

Ardmore Park Community Consultative Committee

Minutes of Meeting held on Friday 15 July 2022, at 2.30 pm , Bungonia Village Hall

- Present:** Don Elder (Chairman),
Bill Dobbie (Community Member)
Joanne Macey (Community Member),
Damien Cole (Community Member)
Matthew O'Rourke (Goulburn Mulwaree Council)
James Hammond (Four Pillars Environmental Consulting on behalf of MQ),
Steve Wall (MQ Representative) via MS Teams (joined meeting at 2.45pm)
Mick Rogers (MQ)
Michael Cox (MQ)
Cath Henshall (notetaker)
- Observers:** Rose Dobbie,

1) Welcome

The meeting was declared open at 2.30pm.

Apologies: Mick Heppelston (Community Member)
Phillip Broadhead (Community Member)
Steve Mikosic (MQ representative)
Jason Mikosic (MQ representative)

2) Declaration of Pecuniary or Other interests: nil

3) Minutes of previous meeting:

Correspondence was received from James Hammond requesting minor amendments to be made to the minutes of the meeting held on 18 March 2022. These amendments were accepted and the amended minutes of the meeting held on 18 March 2022 were confirmed.

4) Business arising from the minutes:

- i. Following the resignation of Rob James prior to the 18 March 2022 meeting and subsequent resignation of Mick Heppelston there are currently two vacancies on the committee for community members. Membership applications were forwarded to Daryl Knight and Les Hosking at their request but as of 15 July 2022, neither had been returned. Other suitable candidates for the vacancies were canvassed and Don Elder advised those present to ask any such applicants to contact him for an application. Discussion followed regarding the requirement to publicly advertise the vacancies given there were now two vacant seats and James Hammond took on notice the request to clarify the requirements for the next committee meeting.

- ii. Modification three (Mod 3) progress

James Hammond advised that little further progress had occurred since the previous meeting. The relevant management plans have been submitted to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) but no feedback has been received from DPIE. DPIE have not indicated the likely timeframes for future comment on the plans.

Matthew O'Rourke advised the committee that a condition of the Mod 3 approval was that MQ were required to demonstrate that the existing road pavement on the haul route has a 10 year life span which is not currently the case. The Planning Agreement between GMC and MQ is still being negotiated; however the ongoing issues with the state of the haul route under the Mod 2 conditions is an impediment to the finalisation of the Mod 3 Planning Agreement. GMC must be satisfied that these conditions have been met prior to signoff by DPIE.

Discussion then ensued between Michael Cox and Matthew O'Rourke regarding the status of negotiations between GMC and MQ in respect of the causes of the delays in progressing Mod 3. Steve Wall advised that a request for a meeting with GMC to continue discussions regarding outstanding issues with respect to the future repairs to the haul route will be made in the coming week.

- iii. Haul route repairs. Matthew O'Rourke advised on the state of the repairs to the haul route, stating that 15,000 m² of repairs had been completed, focussed on high priority areas, with a further 30,000 m² outstanding. The drainage works were largely complete and investigative work had been undertaken under the supervision of GMC in respect of the technical issues regarding the pavement repairs. The second stage of repairs would commence in spring when conditions were more suitable. Discussion ensued between Matthew O'Rourke and MQ representatives regarding whether the existing contractor (Roadworx) would complete the next phase of repairs. Bill Dobbie asked a question about the quality of the gravel used to in the haul route road widening and whether it was at specification. Matthew O'Rourke advised that it was of an appropriate quality and could be used for the road repairs however the use of a range of techniques to rectify the pavement deterioration was being considered.

5) Correspondence

- i. Community Member, Mick Heppelston formally resigned from the committee. The committee accepted Mick's resignation with regret and agreed to send a letter of thanks for Mick's service on the committee, which Don Elder offered to undertake on the committee's behalf.
- ii. Correspondence from Bungonia resident Diana Moran was received via Anne Wiggan requesting information about; the state of site rehabilitation including the timeframes for commencement of revegetation works, the species to be planted, whether MQ has established a "Quarry Fund" to donate to the community and if so, under what conditions it operates, what responsibility MQ Aggregates had for MQ feed trucks that were transiting the village and whether these could be rerouted via the haul route behind the village.

