Brickworks Bridge plus other projects and the Transport Plan.

Sam indicated the need for really effective presentation of plans and possibilities to the community and mentioned the Newcastle Cycle Safe Network.

Action: Sam to send Bryan then link to CSN.

Bryan is able to send out a confidential draft of the Transport Plan for the PortBUG's comment. Liz asked about decision making around the T-to-T project. She explained issues re the proposed Greenway crossing. Bryan asked about letter from Kouts – can he have a copy.

Action: Write to Bryan with Kouts letter and our position on the South Road Greenway crossing.

Bryan also noted that if the electric trams come off (as CCS have requested) then there is no reason why there should not be a dedicated cycleway located on the reserve.

Action: Sam to draft letter regarding a proposed consultative relationship with CCS and based on issues noted above for circ'n & comment before sending off to Bryan.

3. Coastal Way at Semaphore – Update (Dave): *See tabled notes.*

Tony suggested we need to consider if we have any worthwhile argument with the proposal? Should we simply accept the project that has been offered? Does the proposal interfere with the right of way that seems to exist through the area? It's a complicated situation. He suggested that a widened path should be *one* of the options considered. Tony feels we should support this in some way but also feels that in the long run it may better to make the best of the new project.

Liz felt that perhaps we should take the opportunity to say we hope that this is a situation won't be repeated. She asked if there is going to be any contribution from the Palais? The lack of a public consultation process is surely a concern. Dave suggested that our strategy should perhaps be to get the best pathway treatment. Dave suggests we do support the realignment and focus on the best outcomes. Liz suggested we offer to be involved in detailed design and write short letter to Mark Withers re lack of consultation, choice etc. Tony noted other issues associated with the environment as well as the public interest perspective and money that has been invested, essentially of benefit to the Palais business. Liz suggested that as a community group we are concerned about the proposal in public interest terms – she noted no apparent benefit to council and no contribution from business. It appears that the outlay will essentially benefit a private enterprise with all money to come from Council. It was noted that there have been previous applications from the Palais for increased service capacity.

Tony indicated he was still uncertain and feels we should still assert that the path should be widened. He notes that the project will incur a huge expense simply because a cyclist ran into a dog! Discussion ended with a resolution that answers to the design questions would be resolved by email and with a question – 'do we want bypass or straight through path'.

Action: To await information on proposal coming from Chris/Robert and then to resolve via email discussion led by Tony who will then respond on behalf of BUG.

4. PA/E Bike Plan – Implementation & Priorities: For update & discussion as required.

- **Short-Term Priorities:** *See tabled notes.*
- **Costing?**
- **Monitoring progress?**

Leslie expressed concern that it remains unclear as to how Council's progress will be monitored over the course of the Plan. She suggested that we point out to interested Councillors that with regard to the last bike plan, funding stopped, interest was lost and nothing much happened. She suggested that perhaps we should target individual groups with regular reports. We want to avoid this situation happening again.

From Nov Minutes:

- **Longer-term 'Big Projects'**
- annual 'iconic' project?
- LATM scheme Rosewater?
- funding estimates?
- Access and Mobility Plan?
- Bike Plan - monitoring implementation over 2016
- promoting Councilor interest - 2016-17 budget?

Tony notes that if money is to be spent on Commercial Rd, it makes sense to try to get outcomes for the Greenway as well. He has discussed possibilities with Robert Tiggemann who is sending a copy of plan. He noted that again, this appears to have occurred without consultation with BUG or community.

Actions:

- **await opportunity to liaise with Robert T and then put forward argument for Greenway route to come down Commercial Rd.**
- **contact Mark Withers to engage with issues of planning and participation with a view to meeting with him next year. Ww want to be involved in consultation opportunities as early as possible!**

5. Bikes on Footpath Legislation (sam): references and information on the BUG web site.
Under ongoing development.

6. Quest Apartment Development: Confirm BUG interest with Kerry?
Done via letter in November.

7. Spring Ride Proposals: To discuss possibilities with Kerry & Shaun.
Action: To resolve via email.

8. DPTI Update 2016 (Sam): Mtg with Gemma, Feb or March, 2016.
Gemma emailed November (SP)

AOB Cycling Safety Workshop opportunity: Leslie highlighted the benefits of this workshop auspiced by Salsbury Council.

Action: Leslie to draft letter to Michelle Hogan and Claire Boane proposing they raise it as an opportunity at Council.

Next Meeting: Feb 4th.