

## **Community Consultative Committee**

**Minutes 28<sup>th</sup> JULY 2016**

**Location:** Dunloe Park 706 Pottsville Rd

**Attendees:** Dr. John Griffins Grahame McWilliam, Lyndsay McGavin, Mike Wells, Adam Smith, Julia Franzos, Steve Peterson, Sasha Peterson, Gavin Stacey

1. **Apologies:** David Norris

**Absent:** Ian Taggett

Meeting Commenced at 9:35

Dr. John Griffin opened the meeting by thanking the people for their attendance.

Introductions were carried out informally prior to the meeting.

Dr. John Griffin offered a preamble on some notes he had written regarding the conduct of the CCC meeting requirements as per the Department of Planning and Environment.

The operation of this committee needs to be done in accordance of the requirements of the CCC Guidelines.

Members are drawn from the community and Council.

Irrespective of what relationships members have with other organizations, we need to ensure that we give our full responsibility to the operation and requirements of this committee.

So that we act in the best interests of this committee as the prerequisite and the basis on which we must have our deliberations are those that are set out in the Project of Approval granted by the Department of Planning and Environment

This is the basis, which all our considerations should be made.

2. **Declaration of pecuniary or other interests.**

Nil.

3. **Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting.**

David Norris forwarded a request via email correspondence, that changes to the minutes are made before adopting the confirmation of the previous minutes.

Dr John Griffin suggested we deal with the requests one point at a time.

David Norris has supplied the committee with a list of groups that have “endorsed “ him to be their representative at Dunloe Sands CCC

- As requested, the following are the community groups who have endorsed me to be their representative at Dunloe Sands CCC meetings:  
Pottsville Community Association, Caldera Environment Centre, Threatened Species Conservation Society and Northern Rivers Guardians.
  - Dr. John Griffin suggested we take this as a statement.
  - Agreed.
- The first dot point of the section titled *Business arising from the previous minutes – response to issues raised or provision of additional information requested* refers to a letter from the Department stating: *there is insufficient evidence to dismiss Mr Norris from the CCC Committee.* Could you please email me a copy of this letter as requested by me at this meeting  
Response:
- The letter from the Department of Planning was only received on the morning of the meeting. It was read to the committee members and a copy of the letter will be forwarded to David Norris.
- The first dot point of the section titled *Company Reports and overview of activities – progress at the mine (operational issues)* states: *Burringbar Nursery is presently planting 800 native species 400 of which are in the designated re-vegetation area.* Could you please email me a list of the 400 native species being planted in designated vegetation areas and an account of which species will be planted in which areas.  
Response:
- Please note the word species was incorrect it should have read PLANTS. Dr Griffin asked if the proprietors were happy to supply a report to David Norris regarding the plant species.  
Adam Smith brought the attention to the committee that the species were targeted after a survey was conducted on the biodiversity. He also pointed out that Ramtech undertook this regeneration outside the Consent Approval. Ramtech has offered to put a report together with the relevant information and forward to David Norris, and all committee members.
- I request that several amendments be made to the 29 January 2016 Dunloe Sands CCC meeting minutes. Attached is a copy of the minutes with my requested amendments highlighted in red. I also request that the amendments be approved and the minutes amended accordingly prior to endorsement of the minutes.

Response:

First amendment : ‘alleged’: the committee discussed the issue it was voted not to change.

Moved Sasha Peterson

Seconded G McWilliam

Second amendment: ‘Zone1 and Zone 2” this was a grammatical error

Change to be accepted.  
Moved Mike Wells  
Seconded: G McWilliam

Third amendment: "clarification of the CCC Guidelines" the minutes should have read CCC Guidelines for Nominations"

This was an error by the secretary.

All members agreed to this being changed.

Fourth admendment: "had not been provided"

These are available on the website Dr Griffin felt that was sufficient and no change to the minutes necessary. All members agreed.

Dr Griffin the moved the confirmation of the modified minutes be accepted.

Moved: Mike Wells

Seconded: G McWilliam

- In relation to my request for site visits of Rehabilitation Zones 1 and 2 as detailed in the email below and your advice that the site visit cannot be conducted on 28 July 2016, I further request that the site visits be conducted at some time within the next 2 months with all Dunloe Sands CCC members provided with an opportunity to attend.

