

Community Consultative Committee

Minutes 30th November 2012

Location: Dunloe Sands Quarry

Attendees: Patrick Knight, Grahame McWilliam, David Norris, (substituting for Chris Cherry). Terry O'Toole (substituting for Mike Wells), Michael Wray (production Manager), Julia Franzos, Adam Smith and Steve Peterson.

1. **Apologies:** Mike Wells and Chris Cherry.

Absent: Ian Taggett

Meeting Commenced at 9:35

Patrick Knight opened the meeting and proposed that we adopt a standard agenda as per the guidelines.

Patrick Knight put forward a motion that the revised agenda be adopted.

All committee members were in favour.

Passed.

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

Nil.

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

Patrick Knight confirmed the previous minutes.

A motion was asked that the minutes accepted as true and accurate form the previous meeting.

Moved by Grahame McWilliam and seconded by Terry O'Toole

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

No matters arising.

5. **Correspondence.**

Nil.

6. **Company Reports and overview of activities.**

Progress at the mine – operational issues.

Stephen Peterson gave the following report.

Business is still slow due to down turn in the economy. Construction industry has been on a downturn for 29 consecutive months.

There has been some enquires form council re sand for Kingscliff and the quarry is actively seeking all possibilities for future contracts.

The quarry is averaging 5 to 600 tonnes per week

Issues arising from site inspections

Dunloe Sand Quarry had an inspection from Mine Safety Operations Inspector of Mines Angus McDouall on the 12 th November 2012. Mr McDouall advised:

"Pursuant to **S131 of the Mine Health & Safety Act 2004**, I confirm those matters that were drawn to your attention which are in my opinion relevant to the continued safe operation of the mine.

Site Inspection:

1. I encourage you to review your inspection and maintenance procedures for work on the buckets of the sand plant. A new access platform is required to enable persons not to be exposed to a fall from height.
2. The steel support holding the delivery pipe to the sand plant is currently sitting on a structure (feed box) which may not ensure the ongoing stability of the unit. We discussed the need to install additional support legs under the support frame.
3. The access ladder to the top level of the sand plant needs to be checked to ensure that it complies with AS 1657 (extract attached). It was also agreed that a man cage would be installed to ensure that a person is not able to fall over the handrail below if they fall off the ladder.
4. The location of the main isolation point should be signposted on your distribution box at the sand plant.
5. We discussed the advantages of having a spill kit located on the dredge.
6. The rear anchor cable on the port side of the dredge is a trip hazard and a review should be conducted to establish whether it is possible to relocate or protect the cable from pedestrians. "

Monitoring and environmental performance

Adam Smith requested a two week buffer so he can collate and

finalize the reports for the CCC meetings.

Adam Smith reported that the environmental reports were positive. There was an algae spike in September possibly due to dry weather, too much concrete dust (lime) and an influx of birds on the lake. The lake was back to normal in October and all readings were normal. David Norris asked about the algae and how it was treated. A general discussion followed about old methods used to treat algae with Copper Sulphate.

It was pointed out that the lake at Dunloe Sands Quarry is a closed system and the algae could not pass through ground water.

Patrick Knight asked [about cutbacks in some of](#) the environmental monitoring [sites](#).

Adam Smith replied that Dunloe Sands had applied to the Department of Planning to allow the cutting back on certain monitoring [sites](#) that pertained to latter stages of development. The Department of Planning, Mining & Energy Resources Section had agreed to this proposal.

Adam Smith showed Terry O'Toole the areas where the reduced sampling would occur.

Community complaints and responses to complaints.

No complaints have been received about the quarry operations.

Information provided to the community and any feedback

Dunloe Sands has been actively supporting community groups. Tweed Valley Equestrian Group Inc. by donating 132 tonnes of sand for their 2 day Dressage Championships in August 2012.

Tweed River Agricultural Society sand for the rodeo Murwillumbah Show 2012

Burringbar Public School 66 tonnes of playground sand June 2012

Cudgen Leagues Club Bull and Bronk Spectacular 2011 and 2012.

All of the above have expressed positive feedback to Dunloe Sands.

David Norris asked if Dunloe Sands Quarry would consider working with the Tweed Shire Council Koala Habitat programme, to add more koala trees to the littoral rainforest regeneration project.

Stephen Peterson replied that company would look into the present regeneration and see if more koala trees are required.

7. General Business

David Norris stated he wishes to replace Chris Cherry permanently on the CCC Committee and that he had sent an email to the Department of Planning.

Adam Smith replied that there is a process that needs to be followed. Chris Cherry must send a letter of resignation to the Chair, Patrick Knight.

David Norris must send a letter to the Chair requesting to be added to the committee.

It is up to the Department of Planning to appoint members to the committee.

Patrick Knight asked if there was any more general business.

Terry O'Toole replied he felt all matters had been covered.

Patrick Knight asked Adam Smith how we need to address the meeting schedules to fit in with Environmental Reporting cycles? Adam replied he need approximately 2 weeks to collate the reports.

The next meetings is scheduled for 28th June 2013 and 6th December 2013

| The Dunloe Sands web site needs to be upgraded as the link to all the reports has dropped off.

This matter will be looked into and rectified as soon as possible.

Meeting closed 10.35am.