In respect of the site rehabilitation, James Hammond advised that MQ was waiting on DPIE to approve the relevant plans. Bill Dobbie requested that only deciduous trees be used to reduce fire risks, however Michael Cox advised that

DPIE stipulated the species to be planted and also advised that the rehabilitation works are conducted in conjunction with backfilling of the void.

Michael Cox advised that MQ had not established a Quarry Fund but had made contributions to various organisations in the community.

Steve Wall advised that MQ Aggregates was not responsible for the movement of the MQ feed trucks which serviced local poultry farms and that the movement of these trucks is not constrained by MQ Aggregates' consent condition . He also confirmed that no MQ quarry truck accessed the road through the village.

Michael Cox took a question on notice regarding the frequency of MQ feed truck movements through the village.

6) **Company report:** The Company's Report which is attached with the minutes, was presented by James Hammond, who answered questions and advised:

- i. The current quarry output and attendant truck movements remain significantly reduced due to wet weather impacts.
- ii. Backfilling of the Eastern Bund wall is ongoing.
- iii. All management plans for Mod 3 have been submitted to DPIE and now waiting on feedback from them.
- iv. The Annual Review will be uploaded onto the website once approved.
- v. The first component of the agreed roadworks has been completed, specifically the drainage works as discussed at the previous CCC. Works will recommence in spring with expected completion date of early 2023.
- vi. Standing water levels in bores increased during the latest monitoring period. Bill Dobbie asked a question regarding whether low levels recorded in 2019 were an effect of the drought or the quarry activities. James Hammond took the question on notice. Discussion ensued re levels in Philip Broadhead's spring and James advised that Philip had removed the monitoring equipment.
- vii. Noise monitoring. Noise monitoring at three nearby residences will be undertaken at the end of July in addition to the regular monitoring that occurs.

Three noise complaints were received since the previous CCC meeting from and an additional complaint during March not notified at the previous meeting was added.
- viii. Particular matter monitoring revealed compliance with consent conditions. Real time "PMIO" monitoring had been installed, and showed particulate levels trending below the benchmarks for PM10 and PM2.5 particles. This monitoring provides cross checks of existing time period monitoring.
- ix. Dust levels did exceed conditions but were of combustible origin, not inorganic particulates emanating from the quarry. .
- x. The results of all monitoring activities are available on the company website.

7) General business:

- i. Joanne Macey requested an update on the removal of fallen vegetation in front of her property which had not yet taken place. Steve Wall advised that it will be occurring in the next couple of weeks.
- ii. Steve Wall provided an update on Mark Heppleston's request for an additional bund wall could be constructed to reduce these impacts, advising that no further action had been taken and reconfirming that additional bund walls would require development consent.
- iii. Mick Rodgers advised that MQ had received a general reminder from a GMC representative that all trucks should keep left on haulage routes following community complaints about trucks from other companies not doing so. Mick Rodgers advised that the reminder from council did not relate to specifically to MQ drivers and that they were constantly monitored.
- iv. Bill Dobbie asked Matthew O'Rourke if additional police patrols of Jerrara Road could be requested to ensure the current speed limit was enforced. Matthew advised that they were in regular contact with NSW Police regarding enforcement on local roads.

8) Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held at the Bungonia Community Hall on 11 November at 2.30pm

The meeting closed at 3.20pm

Confirmed

Chairman

Maxine & Don Elder

From: James Hammond <james@4pillars.com.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 12 July 2022 10:47 PM
To: Maxine & Don Elder
Cc: Rhys Thompson; Kay Porter; Stephen Wall (Multiquip)
Subject: RE: Ardmore Park CCC
Attachments: ArdmorePark-DraftMinutes-18March2022.pdf

Hi Don, thank you for the agenda and for previously providing the draft minutes of the previous meeting.

Regarding the attached March 2022 minutes – I apologise but I actually have some comments/changes that I would like to request. I'm sorry for the delay in providing these comments.

Our comments are as follows:

- Mr (Rhys) McDonald was present as an observer.
- Item 4(iii) – Should be James Hammond rather than James Patterson.
- Item 6(iv) - 1st paragraph "Hotmix repairs Oallen Ford Rd" (not Jerrara Rd). 3rd Paragraph Full stop after April 22. Delete text " and" following and replace with " ultimately repairs.
- Item 6(viii) should read 'Particulate' rather than ' Particular'.
- Item 6(ix) please clarify that exceedance occurred in December 2021 and no other months since last CCC meeting.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks in advance for the changes and I look forward to seeing you on Friday.

