

## **Dunloe Sands Community Consultative Committee**

29<sup>th</sup> January 2016 – Dunloe Sands Quarry

### **Minutes**

**Attendees:** Paul Morgan , Grahame McWilliam, Steve Peterson, Julia Franzos, Mike Wells, Terry O'Toole, Sasha Peterson.

**Apologies:** Adam Smith.

**Absent:** Ian Taggett.

**Commencement:** 9:45

**Declaration of pecuniary or other interests:** Nil

**Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting:** A motion was asked that the minutes were accepted as true and accurate from the previous meeting. Motion confirmed G. McWilliam .

### **Business arising from the previous minutes – response to issues raised or provision of additional information requested:**

- The Department has responded by letter stating there is insufficient evidence to dismiss Mr.Norris from the CCC Committee. David Norris was given a copy of the letter.
- For a member to be removed , the Chair Person must bring each matter of misconduct to the notice of the member and after 3 misconducts then that person can be recommended to the Department for removal.
- Paul Morgan spoke to the Department of Planning and they assured him that there were no problems in relation the Dunloe Sands operation.
- Mr. Norris requested that the motion from the Jan 15 2015 meeting be rescinded and reflected in the minutes.
- Paul Morgan advised that the Department had dealt with the matter which is recorded in these minutes

### **Correspondence:**

Paul Morgan forwarded a letter from Adam Smith to the Department of Planning, re: Mr. David Norris's breach of protocol. Dunloe Sands requested a copy of the letter sent to Department of Planning and their response.

### **Community complaints and responses to complaints:**

Nil.

**Company Reports and overview of activities – progress at the mine (operational issues):**

- Burringbar Nursery is presently planting 800 native species 400 of which are in the designated re-vegetation area.
- David Norris requested confirmation of the planting area Rehabilitation Zone 1 or 2.
- Steve Peterson replied it at the rear of the sports fields; Sasha Peterson said she would be happy to email a map of the area to David Norris.
- It was reflected by members from the Pottsville Community Centre that the general population of Pottsville were relatively unaware of the mine.
- A total of 52,000 tonnes so far this financial year.
- The AEMR Report for July to Dec 2015 is on the website
- Steve Peterson stated that the mine limits are at the main security gates not at the mine office.

**Issues arising from site inspections:**

Nil.

**Monitoring and environmental performance:**

AEMR July – Dec 2015 is available on the Dunloe Sands website.

Paul Morgan requested if there were any questions that they email Paul and he will forward them to Adam Smith at PlanIt to be discussed at the next meeting

Julia Franzos enquired about the type of sand monitoring ie. dust monitors - Steve Peterson stated they are the same as previously used.

Noise Tests are to be done monthly

Julia Franzos stated that as a neighbor she hears very little noise from the quarry.

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

- Minutes and reports published on Dunloe sands website.
- Terry O'Toole stated that the minutes reflect that the Pottville Community Association states in the period that the mine has been open that the community has had no problems with the quarry and feel it has been run in a responsible and exemplary manner.

**General Business:**

- Mr. Norris would like to see clarification from the company or the community consultative committee that "I will not be acting in a manner that is contrary to the CCC guidelines, should I liaise with state government, council, PlanIt Consulting or other special interest groups in relation to matters at the mine – I would like to see clarification given to the issues that were raised previously". Paul Morgan responded that the committee cannot interpret the guidelines for members – he also advised it would be wise to go through the committee with these requests in the first instance. Sasha Peterson suggested that the committee meetings be utilized by members as an opportunity to raise any issues or questions they may have relating to the operation of the mine. David Norris stated

that as meetings are only undertaken on a 6monthly basis, which makes it difficult to raise questions and have them answered. Sasha Peterson suggested that if CCC members have questions and there is no meeting for an extended period of time that the member email the proprietors and CC the committee chairperson in this email and then they can be placed on the Committees agenda

- David Norris stated there may be issues he wanted to raise with council or state government in relation to the mine.
- Terry O'Toole questioned who Mr. Norris would be representing when he approaches a government body, Mr. Norris stated that he is endorsed representative of a number of community groups.
- He then disclosed that he is a member of the Northern Rivers Guardians and The Threatened Species Conservation Society plus another.
- It was noted that Mr. Norris was appointed to the committee as a replacement of a representative from the Pottsville Community Association and the committee requested that Mr. Norris provide a list of the groups he is a member of ,and the positions he holds Within them. Such list to be emailed to Chair and Dunloe Sands Prior to the next meeting.
- Mr. Norris will in future approach the mine operator first then the Chair Person and if that does not suffice go to the Department of Planning and ask about clarification of the CCC guidelines.
- Mike Wells then asked David if he had read the appropriate section in the CCC Guidelines he responded no.
- Paul Morgan said that David Norris should not go to the Department of Planning about issues with out first approaching the mine management and then the Chair Person.
- Paul Morgan submitted his resignation as Chairperson at this meeting. He advised that the Committee was not a Council committee and Council has no authority in regards to the committee which was formed due to condition of consent by the Department ,however Council will provide a representative to attend as required in the CCC Guidelines. He will be submitting his resignation as Chairperson to the Department of Planning. He also said he may be replaced by someone else from the council possibly a Town Planner as the Council representative.
- It was then put to the meeting that the committee needs to nominate a new Chairperson. Paul Morgan quoted the role of the chair from the guidelines.
- Sasha Peterson was nominated as a possible Chairperson, all members agreed after discussion in which one member raised concerns
- Mr. Norris said he felt someone from the council should be the Chair Person.
- Paul Morgan will assist Sasha Peterson with the hand over.
- Mr. Norris stated that requests he had made at the CCC prior to the meeting in Jan 2015 that reports and photos of Rehabilitation Zone1. He was referred to the EMP that photos be supplied on a quarterly basis.

- The response was that these reports are available on the Dunloe Sands website and if Mr. Norris cannot find what he needs to contact the management and we will help him find the answers.
- Mr. Norris then said that he was concerned that Dunloe Sands was not meeting the biodiversity results stated in the EMP. He asked for clarification even though the Department of Planning audits had not found any issues.
- It was stated once again that Mr. Norris please clearly identify his concerns and refer them to the management of Dunloe Sands and the Chairperson For consideration and response.

**Meeting closed: 10.30**

**Next meeting: 29/07/16**