This is request was added to the minutes in General Business.

#### **4. Business arising from the previous minutes- Response to issues raised or provision of additional information requested.**

Mike Wells proposed that correspondence from David Norris be forwarded earlier to the committee than the day before the meeting. Adam Smith raised that often in representations that David Norris bought to meeting "by or on behalf of" that there is no written evidence from the various bodies he claim to represents. This creates a shroud of misrepresentation and creates a problem how Dunloe Sands administers these so called questions / concerns. The EMP has a clear protocol that needs to be followed re complaints.

#### **5. Correspondence.**

David Norris : This correspondence has been dealt with.

Tony Cosgrove: Pottsville Community Association.

This was read to the committee. Dr Griffin replied it is already incorporated into the agenda for today.

#### **6. Company Reports and overview of activities. Progress at the mine – operational issues.**

Stephen Peterson reported 93,000 tonnes had been extracted in the last financial year.

Mainly white sand to the Darling Downs, Brisbane Markets and supplying Holcim.

Fill sand to Sports fields in Byron Bay, Ocean Shores and Casaurina.

There have been no formal complaints.

Stephen Peterson is retiring and this has brought about a change in the operational status of the quarry.

Holcim is leasing the Quarry from the 1/8/2016 to its term 2034.

The Department of Planning and relevant bodies will be notified accordingly.

The staff is being retained by Hocim thus keeping the local employment and benefitting the local area.

### **Issues arising from site inspections**

During the last financial year there has been a flying visit from DOP to Zone 1 the outcome was favourable on the regeneration.

September 2015 Government Audit on Compliance was carried out, the quarry passed with only a few minor compliance issues to be dealt with.

The results to the government audit are available on the DOP website. An independent audit is currently underway as per the conditions of consent. Response will be due 31/8/16 results will be available on the website.

Adam Smith advised that the state government was reviewing the EMP at present. This is to clarify and rectify issues that have arisen from the ongoing monitoring this will establish new parameters and will be reflected in the new EMP.

### **Site Inspection:**

David Norris has requested an inspection of the Rehabilitation Zone 1 and 2.

Dr Griffin would also like to view the regeneration Zones.

Julia Franzos asked about correct foot attire for the inspection.

Steel cap boots or steel cap gumboots are mandatory.

Dr Griffin stated all members must comply with the rules.

Anyone visiting the site requires the owners permission.

### **Monitoring and environmental performance**

Adam also reported there have been no “notable events / breaches” other than atypical for this area ie heavy rain events and floods. These conditions make access to areas for monitoring impossible. Adam reported that the monitoring reflected that the last 6months reflects the previous 6mths which reflects the 6 months previous and so on .

### **Community complaints and responses to complaints.**

No written complaints have been received.

Julia Franzos said she had heard of a near miss with a truck. She asked if there was signage and if the road had an appropriate line on the road.

Steve Peterson reported that the signs were being continually vandalized.

Dr Griffin asked if there was a protocol given to truck drivers as to their responsibilities.

Garth Stacey from Holcim stated they would be reviewing the access ,truck movements ,compliance and routes.

Steve Peterson also pointed out that Ramtech Pty Ltd would remain the party responsible for planting and regeneration. Under DOP the license was issued to Ramtech Pty Ltd all deliberations will come to Ramtech first then passed to Holcim.

### **Information provided to the community and any feedback**

AMR was uploaded to the website.

The website is updated to reflect current information and historical information.

Murwillumbah Show Society sent a verbal thank you for the donation of sand for the 2016 Murwillumbah Show

### **7. General Business**

David Norris has requested a site visit to the Rehabilitation Zone 1 and 2.

Dr Griffin would also like to visit the sites, as would Lydinsay McGavin Julia Franzos, Adam Smith, Garth Stacey and Sasha Peterson.

There is a correct protocol to follow regarding footwear and photo's.

A request for photos can be made to the operator and cannot be taken by the individual.

Inspections can only be undertaken by CCCmembers.

Dr Griffin stated he would run through the correct protocols with David Norris and other CCC members before the inspection commenced.

The inspection is scheduled for Mid October a date to be confirmed starting at 9am

The next meetings is scheduled for 3/2/17 9.30 at a venue to be determined

Meeting closed 10.40