

KANMANTOO-CALLINGTON COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (KCCCC)

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DRAFT NOTES TO THE MEETING

17 March 2011

The meeting opened at 7.45pm

Attendance and Apologies

Committee Members Present

Bob Goreing (retiring chair)
Barry Featherston (interim chair)
Hans Bailht (PIRSA)
Cam Schubert (GM Kanmantoo Copper Mine Project)
Marilyn Deutrom
Fiona Challen
Harry Seager
Bill Filmer
Neil Turner
Jamie Briggs (Local Federal member for Mayo)
Mark Goldsworthy (Local State member)

Apologies

Catherine Roberts (was represented by her husband and had sent notes)

Approximately 35 people were in attendance.

Business

Bob Goreing opened the meeting at 7.45pm and explained the following:

- 1) KCCC is willing to have technical experts available to answer residents questions. Information was provided on the notice board about future developments which may invite questions to those experts;
- 2) Bob explained that he has resigned as Chair due to family commitments and introduced Barry Featherston CEO of Regional Development Australia Hills Fleurieu and Kangaroo Island to undertake the role of interim Chair;
- 3) The term of the current committee is expiring in March (that term being for 2 years);

Bob reiterated that the 14 members of the committee were a liaison group between areas of interest and the mine.

Members of the committee and observers introduced themselves and shared their areas of interest in the project.

Bob noted that the Notes from the last meeting had omitted an item about land use and land value. With that amendment, the notes from the last meeting were confirmed.

UNCONFIRMED NOTES – TO BE CONFIRMED AT THE NEXT MEETING

Business Arising from the Last Meeting

1. Traffic Management Report from Cam Schubert

Responding in regard to community concerns regarding traffic movements to and from the site, Cam outlined the Off Site Traffic Management Policy of the company. Specifically that trucks avoid school movement times, the alternate access road currently under construction was due for completion within 6 weeks, that speed limit observation in the town is mandatory for Hillgrove staff and regularly reinforced, and heavy deliveries to be via the alternate route. Clarification regarding speed limits on East Terrace and maintenance issues were discussed. It was confirmed that the road is owned by DTEI (as it is a B double route) and there is no scheduled maintenance but a regular inspection and decisions are made on an as needs priority basis based on risk assessment. Barry requested the District Council Mt Barker make representation via Council regarding priority setting in the South Australian Regional Infrastructure Plan. (Action BF and Elected Member DCMB)

Due to a reported incident on East Terrace, there was a suggestion from the floor recommending the 60km speed limit be revised down to 50 and 80 down to 60. There was no formal suggestion on this issue at this stage. Mark Goldsworthy advised he had received representation from the community and had contacted the Police to enforce current speed limits and will keep the concerned residents advised. With changed use of East Terrace it was suggested that Mayor Ann Ferguson may assist making a case for maintenance to be progressed. The volumes of traffic change were questioned and it was noted that the traffic management plan including the traffic forecasts was publically available and upgraded. It was also noted that school students undertake walks in town on a regular basis and it was observed that speed is an issue and there was school support for a reduced speed limit.

Timing of the change of shifts at the mine was questioned. Reports that it was mine staff travelling at the time of the incident has been investigated and found that much traffic in high visibility gear is often not mine staff. The comment was made that Back Callington Road is under significant use and they should be encouraged to use the alternate access route. It was suggested improved signage would assist and Cam would action this. A section of road in particular need of upgrade was identified as listed in the notes from Catherine Roberts.

2. Plant Rescue Activities

Catherine Davis (Environment Manager Hillgrove) and Harry reported that the lines of communication have been improved. The mine is progressing quickly and while a list of species has been produced it is not seeding time so seed from some species cannot be collected. The shorter lead time restricted options, but communication has improved and it was noted the area which has been cleared will not be further expanded. The seed production facility is established and some 30 species are under production with 2 seed production contracts having been let.

The pipeline schedule was questioned and it was advised that it was due to commence in March 2011 and traffic disruptions would be eased with completion of the bypass road.

