

Ardmore Park Community Consultative Committee

Minutes of Meeting held on Friday 11 November 2022, at 2.30 pm, Bungonia Village Hall

Present: Don Elder (Chairman),
Bill Dobbie (Community Member)
Philip Broadhead (Community Member)
Joanne Macey (Community Member)
Damien Cole (Community Member)
James Hammond (Four Pillars Environmental Consulting on behalf of MQ)
Steve Wall (MQ Representative)
Cath Henshall (notetaker)

Observers: Rose Dobbie
Diana Moran
Daryl Knight

1) **Welcome** The meeting was declared open at 2.30pm.

Apologies: Steve Mikosic (MQ representative)
Jason Mikosic (MQ representative)
Scott Martin (Goulburn Mulwaree Council)

2) **Declaration of Pecuniary or Other interests:** nil

3) **Minutes of previous meeting:** Correspondence was received from Philip Broadhead and James Hammond in regards to statements made during the MultiQuip company report which were included in the minutes of previous meeting. The matter of concern was in relation to comments that Philip Broadhead had requested monitoring of his spring to cease, and that he (Philip) had removed the monitoring equipment from the spring. James Hammond's correspondence stated that the comments had not been made and that the monitoring of the spring was ongoing.

During the ensuing discussion, members present at the 15 July meeting confirmed that they heard the comments being made. James Hammond stated that he did not recall making these comments and that if he had made such comments he had misspoken, as the monitoring equipment remained in the spring and monitoring of water level in the spring was ongoing as per the usual processes.

It was agreed that Philip's letter of objection to the comments regarding the monitoring of the spring would be attached to the minutes. Further, James Hammond apologised for the incorrect information, and this was accepted by Philip Broadhead. The minutes of the 15th July 2022 meeting including the attachment were then confirmed by the committee.

4) **Business arising from the minutes:**

- i. A letter has been forwarded to Rob James by Don Elder thanking him for his service to the committee.
- ii. Modification three (Mod 3) progress to be advised to next meeting,

Steve Wall advised that negotiations with Goulburn Mulwaree Council regarding repairs to the haul route were currently delayed due to the resignation of key GMC staff with whom MQ was negotiating. He advised that the mechanisms for payment for the repairs and the responsibilities for conducting the repairs between GMC and MQ have been discussed but not finalised. Mod 3 could not proceed until council issues a VBA, and this would not occur while the issues with the haul route remain unresolved.

Observer Daryl Knight noted that MQ were required to provide a road pavement with a 10 year lifespan. Steve Wall advised that MQ had paid for a professional geotech analysis of the upgraded route. This had stated that the upgraded route was expected to have a 10 year lifespan, however unfortunately the analysis did not accurately reflect the conditions on the road.

Discussion followed regarding technical work conducted on the road. This included geotech assessments and patching methods that had been employed to temporarily stabilise the most damaged sections of the road, including \$150,000 of repairs. Steve Wall noted that that the ongoing wet weather had led to the failure of some patching as well as further delaying repair works as the conditions did not permit substantive repair activities to be undertaken.

- iii. Fallen trees on Joanne Macey's fence boundary. The removal of the trees had not been undertaken due to a death in the family of the contractor, Rick's Trees, engaged to do the work. Steve Wall advised that the trees would be removed in the next few weeks.
- iv. Noise monitoring – covered in company report.
- v. Work on Parsonage. Steve Wall advised that additional rubbish removal will occur in the near future, as well as mowing of the grounds dependent on weather conditions. Observer Diana Moran noted that broom and blackberry was growing on the plot and should be sprayed.
- vi. Bund wall near Michael Heppelston's property – no further action

5) Correspondence

- i. A letter was received from GMC councillor Jason Shepperd offering his services to the committee.
- ii. Don Elder attended a "Zoom" meeting with representatives of NSW Department of Planning and Environment (DPE), with regard to the new CCC guidelines, including relevant provisions of the Health and Safety Act. Don Elder advised that CCC members could write to DPE if they had concerns about the conduct of the chair or the meetings. He also noted that the new guidelines imposed additional obligations on the committee members and confirmed that there is no provision for remuneration for committee members.

