1. **PRESENT**: N Shillabeer Chairman, Mayor R Strother, L Fischer, T Hill, M Ousley, C Mason, H Ousley, Cr S Bland, A Dawes, Dr M Kerrigan, S Dodd

**APOLOGIES**: Nil

**IN ATTENDANCE**: M Fischer, L Leese, D Croucher- Dept for Water, Jason Hyam – DENR, John Howard- DENR, Gemma Cunningham-DENR

The Chairman welcomed the committee and guests, and advised that DENR were here to update the committee on the Narrows and touch on the Lake Albert to Coorong channel flushing scheme and its potential environmental impacts.

Congratulations were given to the Southern Fishermans Association for receiving a Fishing Industry Environmental Award in the category “Seafood for the Future”.

Jason Hyam gave an overview of the environmental impacts of a channel from Lake Albert into the Coorong. (SA Water Report 1983) Would have some benefit in decreasing salinity in Lake Albert at a cost to the environment of the northern lagoon. The increased Turbidity will have a negative impact on the rupiah. Cycling of water levels discussed. Noted the cycling needs to move more than 10cm to be effective. Discussion on the water quality and the limited brief of the study.

The fishing industry would not support any negative impact on the Coorong.

**Dan Croucher:**
Phase 1 - Removal of the Bund at the narrows.
A volume of 40,000 cubic metres of material was used for the construction and maintenance of the Bund, 10,000 of which remains mixed with base sediments and approx 2,000 un-accounted for.

Phase 2 – Return the narrows to the pre-construction state. To achieve this a very strong case must be put to Canberra. The 2nd bathometry needs to be completed by the 19th October. Bathometry of the entire narrows would be of benefit in order to understand the full extent of impediments to the flow exchange between the two lakes. The committee discussed community expectations and supported the return of the Bund area to its original state. Noted that the phase 2 bathometry needs to include the entire narrows not just the designated Commonwealth funding zone.

MOVED H Ousley Seconded Dr M Kerrigan that a letter be sent to the Minister requesting that the bathometry survey to be completed by the 19/10/2011 include the whole of the Narrows. CARRIED

Rationale to be included – the benefits to be gained and the ability to gain a better picture of the flow rates.
John Howard:
Pelican Path- Pillars to be installed next week. Opening on the 5th October. Gave an overview of the Friends group and work done with the school. Answered question on the drain which is to be naturalised. Bird hide and viewing platforms discussed.

Wording on some sections on the path discussed. In particular the reference to the Irrigators.

Dr M Kerrigan excused himself from the meeting.

Guests also left the meeting, after being thanked by the Chairman.

2. Confirmation of minutes of the meeting held 4th August 2011
  MOVED H Ousley / C Mason that the minutes are a true and correct record. CARRIED

   Business arising from minutes
   Letter to be sent re Warrengie Point monitoring was resolved in discussion with the Minister. This station is now on line.

3. Correspondence - Nil

4. Chairman’s report
   - Proposal to SA Water for a walking trail into the Barrages. Requires multi department and CDC support. Meeting with SA Water 5/10/2011.
   - Boating Destination update. Require safe mooring.
   - Water flows - full entitlement flow now likely through until 2012 – 13. Possible unregulated flow and additional Dilution Flow is likely until early December
   - SA Water Pricing- no likely movement on this issue from Government.

5. Reports
   a. C Mason: Lower Murray Swamp Group confidence is increasing.
   b. A Dawes: History Trail 15k +5k SATC current progress discussed.
   c. S Bland: Advise LAP program on water seminar.
   d. T Hill: Coorong Mullet now available at the Opera House restaurant.
      Kim McHugh article in the Australian excellent.

6. Recommendations to Council:
   MOVED H Ousley Seconded Dr M Kerrigan that a letter be sent to the Minister requesting that the bathometry survey to be completed by the 19/10/2011 include the whole of the Narrows. CARRIED
   Rationale to be included – the benefits to be gained and the ability to gain a better picture of the flow rates.

   Next meeting to be advised

8. Meeting Closed 2200 hrs