National Conservation Council

GENERAL MEETING

19 June 2024, GIS Studio, 2pm

Minutes

1. Call to Order
   a. A quorum being present (see Appendix) the meeting came to order at 2:06pm
   b. There were no interests to declare.
   c. The Chairman made a short statement regarding recent issues in the press (later published on Council website for transparency). (https://conservation.ky/2024/06/19/ncc-statement-june-19-2024/)

2. Confirmation of Minutes of 3 April 2024
   a. Council noted the minutes
   b. Council approved the minutes by consensus.
      i. Moved: Patricia Bradley
      ii. Second: Steve Broadbelt

3. Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting
   a. There were no matters arising from the previous meeting.

4. Reports
   a. DoE Consultations & Licencing Report
      i. Council noted the number of s41 reviews conducted and the timeliness of those reviews.
   b. DoE (Enforcement) Seizure Report 1Q24
      i. Council noted the seizures made under the National Conservation Act for the first quarter of 2024.
   c. Environmental Assessment Boards (EABs)
      i. Integrated Solid Waste Management System (ISWMS) / ReGen
         1. Has concluded, as reported at previous General Meeting, and will no longer be a recurring report.
      ii. Airports
         1. Confirmed that there are three airports being assessed so three assessments / EIAs / EABs.
         2. CIAA appointing consultants to prepare the TORs (Terms of Reference). EABs await the outcome of that process and are available to participate with the proponent as needed.
      iii. Port Zeus
         1. TOR approved, public consultation expected in July depending on the arrangements of the proponent.

iv. East/West Arterial
    1. The EIA work preceding and to inform the selection of the preferred alternative route has now concluded. The EAB provided their input and recommendation based on the work to date and the TOR for the EIA drafted by the proponents. It now remains for the proponents (NRA) to choose the preferred alternative route.
    2. Then the NRA EIA Consultant will then continue to do detailed assessments based on the route selected, and update the technical chapters of the EIA that have already been reviewed by the EAB.
    3. All information will then be assembled into the EIA report on the preferred route.
    4. Nothing for the EAB to do now, pending the route decision by the decision-makers.

5. New Matters
    a. Spear Gun Renewal Application with Spent Conservation Conviction
        i. Council noted the background of the situation as DoE presented. Council considered that despite the convictions being spent as it was a conservation conviction additional review should be applied to this application. And that the applicant should be cautioned of the danger of further conservation convictions even if for breaching licence conditions.
        ii. Council moved (under NCA section 3(13)) to delegate its licencing function in this individual case to a subcommittee of members Lucile Seymour and the Director of the Department of Environment to caution and interview the applicant and decide how to proceed with the renewal application on behalf of the Council.
        iii. Moved: Pierre Foster
        iv. Second: Steve Broadbelt
        v. For: 5
        vi. Against: 0
        vii. Abstain: Gina Ebanks-Petrie, Timothy Austin, Stuart Mailer (Chairman)

    b. Fish Pots Licence Application with Convictions
        i. Council considered the application as DoE presented.
        ii. Noting that DoE spoke with the applicant and has no indication by past history or current interview that there was any significant conservation risk. The applicant is well aware that any breach of licence conditions is a breach of law.
        iii. Council considered the motion as prepared and agreed to (a) approve the renewal of the permit and (b) that DoE should process subsequent renewal applications as standard (without reference to the old convictions) under delegated authority.
            1. Moved: Lucile Seymour
            2. Second: Patricia Bradley
            3. For: 4
            4. Against: 0
            5. Abstain: Gina Ebanks-Petrie, Tim Austin

6. Next Meeting
   a. Council noted the schedule for upcoming General Meetings.
   b. 11 September, 4 December- Wednesdays, 2pm, Broadcast live on DoE YouTube

7. Adjournment
   a. There being no further business; the meeting adjourned at 2:42pm.

8. Attendance Appendix

Council Member	**19 June 2024**	**Representation**
Stuart Mailer	Present	Chairman; Sustainable Development
Lisa Hurlston-McKenzie	Absent	West Bay and Sustainable Development and Climate Change
Pierre Foster	Present	Bodden Town
Ian Kirkham	Present	North Side; Terrestrial Ecology
Lucille Seymour, MBE	Present	George Town
Steve Broadbelt	Present	East End; Marine Affairs
Vacant	-	Sister Islands
Patricia Bradley	Present	Avifauna
Frank Roulstone	Present	National Trust
Brian Crichlow	Absent	Director of Agriculture
Haroon Pandohie	-	Director of Planning
Richard Mileham	Present	Planning Officer, representing the Director of Planning
Gina Ebanks-Petrie	Present	Director of Environment
Timothy Austin	Present	DoE Deputy, Research
John Bothwell	Present	Secretary