Cheers,

James Hammond CEnvP

Director

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From: Maxine & Don Elder <elder@goulburn.net.au>
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Subject: Ardmore Park CCC

Hi all,

Attached is a draft agenda for our meeting on 15 July 2022.

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From: Phillip & Diane Broadhead <inverarypark@bigpond.com>
Sent: Friday, 29 July 2022 7:18 AM
To: Maxine & Don Elder <elder@goulburn.net.au>
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Subject: Re: Ardmore Park CCC

The comment from James Hammond claiming I had removed the monitoring equipment from Phil's Spring is a absolute lie and should be removed from the minutes or otherwise my response below should be included.

vi. Standing water levels in bores increased during the latest monitoring period. Bill Dobbie asked a question regarding whether low levels recorded in 2019 were an effect of the drought or the quarry activities. James Hammond took the question on notice. Discussion ensued re levels in Philip Broadhead's spring and James advised that Philip had removed the monitoring equipment.

I sold the Inverary Park property last year and have not been on the property since.

Furthermore, I downloaded the spring data from the vnotch months later and still have it which I believe reflects the spring to have increased from the rains but it also shows that the spring is still being impacted from the leaking bores on Ardmore Park that are awaiting remediation as directed from NRAR.

I note that recently when I tried to access the current data that my internet access has been changed so that I cannot access this information.

There are only two parties that have access to the vnotch on Inverary Park and that is the Multiquip personnel that monitor the equipment and the current owners who I doubt would have interfered with the equipment when it is in their own interest to see that the remediation of those leaking bores will be successful.

I will be speaking to NRAR once things are concluded and I can then speak more publicly about the impacts those leaking bores have had on Inverary Parks generational agricultural business.

Phillip Broadhead

Sent from my iPhone

On 24 Jul 2022, at 1:53 pm, Maxine & Don Elder <elder@goulburn.net.au> wrote:

Hi all

I attach draft minutes of the meeting held on July 15, together with a copy of the Company report.

Draft amendments, comments etc to me by 8 August 2022, please.

Regards

Don

From: James Hammond <james@4pillars.com.au>
Sent: Friday, 29 July 2022 12:00 PM
To: Phillip & Diane Broadhead; Maxine & Don Elder
Cc: Alexander Cox; Amy Croker; Bill Dobbie; Damian Cole; Jason Mikosic; Joanne Macey; Michael Cox; Michael Rogers; Michelle Hughes; Mick Heppleston; Rhys Thompson; Scott Martin; Stephen Wall; Cathrynne Henshall
Subject: RE: Ardmore Park CCC

Dear all,

I regret that I did not review the minutes earlier this week.

I could have proactively corrected this statement in the minutes and perhaps avoided the alarm expressed by Phil.

Unfortunately the minutes do not accurately reflect the discussion.

I'm sure those in attendance will recall the discussion around point vi of Item 6 progressed as follows:

- Bill Dobbie asked about how groundwater levels compared to drought years in 2019.
 - I (JH) stated that we did not routinely produce graphs going back that far, but I would take it on notice to produce such a graph for future discussion.
- Discussion moved to the spring levels and specifically Phil's Spring.
- I can't recall who raised the question, but it was asked whether monitoring was ongoing at Phil's Spring.
- I stated that I was almost certain the monitoring was ongoing.
 - I did not make a definitive statement because I had not personally carried out the site monitoring over the last two months – it has been conducted by two of my senior staff, Rhys Thompson and Kay Porter.
- I stated that I would double check that and let the CCC know if there had been any change to the monitoring.

Let me take this opportunity to confirm:

1. We (MQ and 4Pillars) still have access to the cloud data transmitted by the v-notch weir. We record this data regularly.
2. In addition, we have not stopped or otherwise interrupted the manual collection of monthly flow data at Phil's Spring. It remains part of our normal monthly groundwater data collection process.

Phil, I hope this goes some way to addressing your concerns.

I trust the meeting minutes will be corrected as per my points above.

I will review the rest of the minutes now and will consult with Steve prior to sending any further changes to Don. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you,

James Hammond
CEO and Founder | Certified Environmental Practitioner



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