

KANMANTOO-CALLINGTON COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (KCCCC)

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DRAFT NOTES TO THE MEETING

8 June 2011

The meeting opened at 7.45pm

Attendance and Apologies

Committee Members Present

Barry Featherston (interim chair)
Hans Bailht (PIRSA)
Cam Schubert (GM Kanmantoo Copper Mine Project)
Harry Seager
Bill Filmer
Katherine Roberts
Lyn Stokes

Apologies

Marilyn Deutrom
Fiona Challen
Neil Turner
Jamie Briggs (Local Federal member for Mayo)
Mark Goldsworthy (Local State member)
Ted Tyne

Approximately 13 people were in attendance.

Business

1. Welcome

Barry introduced himself as interim chair, and apologised for the late start due to a double booking of the hall and a karate class in progress.

2. Introductions

Apologies were received and it was noted that KCCCC Meetings will revert back to Thursday nights due to karate classes held on Wednesday nights in the Callington Hall. Barry thanked the gallery for attending due to the cold night.

Meeting minutes from 17th March 2011 were reviewed and confirmed as an accurate record. An update was given on the iPhone application mentioned at the last meeting - you need a microphone attached to the phone to use properly.

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Business Arising from the Last Meeting

1. Traffic Management and DCMB Priority Setting

Cr Lyn Stokes gave an update on East Terrace road usage. The Manager of infrastructure has been contacted and advised that DTEI do not have a maintenance plan for East Terrace. DCMB will grade Back Callington Road as soon as it rains. Committee Member Kathryn Roberts questioned if 50km sign should be moved from edge of town to beyond the ridge on hill. Barry Featherston explained that the Regional Development Association (RDA) have contacted DTEI to include East Terrace as part of state roads network due to significant change to activities.

Since the last meeting the Hillgrove Resources (HGO) Private Access Road has been completed and site traffic is using that road now, so there should be a drop in traffic through Callington and Kanmantoo. A question from the gallery enquired about which route the traffic will go, to which Cam Schubert (Cam) explained the route follows the Access Road to Old Princes Hwy then East Terrace to the freeway. A question from the gallery asked how HGO would enforce staff to use the new road and it was explained that they encourage all staff to use the access road but cannot force anyone to avoid a public road. Cam explained that he encourages staff to take care on Back Callington Road if they use it. Staff numbers on site are currently at peak levels and that will start to wind back around November this year and there will be an ongoing operations crew of around 80 people rather than around 280 currently. A mention was made from the gallery that DCMB should be maintaining the road not HGO.

Drew Simonsen (Drew) was introduced to the gallery as Managing Director of HGO. The Chair will write to Mayor of Murray Bridge Council and suggest that the East Terrace speed limit be changed from 60km to 50km, and encouraged Cr Lyn Stokes to bring up with DCMB. Chair will also request a representative from Murray Bridge Council attend KCCCC meetings. Kathryn asked Lyn what maintenance will be planned for Back Callington Road once the pipeline is finished. Lyn explained that only regular maintenance was scheduled. Kathryn suggested perhaps more signage required around railway crossing? Gallery member commented that mine traffic is still coming from the back of Mt Barker on Back Callington Road. A gallery member stated that a road counter was last on the road about 4-5 years ago and could be trialled again to measure usage. Committee member Barry Seager asked if HGO can specify with a contractor which road they travel to site, Cam responded that HGO have a traffic management policy and can enforce it with their contractors. Barry suggested that it could be written into staff contracts which way to travel to work. Drew to investigate if those rules are enforceable and will get some advice. **Action Barry Featherston and Drew Simonsen.**

A suggestion was made from the gallery to bitumise Back Callington Road or widen in a few spots, and that the DCMB is responsible for road and drivers responsible for their own safety on the road. Cam explained the HGO Traffic Management Policy, which is rolled out to all staff and contractors in site induction and also to all staff coming to site because traffic is the primary concern of the local communities. Kathryn praised HGO for what they have done to reduce traffic flow through towns, and that the council needs to follow through with upgrades and maintenance. Gallery member asked if special mention could be made of the Back Callington Road through to Mt Barker section – Cam to investigate legalities of specific road avoidance. Lyn commented that pipeline workers are the ones currently using the road, and pipeline will be completed within the next three weeks. Gallery member suggested a “Local traffic only” sign could be installed on Back Callington Road – Lyn to investigate options for making it a private road. **Action Cam Schubert and Lyn Stokes.**

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Residential Property in Callington:

Cr Lyn Stokes reported back that Murray Bridge Council had an in-house forum looking at rezoning part of their boundary, and Lyn was unaware if Callington is included in changes. Mt Barker Council is not rezoning any more land to be made available. Harry Seager mentioned the recent issues with the Mt Barker redevelopment and expressed concern the same thing could happen with Callington. Barry explained that the public would be consulted prior to any developments.

Project Update:

Cam presented a project update with aerial photography and film of site and explained that this presentation had been shown to a range of audiences around the world and explained the locations of the construction area and the Tailings Storage Facility (TSF). In response to question from the gallery Cam explained that the exploration drilling results give the ore body shape that is shown in the presentation. Cam explained the exploration drilling process and construction activity that involves normal load and haul mining methods and waste rock being used to construct the TFS dam.