- 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 DPE and MQ are still waiting for DPE feedback on them.
 - iv. The Annual Review has been accepted by DPE and is available on the MQ website (Ver 2, August 2022). DPE was generally satisfied by the report and only requested minor changes.
 - v. GMC has offered MQ a funding agreement for the repair of the haul route but the details have not been finalised.
 - vi. NRAR notice has been varied. It has been agreed that two bores in question will be rehabilitated rather than removed in line with EPA and DPE approvals. Work will commence in December and is required to be completed by March 2023.
 - vii. Noise monitoring was undertaken in early November and the results will be uploaded to the website.
On first analysis it appears there were no non-compliances.
 - viii. An independent environment audit was undertaken and finalised on 14 October 2022. Overall, DPE advised the audit was satisfactory, with 14 areas non-compliant and 9 areas for improvement. MQ responses on website.
 - ix. EPA annual return. 3 non-compliances: 1) damaged monitoring well, 2) methods for monitoring flow rates in relevant springs, 3) administrative-references to a superseded plan.
 - x. Monitoring – no substantive changes since last meeting. Details on website and in attached company report presentation. Standing water is stable or slightly higher. Flow rates in Daryl Knight's bore increase. Particulate matter and dust is below thresholds including PM10 and PM2.5 particles. Continuous infrared monitoring (PM2.5 and PM10 particles) does not differentiate between organic and inorganic origins. Bill Dobbie requested whether this information could be determined. James Hammond advised that he will check with the manufacturers and report back to the next meeting.
 - xi. Complaints: No noise complaints have been received since the previous meeting. Discussion followed between Daryl Knight, Steve Wall and James Hammond regarding MQ compliance with noise limits, wind conditions that affect noise levels at Daryl Knight's property, and technical limitations during noise monitoring including methods for estimating the contribution of quarry operation and non-quarry operations to noise level measurements. Steve Wall advised that MQ had provided 9 months of noise monitoring data to EPA who had advised MQ that they were 99% compliant with noise conditions. Steve Wall also advised that where

specific issues were identified, MQ attempted to address them where possible. Daryl Knight advised that the independent monitoring he had conducted on his property showed evidence of noise level exceedance (>40dB) and that he was engaging with an EPA representative for an 8 week study to be conducted.

7) General business:

- i. Diana Moran asked a question in regards to whether MQ has established a “Quarry Fund” to donate to the community and if so, under what conditions it operates and whether such a fund could provide assistance for the cost of replacing a Bungonia Historical Society sign that had been removed from the boundary of the Ardmore Park entrance. Discussion ensued where Steve Wall confirmed that no such fund existed but that MQ would investigate the sign removal. Joanne Macey stated that the sign removal appeared to have occurred as a result of mowing of the area.
- ii. Diana Morgan also asked about MQ branded trucks using the road through Bungonia village instead of the bypass. Steve Wall advised that MQ Aggregate vehicles and contractors were instructed to use the bypass at all times and this was included in site inductions for new staff and contractors. MQ Aggregates are not responsible for MQ feed trucks and there was no prohibition on these vehicles using the route through the village.
- iii. Daryl Knight raised the issue of noise monitoring on the bridge near Diana Moran’s house and discussion ensued re the methodology for calculating noise levels at various distances from the bridge itself and the contribution of quarry related noise and other sources. James Hammond advised he would investigate and report back to the committee.
- iv. Daryl Knight asked a question about the monitoring of MQ’s production bore and whether the monitoring data was publicly available on the MQ’s website. James Hammond advised that monitoring is ongoing and took the question on notice regarding its publication.
- v. Bill Dobbie asked for an invitation be extended to GMC to send a representative to provide an update on the plan for the repair of the haul route.

8) Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held at the Bungonia Community Hall on 03 March 2023 at 2.30pm

The meeting closed at 3.20pm

Confirmed

Chairman