

**Dunloe Sands
Community Consultative Committee
Meeting 25th November 2011**

Minutes

Meeting commenced 9:30am

Present: Patrick Knight (Chairperson), Kim Jackson (Secretary) Terry O’Toole, substituting for Mike Wells, Brian Spinks, Adam Smith, Grahame Mc William, Colin Andrews, Julia Franzos, David Norris substituting in for Chris Cherry, Stephen Peterson.

Observer

A request was made that Ron Moylan from the Pottsville Community Committee be able to sit in on the meeting.

Moved: Terry O’Toole that Ron Moylan be admitted as an observer, Seconded by Julia Franzos.

Carried (one vote against).

Ron Moylan was instructed by the chair, Patrick Knight that he could observe but not participate in discussion during the meeting.

Apologies: Mike Wells and Chris Cheery.

Confirmation of Previous Minutes:

The previous minutes were posted on the Dunloe Sands Website

Moved: Terry O’Toole, Seconded by Julia Franzos:

That the minutes be accepted as being true and accurate

Carried

Matters Arising from the previous minutes:

Summary of Environmental Monitoring for Period Preceding the Meeting

At the last meeting, the committee had requested a two-page summary of environmental monitoring to be presented to members for the period preceding the next meeting. (Note from Chairperson: This summary was not to be a substitute for the formal Environmental Plan reporting. The summary was to be an aid to committee members and highlight any key issues and non compliances that may have occurred between meetings)

Adam Smith presented a verbal summary to the meeting.

Environmental Management Report

It was stated that Ramtech Pty Ltd as part of EMP submits an Annual Environmental Management Report. This report (consists of 2 x 6 monthly reports) is submitted to the Director General of the Department of Planning, Department of Environment and Climate Change, Department of Water and Energy, Roads and Traffic Authority, Tweed Shire Council, Department of Primary Industries-Mineral Resources Division, and representatives of the Community Consultative Committee.

The monitoring was done through an independent laboratory- Tweed Shire Council Tweed Laboratory Centre. Reports are quarterly, six monthly and yearly. Monthly chemical sampling of groundwater, wells and algae sampling of the suspension lake are undertaken. Surface water chemical testing is carried out on a quarterly basis.

Patrick Knight asked if there had been any non compliance on the testing. Adam Smith replied that there was non compliance in some dissolved oxygen readings for 2 or 3 of the bore holes that were on the fringe of the vegetation, but that this non compliance was in line with the background testing which was also non compliant, (dissolved oxygen in the main due to rotting vegetation).

Testing was related to Surface and Ground Water and that the last six months has shown PH levels were fine and Algae levels were also fine.

Terry O'Toole asked that a report be supplied to the CCC giving an overview in an easy to understand format. Informing the CCC of any outstanding anomalies and or problems, and what measures will be taken to solve these problems.

Production

Patrick Knight asked Ramtech for a summary on Production:

Brian Spinks quarry manager replied production was low due to the down turn in the economy. Dunloe Sands was averaging 500 tonnes per week approximately 3 trucks per day. 2 trucks south to Alstonville and 1 north to Queensland. All trucks were travelling on the expressway.

Patrick Knight asked if any of the sand went to the Tweed Shire?

Brian Spinks responded, no as there were too many other sand quarries in the shire.

General Business:

Patrick Knight asked the committee members if they had any questions.

David Norris (substituting for Chris Cherry) asked where to access information on quarry Planning and amendments? He was advised that the EMP disc was supplied to all CCC members. Mr Norris then asked if he would be able to copy this disc. Mr Norris then said he would be taking over for Chris Cherry. Adam Smith offered to supply a link to the CCC members to access the Environmental Reports. It was also pointed out to Mr Norris that EMP was a confidential Report belonging to Ramtech Pty Ltd and not to be distributed outside of the CCC.

Patrick Knight said the Environmental Reports should be on the website so a link will be available on the website to access the Environmental Reports.

Membership of Committee

The Chair advised Mr Norris that he could be appointed as a substitute for Chris Cherry as an alternative representative when the member is unavailable to attend a meeting. It was understood however, that for this to be a permanent arrangement (see "Guidelines for establishing and operating community consultative committees for mining projects, June 2007", NSW Department of Planning), she would need to resign and that the government would appoint another member to the committee.

General Business Continued:

Question: Have there been any complaints made in the last 3 months:

Response: No

Question: Where is the Acid Sulphate Management Plan:

Response: In The EMP

Question: There is a Koala Colony reportedly near the haul road do we have a sign?

Response: The trucks had a 25-kilometer speed limit and only operated during daylight hours. The wild dogs in the area posed a greater threat to the koalas.

Question: Where is the Environmental and Regeneration Plan:

Response: See EMP

Question: What is the end use of Quarry:

Response: Recreational use eg dinghy sailing

Question Where are matters relating to Cultural Heritage:

Response: See EMP

Adam Smith said all of the above is covered in the EMP and that the quarry would not be in operation otherwise.

Terry O'Toole asked if there had been any significant weather events?

Response: No

Grahame McWilliam: No questions

Colin Andrews: Asked about the small stockpile on the haul road.

Steve Peterson replied they were aging the sand as this makes the sand whiter.

Steve also advised that we only sell wholesale.

It was agreed that the next meeting would be on Friday 29th June 2012 at 9:30am.

Meeting Closed: 10:15 am

Endorsed

Patrick Knight (Chairperson)

5 December 2011