

CHAMPIONS QUARRY

COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Final Minutes of Meeting held on 5 March 2015

Meeting Location – Lismore Workers Club, 225-231 Keen Street, Lismore, NSW

Designated Meeting Time – 9:00am Thursday 5 March 2015

Meeting Opened – 9:05am

Meeting Closed – 10:10am

Attendances –

1. Gary Burrige (Chairperson)
2. Jeff Champion (Champions Quarry Representative)
3. Belinda Nott (Champions Quarry Representative)
4. Andrew Gordon (General Community Representative)
5. Matt Kelly (Lismore City Council Representative)
6. Lewis Cook (Bunjalung Aboriginal Elder Representative)
7. Cath Champion (Minute Taker)

Apologies –

The Chairperson contacted Matt Kelly (Lismore City Council Representative) who was absent. Matt Kelly apologised, stated he would arrive shortly after the meeting commenced but was happy for the meeting to proceed in his absence. Matt Kelly arrived at 9:20am prior to the company reports and overview of activities being discussed. The Chairperson gave Matt Kelly an overview of the meeting so far. Matt Kelly confirmed he was happy with the issues covered.

Chris Woolley (Local Community Representative) was unable to attend due to work commitments.

The Chairperson acknowledged and appreciated committee members willingness to move the meeting time from 2:30pm to 9:00am.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interests –

No pecuniary interests declared.

Confirming Draft Minutes of Previous Meeting on 28 August 2014 –

Jeff Champion moved the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted as circulated, seconded by Andrew Gordon and carried by the meeting.

Business Arising From Previous Minutes –

1. The Chairperson confirmed he had contacted the Department of Planning and Infrastructure to advise of John Whites resignation from the CCC;
2. The Chairperson confirmed a copy of the Draft Minutes of the previous meeting (28 August 2014) had been provided to Chris Woolley (the Alternate Local Community Representative); and
3. The Chairperson confirmed the 2013/2014 Annual CCC Report had been prepared and provided to the Department of Planning and Infrastructure and members of the CCC. The contents of the Annual Report was endorsed by Andrew Gordon and seconded by Lewis Cook.

Company Reports and Overview of Activities –

1. Progress of Operational Works

Jeff Champion provided the following overview of current/completed activities, notably:

- Champions Quarry is operating in Progression 1 of the Western Quadrant of the Southern Extraction Area and the Central Extraction Area;
- Progression 1 of the Western Quadrant of the Southern Extraction Area has been surveyed and pegged and Champions Quarry cannot extract beyond Progression 1 until some additional tree planting has been undertaken;
- Champions Quarry is carrying out crushing/screening/stockpiling and supplying; and
- Champions Quarry has some local council contracts (Richmond River Council) and state/federal government supply contracts.

2. Site Inspections - 2 Site Inspections from Government Departments:

Jeff Champion provided the following overview of site inspections from Government Departments:

- The Department of Planning and Infrastructure carried out a site inspection in November 2014. The inspection focused on noise issues and soil and water issues. The inspection was in response to complaints made earlier in the year. The Department determined the quarry was compliant and no remedial action was required; and
- The NSW Office of Water carried out a site inspection in December 2014 in response to a complaint from February 2014. The complainant claimed works (construction of an off-stream dam) were being carried out in a creek. The Department determined the works concerned (construction of the Water Reuse Dam) were not being carried out in a creek/watercourse, the quarry was complaint and no action was required. The Department advised that continued unverified complaints from a complainant would lead to that complainant being deemed a vexatious and being dismissed.

Some discussions took place between Matt Kelly and Jeff Champion as to whether pipes had been installed between the sedimentation ponds and the Water Reuse Dam as they were not in place earlier last year when an inspection was carried out by Lismore City Council and the EPA. It was confirmed by Jeff Champion that at the time of inspection the works had not been finalised but all pipes have now been installed.

The Chairperson suggested records be kept of all onsite inspections/outcomes for accountability. Jeff Champion confirmed such records were kept.

3. Environmental Performance

Jeff Champion provided the following overview of the quarry's environmental performance, with full details/results on the Champions Quarry website:

- Routine air quality monitoring – Compliant, Environmental Analysis Laboratories (EAL) test carry out the tests on the gauges;
- Routine noise monitoring and responsive noise monitoring – Compliant (see further discussions below); and
- Routine water monitoring – Compliant/building baseline data for future reference in accordance with water management plan. EAL test the samples. Some monitoring points have not had any flow, accordingly no testing has occurred at these points.

Various discussions took place between Matt Kelly and Jeff Champion as to whether the Environmental Protection Licence (EPL) had been obtained and whether the issuing of the EPL would change the monitoring program. Jeff Champion advised:

- to date the production levels have not been reached to require the EPL;
- notwithstanding this, the EPL application has been lodged;
- a draft EPL has been issued which is awaiting finalisation; and
- essentially the environmental monitoring programs are set out in the various management plans required under the Project Approval. These plans (where relevant) have already been approved by the EPA as a requirements under the Project Approval.

4. Community Complaints and Responses

Various discussion occurred in relation to noise complaints, noise testing and the peaks and troughs of noise. Jeff Champion provided the following overview of community complaints and responses:

- Two noise complaints were received in September 2014 from NAL 2 (Woolley residence). Responsive testing was carried out in relation to the two noise complaints in September 2014, the results were complaint. The second complaint was logged as a non-legitimate complaint with the Department of Planning and Infrastructure; and
- One complaint was received in March 2015 from NAL 2 (Woolley residence).

Following discussions, the Chairperson provided the following summation in relation to the complaint that was received in March 2015:

- Champions Quarry had received the relevant complaint;
- The complaint had been taken on notice;
- Employees were instructed to cease the action complained of (scraping with an excavator) until noise monitoring could be carried out;
- Champions Quarry undertook to carry out noise monitoring when the noise monitor was returned from being calibrated and respond to Mr Woolley as the complainant.

Correspondence –

The Chairperson advised he had received a letter from Mr Chris Woolley (the Local Community Representative) advising that due to staffing he could not attend the CCC Meeting, requesting the CCC Meetings in future be held on a Tuesday or Wednesday so that he could attend.

Various discussions took place amongst members in relation to changing the meeting day to a Tuesday or Wednesday. Three members advised that they would be unable to attend on those days. All present accepted the next CCC Meeting is to occur on a Thursday as previously held.

Notwithstanding this, various discussions took place recognising the importance of a local community representative attending the meeting. At the Chairpersons suggestion, the members advised that they were willing to consider a meeting after normal business hours on a Thursday, if this was of assistance to Mr Chris Woolley. In addition, members considered it desirable to have an Alternative Local Community Member, in the event that Mr Woolley could not attend.

The Chairperson undertook to contact Mr Woolley in relation to these options and the NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure.

Communication with the NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure in Relation to the CCC –

No correspondence was received from the NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure in relation to the CCC, except for the 2013/2014 Annual Review already mentioned.

Meeting Open for General Business –

No further business.

Next Meeting –

To be advised. Requirement to meet before October 2015.

Action required to be taken following this CCC Meeting –

1. The Chairperson to contact Mr Chris Woolley and discuss availability at alternative times on a Thursday for the next CCC Meeting; and

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2. The Chairperson to contact the NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure and request an Alternative Local Community Member be sought.