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An Opportunities for Local Providers Forum has been scheduled for Friday 8th April to establish a list of local suppliers who may be interested in providing services to the mine. James Possnet from Regional Development Australia is coordinating this forum at the Callington Hall. Details from the RDA Office at Mt Barker.

James Sexton commented on land use and land value issues and noted East Terrance has always been a busy road. Land demand in the area is strong and prices have been increasing. New job opportunities, especially at the mine, are increasing demand. The only properties likely to be under pressure are those immediately adjacent to the mine, and this may ease as the operations are fully established and the impacts known. There is always a niche market for specialised locations (e.g. next to railway lines) and some speculation regarding the future availability of recycled water changing land use for the future. There is a small shortage of residential land in Callington for the future.

Concerns about noise were expressed and it was noted that noise level conditions do apply to mining operations. There was discussion about the stage of works on the top of the mounds and the likelihood that noise will reduce as the work moves lower into the pit. Discussion of the noise monitoring covered the need for similar meteorological conditions, and the offer was made to keep the community members informed about noise was made. (Action report next meeting)

A question regarding land use and the prospect of increasing the number of residential properties was asked of the Mt Barker councillors present. It was advised that while a Section 30 review is underway it does not include any plans for Callington. It was suggested that Councillor Stokes report back from the Council. (Action)

Noise levels and daylight hours were discussed. It was asked if noise could be restricted to daylight hours. The mine has different noise limit levels for day and night time, and it was noted the noise requirements for the site day levels are legislated at 47 decibels (7am-10pm) and 40 decibels at night and these levels directly relate to the council zoning. The levels are monitored by the company and will be checked if concerns remain.

A comment was made about light spill and that often lights angles can be adjusted if there is an issue.

The need for a grievance process was raised. Cam responded that there is a process for registering concerns, for those to be investigated and dealt with. The complaints procedure was reiterated which is to contact Catherine, reception or via the web site. All complaints are registered, logged and the issue and action recorded. All the complaints were displayed and briefly discussed. A brief summary will be included in the minutes (Action)

Noise levels are required to be reported to the regulator and this is available on the PIRSA web site. These levels are episodically checked by PIRSA.

A Project Update was provided by Cam. 250 people are currently on site and this will reduce to approximately 150 on completion of construction works in November. Drew (Hillgrove CEO) noted that this is the second meeting he has attended and reiterated that the Board is alert to community concerns but also needed to undertake the business of mining.

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3. The future of the Committee: Membership and Chair

Barry undertook to write to each of the interest groups to ask them to renominate a representative. Bob summarised the requirements for the committee as outlined in the Terms of Reference. Hillgrove has the responsibility to establish the committee and the Chair must be duly endorsed. Hillgrove, PIRSA and the Community need to cooperate to complete the process of nomination of the independent Chair, and this will be undertaken. The process of appointment of a Chair would be discussed out of session with the committee and a recommendation presented to the Director of Mines by Hillgrove. (Action BF and Cam)

Further Business

A question to Catherine about plans for the establishment of wetlands associated with the mine was asked. She confirmed that water processing wetlands planned on site were not in competition for the use of recycled water coming to the district.

PIRSA as the regulator was asked for a brief report. Hans reported that he personally has visited 5 times including yesterday to investigate various issues and will continue to report. (Action item HB)

It was noted there is an iPhone application which measures decibels that people may choose to familiarise themselves with the levels.

It was agreed that a brief report on the complaints will be regularly presented at these community meetings. (Action H)

Mark Goldsworthy thanked Bob Goering for his excellent work for the committee, and this was reiterated by other committee members. Dean Brown on behalf of the Company also acknowledged Bob's valued contribution.

Notification about meeting dates is available via the project newsletter (by registering for the newsletter on the Hillgrove web site), advertising in the Courier and phone calls. The attendance of the community and their feedback in the process was acknowledged and appreciated by all.

Meeting closed 9.50pm