

Ardmore Park Community Consultative Committee
Minutes of Meeting held on Friday 15 September 2023, at 2.30 pm , Bungonia Village Hall

1) Welcome

The meeting was declared open at 2.30pm. The Chairman welcomed Les Hosking s a new CCC member.

Present: Don Elder (Chairman),
Bill Dobbie (Community Member)
Damien Cole (Community Member)
Steve Wall (MQ Representative)
Mick Rodgers (MQ representative)
Les Hosking (Community member)
Joanne Macey Community member
James Hammon (4 Pillars) via Zoom
Cath Henshall (notetaker)
Scott Martin – Goulburn Mulwaree Council (GMC)
George Angelis GMC Director Operations, who was welcomed by the Chairman

Observers: Darryl Knight
Pauline Dickson

2) Apologies: Steve Mikosic (MQ representative)

Jason Mikosic (MQ representative)
Philip Broadhead (Community member)
Mick Ireland (Community member)
The apologies were accepted

3) Recording of meetings

The meeting was not recorded and no persons recorded the meeting

4) Declaration of Pecuniary or Other interests: Nil

5) Minutes of Meeting held 3 March 2023:

Signed by Don Elder as a correct record.

6) Business arising from the Minutes:

a) Road works and repairs

Questions raised by community representatives of the committee to GMC representatives regarding the status of the haul route, especially Jerrara Road and whether work had concluded and whether the work had been certified as finalised.

Georgie Angelis (GA) responded on behalf of GMC and noted that the Jerrara Road repairs are completed with the exception of a section of road that is eligible for Black Spot funding. The length of road to be repaired is approximately 1.6km between Prairie Oak Road and encompasses the area that is currently breaking up near Glynmar Road. The funding has been approved, GMC has submitted the proposed design for the repairs and is waiting on the NSW government for approval of the design after which the works will be scheduled. Can't give completion date from the transport NSW. The work will involve re-sheeting , culvert widening work and patching.

Discussion ensued between two community members of the committee, Bill Dobie (BD) and Les Hoskins (LH) re the quality of the works that had been undertaken on Jerrara Road including that the surface is uneven in many places (BD) and concern regarding whether the road had been compacted to a standard of 98% dry density compaction rating (LH).

GA advised that the repaired sections of the road had been constructed to a standard which had been agreed in writing with the contractor and noted that during the construction, sensing equipment on the rollers enable real time testing to ensure that compaction standards are met. GA also advised that GMC constructs local roads to a standard within the funding envelope, geotech and local contexts relevant to the road under construction.

Discussion then ensued between GMC, community representatives and Steve Wall, (MQ) regarding the technical aspects of managing water ingress and egress to subgrade layers of the road and the various means, including steep culverts and drain construction that have been implemented to reduce water damage to the road for the future.

GA advised that GMC undertakes continuous improvement of the implementation of road standards and due to the number of quarries in the LGA is better equipped to implement proven approaches to maintaining quarry haul routes in the future.

At the conclusion of the discussion of the state of Jerrara Road it was agreed that an inspection of the haul route could be undertaken with representatives from GMC, members of the CCC and any interested community member. It was agreed that Don Elder would contact GA requesting the inspection, to be scheduled at a later date.

b) Discussion also ensued regarding the non-attendance of any GMC representatives for the past few meetings. Scott Martin (GMC) advised that unavoidable issues had led to council staff not being able to attend in the recent past and that GMC would send representatives in future.

LH requested that the council supply the results of compaction tests undertaken prior to the road repairs and the results from the current state of the road. GA advised he would investigate what results could be made available.

c) Water monitoring – Discussed in company report below (sec 8).

d) Water management plan and water/bore levels – Discussed in company report below (sec 8).

e) Note taker's role – No issues raised with current situation regarding notetaker.

f) Parsonage – Discussed in company report below (sec 8).

g) Historic sign removal – Discussed in company report below (sec 8).

h) Noise monitoring – Discussed in company report below (sec 8).