Noise Monitoring:

Catherine Davis explained that HGO had received some noise complaints and that they were monitoring at all sensitive locations in the nearest neighbours' area. The independent monitoring report section was presented in a slide show. The monitoring reported issues with some locations and Sonus confirming these were above what the requirements were along Back Callington Road and they would be investigating the results. Any background noise would be filtered out before results reissued. Catherine explained that the exact location of monitors could be not advised but showed a map which indicated their general location. Gallery member mentioned that they could hear noise from their house and Catherine explained that receptors in that area were not exceeding their limits. Some limited exceedance is a concern, and the noise is possibly caused by TSF construction work. Investigations are continuing into these results looking at the weather and wind conditions. Catherine hopes to have the results for the next KCCCC meeting. **Action Catherine Davis.**

Drew explained that noise has been a concern when operating 24/7 and under certain weather conditions the noise travels further. HGO are now running one shift and the noise should be less. Catherine explained that when two complaints were made we had to wait until the conditions were the same before they could re-test. HGO complete routine testing and monitoring, as well as "for cause" testing when complaints are received. Gallery member mentioned that they hear noise all the time, and Catherine explained that even when they were in compliance with legislation HGO will still do what they could to address the noise. Cam showed a summary of the complaints register and explained what steps were taken to address the issues that have been raised such as noise, light, traffic and blasting. Drew reiterated that HGO will do what they can to address local issues. Cam/Catherine to discuss with specific complainant in the gallery after meeting. Catherine explained that the location of the processing plant crusher was specifically chosen to avoid noise travelling after construction. Barry queried when construction will be complete to which Cam advised it will be in November this year.

Cam explained the noise from the increased construction activity, and traffic complaints should decrease with the access road open. Cam explained that the blasting method has been chosen to minimize flyrock and ground vibration, and the air pressure waves are being addressed (window rattling). Since first blast on 2nd December 2010, HGO are learning the variables of the rocks being blasted. All blasts are filmed and reviewed, along with blast air pressure monitoring in three sites. Sunday 5th June blast was specific for problems with stemming and oversize rocks

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along with over pressure. Gallery member explained that he felt that 7th April 2011 was the worst blast to date rather than the 5th June 2011. The Gallery member also mentioned that he left a message at the office on the 8th April 2011 regarding the blast and that no one got back to him. Catherine explained that we did register complaints on the 7th and 8th April that both were responded to. Catherine to discuss with complainant after meeting.

A Community mine tour (coinciding with a blast) to be held once expressions of interest are received. Susan Wilson to coordinate a mail drop to local residents of Callington and Kanmantoo. Tour has 30th June 2011 RSVP date and further details will be forwarded to interested parties once date/time confirmed.

Gallery member asked how far flyrock flies. Cam explained that 500m is the site exclusion zone which is strictly enforced. Drew explained that ARTC were concerned about flyrock reaching the train lines but that rock would never reach that far and that under the MARP he explained that mats would be used to contain flyrock if concerns raised. PIRSA monitors that no flyrock reaches beyond the borders of the mining lease.

Cam made mention that employment opportunities were available on the HGO website, and contact details also listed for the contracting companies.

Appointment of the Chair:

A meeting was held prior to tonight's meeting to decide the Chair position. Hans will ask the Director of Mines to appoint Barry Featherston the permanent Chair of the KCCCC. **Action Hans Bailht**

Membership of KCCCC needs to be rolled over from original group formed in 2009 as per the terms of reference. Barry will write to groups that have representatives to ask if they wish to nominate a person to fill their position. One spot vacant for landowner, see Bill, Cam or Barry for information. **Action Barry Featherston**

General Business:

The current Committee introduced themselves to the gallery, along with the HGO staff in attendance.

Hans explained that he was here to answer questions, and a gallery member asked for details of his visits to site. Drew explained that Hans is responsible for monitoring HGO's compliance with their conditions of operations. Hans explained that he represented the government and the regulations that the mine operates under, and that he visits the site regularly, most fortnights. Most recent visit was this week with regard to the blasting. Hans has been in discussions with the mine regarding the noise made by the reversing alarms on vehicles. He is happy to hear from anyone who has regulations issues and expressed his surprise regarding a complaint that went unaddressed. Hans's contact details are available on the back of the HGO newsletter.

A member of the gallery asked about the TSF and what will be going in there. Cam explained the substance being put into the dam, and the management of the tailings water and sand. Gallery member queried if ducks land on the tailings dam would they have any issues with contamination. Drew explained the process of water extraction from the tailings should not result in water being available for water birds and ducks. Barry questioned the water quality testing and Catherine explained that the water will be slightly alkaline and will not look like habitat and should not attract any bird life. Extensive water monitoring is conducted with the water on site, including all surface and ground water. Cam explained that as part of the conditions we need to cap the TSF at the end of the mine life and it will end up a re-vegetated hill. Drew explained that the \$17 million

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bond held with PIRSA is to rehabilitate the site if HGO goes belly up. Gallery member enquired about life of mine which was explained to be 10 years currently.

KCCCC Meetings will be held quarterly on a Thursday night - next meeting will be held Thursday 8th September. A gallery member questioned how often the committee meets and Cam explained that normally just with the KCCCC meetings. Committee member Kathryn Roberts commented that the areas each committee member represents should be listed on meeting minutes.

Cam advised that specific neighbours will be notified of blasts by text message around 10am on the day of the blast. Anyone who wants to be advised to let HGO know. Blasting times are the same, at approximately 5.45pm in summer and 1.15pm in winter. Midday to 1.30pm would be the normal timing of blast in winter as the timing corresponds with lunchtime and staff being evacuated from the 500m exclusion zone.

Kathryn asked what the most dangerous part of a blast was due to her own issue with air pressure and her ears. Cam commented that flyrock and overpressure are the most concerning to HGO. Catherine explained that the regulations we adhere to state that outside the 500m no one should be affected by the over pressure. Kathryn explained the pressure can hurt her ears, and Catherine to look into the issue and give Kathryn some personal feedback. **Action Catherine Davis.**

Barry invited all members of the gallery to stay for a coffee and discussions with the Hillgrove Staff members in attendance.

Meeting closed 9.30pm