

**Dunloe Sands Community Consultative Committee  
Meeting 16<sup>th</sup> January 2015  
Dunloe Sands Quarry**

**Minutes:**

**Attendees:** Paul Morgan, Grahame McWilliam, David Norris, Mike Wells, Julia Franzos, Peter Corum (substituting for Ian Taggett) Adam Smith and Steve Peterson.

**Apologies:** Nil

**Absent:** Nil

Meeting Commenced at 9:36

**Declaration of pecuniary or other interests.**

Nil.

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

Paul Morgan confirmed the previous minutes.

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

Moved: Mike Wells

Seconded : Peter Corum

Carried.

**Business arising from the previous minutes-**

**Response to issues raised or provision of additional information requested.**

Nil

**Correspondence.**

1. A report from Planit Consultants 1/12/14 on Rehabilitation and Regeneration.

2. Letter outlining a complain re David Norris and his non compliance with CCC guidelines of correct Conduct of Members (page 5)

A discussion followed between the Chairman and CCC members re the Code of Conduct

That all issues from CCC members regarding compliance or any other matters are done through the committee.

### **Let the minutes show**

David Norris said that he had spoken to a member of Tweed Shire Council re Dunloe Sands compliance with the EMP and in his opinion the need to supplement planting of more koala trees, in the rehabilitation zone. That Dunloe Sands maybe had not met their targets in this matter.

He did not contact the Environmental Protection Agency re non-compliance with EMP, which led to a Major Mine Compliance Team doing an unannounced inspection.

A Motion was put forward

*"That the Chairman commences movements to remove Mr Norris from the committee due to conflicts of interest and for acting in a manner outside of his responsibilities as a committee member. And, that a replacement member be sought from the Burringbar / Mooball areas as a means of including this areas representation on the committee given its geographic proximity and relationship."*

Moved: Steve Peterson

Seconded: Peter Corum

For :4

Against : 1

Abstained : Mike Wells and Adam Smith

**The motion was carried.**

Paul Morgan stated that he felt David Norris did not have a conflict of interest as he was an environmentalist and his pursuits in this regard do not conflict with his role on the Committee. However in regard to acting in a manner outside of his responsibilities as a committee member, there was an issue. A general discussion took place on the motion.

Mr Norris explained he did not believe he had a conflict and that he was unaware that he should have gone through the committee with any concerns he wanted followed through.

David Norris said he wanted to stay on the CCC as he is a resident of Pottsville.

An alternative Motion was put forward by David Norris as follows

*"If David Norris has acted inappropriately, that he be made aware of his responsibility in relation to the matter. And that he is*

*instructed to stay within the Guidelines of the CCC. Conduct of Members."*

Seconded : Mike Wells

For : 2

Against : 4

### **Motion dismissed**

The chair advised Mr Norris that he would let Mr Norris know the Department of Planning decision in regard to the CCC Committee outcome.

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

No complaints have been received about the quarry operations.

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

Adam Smith spoke on the AMER Report (which he emailed to CCC Members.)

David Norris advised that he has concerns with the natural rehabilitation occurring in Zone 1 is not as specified in the EMP and consent conditions requiring species including swamp mahogany, paper bark and corkwood forming a canopy on a 2m by 2m grid Adam Smith advised that sometimes with large scale revegetation plans it is not always possible to use certain species due to environmental conditions but the work that has been done is successful and the Department of Planning Inspectors on their recent site visit advised they were pleased with the results to date. Generally all reports were in the expected range.

There was a false positive report re Blue Green Algae.

Paul Wright from Tweed Laboratory confirmed it was not Blue Green Algae but another species *Chlora Phita* with a similar profile.

A letter from Boyd Sergeant stating the success of the Regeneration Zone was discussed including some good saltmarsh revegetation.

Steve Peterson has fenced the regeneration site, which was done voluntarily.

Steve Peterson also runs a wild dog eradication policy.

Paul Morgan asked if the Major Mine Compliance Team had given a written report on the surprise inspection?

Adam Smith replied that they had told him not to expect a written report but had conveyed verbally that the Regeneration area was one of the best they had seen.

### **Progress at the mine – operational issues.**

Mike Wells enquired if the recent rain had caused any problems with the inspection bores?

Steve Peterson replied No.

Discussion on drains and new policy of reducing their depth or eliminating them was discussed and Steve advised this was being done on the site.

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

Those CCC members wear correct foot wear and other PPE when undertaking site inspections.

### **Monitoring and environmental performance**

See Company Reports above.

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

Nil

### **General Business**

Paul Morgan requested that in future if correspondence or other matters could be forward to him a month prior to the meeting to enable appropriate investigations/responses to be completed for consideration at the meeting.

Mr. Norris was also thanked for his participation on the Committee.

Meeting Closed 10.30 am

Next meeting Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2015.