7) Correspondence

Don Elder provided the annual report to the DPE as required. He noted that the CCC is lively and questioning and keeps company and him on their toes. He also noted the haulage route roads are the main issue and that the focus for the next 12 months include continuing to meet regularly, the committee to inspect the quarry site, ongoing haulage route repair, noise, dust and water monitoring which will continue to be addressed with the company (MQ) and if necessary reported to DPIE. This report has been lodged and no correspondence received.

8) Company Report, including details of any complaints &/or major incidents, and questions/comments

James Hammond presented the company report and will provide a copy of the presentation to be sent to committee members with the minutes.

Current operations: average number of trucks per day around 40. Sales are 90% of last year, seeing some recovery from the COVID period. Proportion of rock sales increasing. Backfilling of void will occur opportunistically over the coming 18 month period.

Mod 3: No further communication with DPE regarding the Mod 3 application.

Annual Review: The latest annual review dated May 2023 is available on the website along with all current water, bore, noise and dust monitoring results.

NRAR notice: The NRAR notice has been complied with, no further action required and the works completed to a satisfactory level.

Noise, dust and water monitoring: Recently conducted noise monitoring- assessment of operational noise, including at 4 residential properties, as well as trucking noise.

No non-compliances were detected.

Water quality monitoring has been conducted accordance with EPL, all results in a combined report for EPA. Water quality was last tested in July with the next round to be conducted in near future.

A trial was undertaken to discharge 150-160ML of water from the old pit into Jacqua Creek over the past 8 months and concluding in August. Additional water sampling was undertaken during the trial, and an assessment report is being prepared. Extensive sampling of Jacqua creek taken both prior to, during, and after the discharge. There were no negative impacts identified, validation samples were within limits and MQ is applying to the EPA for future discharges in excessive rainfall years.

Bore/spring and standing water monitoring is conducted on a regular basis. There are fluctuations within some areas, possibly due to lowering of water level in old pit and in some areas, the source of the fluctuation is not clear. All continued to be monitored. The Spring flow at Inverary Park- shows fluctuations, and currently sitting lower than previously, dry period the main factor of the flow of the spring. No further action being taken, ongoing monitoring.

There was elevated dust in January and March, the source of which was not clear and which was notified to DPE. Since May, dust levels were consistently compliant levels across all tests, as were particular matter tests undertaken via real time infrared monitoring (PM 10, PM 2.5)

The Parsonage: The grates on the windows and doors installed last year prevent access. Sheep are being used to keep the grass low around the parsonage to reduce fire risk.

Larbert Tree: The replacement sign has been installed.

Complaints and feedback: One (1) noise complaint since the last meeting. Not aware of any other complaints.

Observer Darryl Knight (DK) asked about the latest noise monitoring. Steve Wall (SW) advised that it had been undertaken in the week prior to the meeting but did not include Darryl's property. Steve noted that the crusher had been used irregularly over the preceding months. DK advised the EPA had been conducting noise monitoring at his property for the past two months.

Discussion ensuring regarding the noise made by a diesel pump running at night which was

audible at DK's property and what the relevant parameters for its use during night time. SW advised that provided the noise generated was below legal limits MQ was permitted to use it during the day and night and that the EPA had not expressed concerns regarding its use during the night.

9) General Business

a) New CCC Guidelines:

Don Elder- recommended that CCC members download and read the guidelines. They will be discussed at the next meeting. Copy attached

b) Other business:

- i.** Mick Rodgers (MQ) noted that the council had been added gabion rock into the road culverts to improve their stability and expressed concerns about the depth of the culverts in relation to the safety of drivers navigating the narrower sections of the road with a truck and dog, in particular that a trailer might fall into a culvert.
- ii.** Discussion ensued between MQ representatives and GMC representatives regarding balancing the need to ensure good drainage, the width of the road and road reserve and driver safety, especially when two trucks were passing each other.
- iii.** Scott Martin also advised committee members of a mobile phone app notifying council if issues arise regarding trees on the road, road repairs and the like- "Snap, Solve and Send" which is now integrated directly into council systems to facilitate rapid notification of issues relevant to council.

10) Next Meeting

Friday, 8 December at 2.30pm, Bungonia Village Hall.

The meeting concluded at 3.40pm

(Chairman)

(Date)