

Ardmore Park Community Consultative Committee

Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 12 November 2021, at 2.30pm , Bungonia Village Hall

Present: Don Elder (Chairman), James Hammond (Four Pillars Environmental Consulting on behalf of MQ), Steve Wall (MQ Representative)
Bill Dobbie (Community Member), Mick Rogers (MQ Representative)
Joanne Macey (Community Member), Damien Cole (Community Member)
Rob James (Community Member), Michael Ireland (Community Member)
Scott Martin (GM Council), Matthew O'Rourke (GM Council)
Cath Henshall (notetaker)

Observers: Daryl Knight, Rose Dobbie, Diana Moran, Rhys Thompson
Anna Kerdijk Nicholson

- 1) **Welcome:** The meeting was declared open at 2.30pm.
- 2) **Apologies:** Phillip Broadhead (Community member), Steve Mikosic (MQ representative)
- 3) **Declaration of Pecuniary or Other interests:** nil
- 4) **Minutes of previous meeting:** The minutes of the meeting held on 11 August 2021 were confirmed.
- 5) **Business arising from the minutes:**
 - a) Ms Henshall's application for the role of notetaker had been forwarded by the Chairman to Jason Mikosic, however it was confirmed that Jason had not made contact with Ms Henshall prior to today's meeting. Steve Wall advised that Steve Mikosic was seeking additional applicants for the position. These to be forwarded to Don Elder for consideration. On behalf of the Company Steve Wall undertook that, as Ms Henshall was in attendance at the meeting, MQ would cover her costs to take notes and produce minutes for this meeting.
 - b) Road works. Comment was made on progress of negotiations between Goulburn Mulwaree Council (GMC) and MQ in respect of schedule and scale of works to repair road. Specifically:
 - i) Negotiations on technical issues with respect to the repairs has taken several months. A meeting to finalise the commercial arrangements has been postponed to Monday 15 November.
 - ii) At the GMC council meeting of 2 November 2021, Council resolved to explore legal avenues to resolve issues relating to the status of the road as per MQ's development consent to operate the quarry if works to repair the road had not commenced by November. Mr O'Rourke noted that Council has been negotiating with MQ since August and the delay in finalising the scope of works and commencement of works was no longer acceptable.

- iii) Council has delegated the Matthew O'Rourke to negotiate with MQ directly on Council's behalf .
 - iv) Council has identified three types of repair: repairs related to addressing drainage issues, repairs related to the pavement and comprehensive repairs of the road foundation requiring the lifting of the pavement. Ongoing negotiations in respect of the location of the repair type and the resolution of geotechnical issues, however repairs classed as "easy" could commence immediately with the more difficult repairs conducted once the technical issues had been resolved.
 - v) Steve Wall advised MQ was negotiating with a preferred contractor regarding their availability and the timing of the commencement of works. Plan was to commence works in November pending finalisation of matters with Council.
 - vi) A meeting observer asked where the repairs would commence. Matthew O'Rourke stated that the repairs would commence at Oallen Ford Road as the geotechnical work was focussed on that section of the haulage route. A meeting observer stated that Jerrara Road was more dangerous than Oallen Ford Road.
- 6) **Correspondence:** Received from Philip Broadhead in respect of :
- a) The lack of correspondence between Jason Mikosic and Cath Henshall regarding the position of notetaker.
 - b) Ongoing complaints received from residents regarding the deterioration of Jerrara Road and the delay in commencing repair works.
 - c) Suggested tour of quarry site for early 2022
 - d) Inspection of Phil's spring by Natural Resource Access Regulator (NRAR)
- 7) **Company report:** The Company's Report which is attached with the minutes, was presented by James Hammond, who answered questions and advised:
- a) MQ working with RW Corkery on management plans in relation to Modification 3 (Mod 3). Noise and Aboriginal heritage reports have been submitted to DPIE, others ongoing. Visual impacts management plan currently on MQ website.
 - b) NRAR audited MQ bores on Tuesday 9, November after a COVID related delay. Will provide "groundtruthing" to inform development of water management plan.
 - c) Question from observer regarding future community consultation in regards to updated management plans. James Hammond confirmed no future community consultation is planned except where required by the consent conditions but would confirm if further consultation was required as per the consent conditions.
 - d) James Hammond Introduced Rhys Thompson as an observer who may attend future meetings as he is assisting with development of environmental plans.
 - e) Ongoing construction of bund wall and backfilling of void is continuing.

- f) Mod 3 work may commence later this year or next year, however Matthew O'Rourke suggested that as issues relating to current consent conditions were unresolved Mod 3 could not commence.
- g) Ongoing investigation of issues relating to water/bore levels on Phillip Broadhead and Daryl's properties, including on property meetings.
- h) Noise monitoring ongoing, 99.8% compliance with noise limits. Report on website. Periodic noise monitoring as per consent at locations at quarry and noise affected residents. MQ gets landowners permission to access private property for noise monitoring. If the property was not identified as being affected during the consent then is not monitored. Observer noted they had made complaints to the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) and were working with the EPA to do additional monitoring on their property.
- i) Quarterly sampling of water in MQ's bores in October detected heavy metals, but no patterns or obvious sources. Monthly monitoring will commence to detect trends or sources. No other contaminants identified. Standing water levels in bores have remained constant in latest monitoring period.
- j) Five complaints related to quarry operations have been received, two traffic and three noise. Traffic incidents addressed. The noise complaints were discrete incidents. No change to operations arising from complaints.

8) General business:

- a) Rob James met with Steve Wall re condition of Parsonage and the steps MQ were taking to prevent further deterioration and to secure the building. Rob James thanked Steve for taking time to meet with him. Steve Wall detailed the steps MQ taken to minimise vandalism and prevent access to dangerous areas. Building is only of local not state significance, so limited options for mandating upkeep to a specific heritage standard. Rob James noted that the building has local significance and should be protected from future deterioration. Council had written to MQ regarding application for grant funding to assist with upkeep of building but did not receive a reply. MQ suggested funds on offer were insufficient to undertake substantive works.
- b) Question from observer re requirement to plant 5ha of trees as offset for damage caused by quarry operations and tree removal for road widening. Steve Wall confirmed this would only occur when backfilling of void was complete as per consent.
- c) The number of MQ representatives at the meeting was raised by the Chairman. MQ is permitted three representatives but there were four in attendance at the meeting. James Hammond confirmed Rhys was present in the capacity of an observer. The Chairman requested that MQ nominate who will be in attendance prior to meetings so it is clear who has voting rights at meetings, and who the three voters are.

d) The Chairman advised that the correspondence sent to members by James Hammond was not authorised by him and this will not happen again. James apologised.

9) **Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be held at the Bungonia Community Hall on 18 March, 2022 at 2.00pm and will include a quarry site visit for committee members only at 2.30pm, with the meeting resuming after the inspection is completed. MQ will provide transport to the site.

The meeting closed at 3.26pm

Confirmed

Chairman