

**MINUTES OF BRANDY HILL QUARRY  
COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE**

<b>Meeting Date:</b>	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	
<b>Start:</b>	2:02pm	
<b>Closed:</b>	2:49pm	
<b>Venue:</b>	Online	
<b>Present:</b>	Lisa Andrews (LA)	Chairperson
	Belinda Pignone (BP)	Planning and Compliance Coordinator
	Andrew Driver (AD)	Eastern Region Development Manager [ <i>joined at 2.20pm</i> ]
	Brad Nelson (BN)	Quarry Manager [ <i>left at 2.40pm</i> ]
	Shaun Boland (SB)	Quarry Supervisor
	Neil Richie (NR)	Community Representative (VOWW & BHSAG)
	Chantal Parslow Redman (CPR)	Community Representative [ <i>joined at 2.06pm</i> ]
	Margarete Richie (MR)	Community Representative (VOWW & BHSAG)
<b>Apologies:</b>	Rob Adams (RA)	Community Representative
	Pre McGee (PM)	Community Representative
	James Moore (JM)	Community Representative

- Opening & Welcome** – LA opened the meeting at 2:02pm and welcomed all attendees. Cr Giacomo Arnott was introduced as the new Port Stephens Council delegate (replacing Cr Paul Le Mottee).
- Apologies** – as listed above.
- Declarations** - LA declared that she is an approved Independent Chairperson by the Department of Planning & Environment, engaged by Hanson to chair the meeting. LA advised that she would send through the relevant governance forms to Cr Arnott for completion and return. **Action.**  
  
No changes to members' previous declarations.
- Business arising from previous meeting minutes**  
  
The minutes from 16 November 2021 were finalised and sent out on 29 November 2021. There was one action item:

ITEM	ISSUE	RESPONSIBILITY
1	Potential for RFS training day with Hanson & local residents (currently on hold due to COVID restrictions)	NR Heldover.

NR advised that the RFS are still limiting its operations to emergencies only during the COVID pandemic. There are currently no regular meetings, however, as soon as the opportunity is available, NR will raise the training day and provide information back to the CCC. This item will be kept open.

LA sought feedback from NR regarding the Community Meeting on the Brandy Hill Drive Shared Pathway proposal. NR responded that it was an online forum, however, not many people attended.

After discussion and feedback from Council, people understood the reasons for crossing over Brandy Hill Drive, due to the steep bank in the vicinity of Tandara Road, the power poles and relocation of water mains; commenting that it is a very big project for the future. NR has not received any feedback since that meeting. There have been a number of surveyors in the area with markers and ribbons posted on both sides of Brandy Hill Drive.

BN enquired if there was any negativity from the community regarding the proposal, with NR responding that he was not aware of any. BN advised that he had heard that some people weren't happy about it. NR reiterated that no one has made it known to them of any negativity. MR advised that in 2015 their Association had undertaken a survey of every property on Brandy Hill Drive and had only received one adverse comment.

NR advised that there was a map on Council's website where the public could "pin" comments.

GA commented that he would have liked to see more money contributed to the path from Hanson.

## 5 Correspondence (as sent out with the meeting notice on 4/2/22 with 2 additional items):

- 22/11/21 – Email to members with the draft minutes for review.
- 29/11/21 – Email to members with the finalised minutes.
- 25/1/22 – Email to PSC requesting new delegate on the CCC.
- 27/1/22 – Email from PSC advising that Cr Arnott will be Council's delegate and Cr Kafer will be the alternate.
- 1/2/22 – Email to Cr Arnott and Cr Kafer welcoming them to CCC and enclosing governance forms for completion and submission.
- 4/2/22 – Email to members with the Meeting Notice, Agenda & Correspondence Report for this meeting, advising that it will be held via video-conferencing.
- 14/2/22 – Email to members with the Microsoft Teams Link to participate in the CCC.
- 16/2/22 – Email from JM with an apology for this meeting and asking that two items be placed on the agenda (an update on the shared pathway & PSC's delegate on the CCC).

*JM's email was tabled and read to all attendees.*

## 6 Reports & Updates

- **Project update**
  - BP provided an update:
  - Management plans, state and federal planning:
    - Air Quality, Blast, Noise and Traffic Management Plans have been approved.
    - Biodiversity and Rehabilitation Management Plan submitted to DPE, waiting on completed review/potential approval.

- Federal Koala Management Plans have been submitted to DAWE. Should receive approval within the next two weeks.
- Koala corridor planting –waiting for budget, will begin works in some form (land prep and weed management) as soon as budgets are approved.
  - Discussion around Koala management of the site. CPR enquired whether there was any impact from NSW endangered listing. BP advised that the management plans are in line with EPBC/Federal consent conditions. MR noted that the project is significant and in the spotlight within NSW environmental circles.
- Weather station installed. Login details and website link to be sent to LA for distribution to CCC. **Action.**
- VPA – a meeting was held between Hanson and Council on 7/12/22 to obtain final design costings. PSC advised that a response would be provided by 25/1/22, however, no information has yet been forthcoming. BP has emailed Council following up this issue, however, has not received a response. MR asked GA to make enquiries with Council regarding where the proposal is up to. GA asked Hanson to forward through the most recent emails for follow-up by him. **Action.**
- CPR enquired whether she could have a walk through the koala corridor site. BN said that this could be arranged. Other CCC members expressed interest in being included. LA suggested that a tour of the area be held prior to the commencement of the next scheduled CCC. All agreed. BN to confirm with safety officer on whether the meeting can be held on site under COVID requirements. **To be confirmed.** BN commented that Hanson is leading the way in its commitment to the Koala corridor with a lot of money and care being expended to protect the species. BP advised that she would upload the Koala Management Plans to the website when approved.
- SB advised that he and BP have had a meeting with contractors and the rehabilitation areas have been earmarked. Discussions have been held regarding preparing the soil to make the land suitable to plant the koala trees. Hanson want it all done properly, from the ground up. Accordingly, the best contractors are being engaged, which will also include the maintenance and management of the trees to ensure their survival. CPR stated that it was such a great opportunity for Hanson to promote these works. CPR asked how long it will take to clear the 52 hectares
- MR highlighted the opportunity to organise a community tree planting day for the corridor (great idea).
- BN advised that the Emergency Call line has been tested by MR. MR advised that there is some confusion, with the recorded audio stating twice, that the line was only for emergencies. BN confirmed that he had tested the service and found the same thing. BN stated that it is a nationwide call centre, but he would follow up and raise this issue.

## 7 General Business

- BN advised that he had investigated the report received from MR regarding the trucks with noisy brakes. A search for the times MR provided could not find anything matching the weighbridge records as coming from Hanson. MR stated that trucks are held up at the intersection, so delay at weighbridge may be reduced.
- SB advised that the cow getting onto the road has been rectified with the fencing being fixed. CPR stated that the cow was walking on Giles Road, so she reported it to SB at Hanson.

- NR advised that he had tried to access the footpath map on Council's website, however, it appears that it is no longer available. *Post script: NR provided the link following the meeting.*
- MR thanked Cr Giacomo Arnott for joining the CCC, hoping that he could take questions back to Council to receive answers. Cr Arnott responded that he had fought hard to get on this CCC and that Cr Kafer was also very interested.
- CPR enquired about the Fire Safety Training. LA advised that this had been discussed earlier in the meeting prior to CPR joining and provided a brief update to her on information received from NR.
- GA asked if the CCC's could be held in the local area, perhaps the Seaham School of Arts. MR advised that this meeting room was probably not appropriate, however, there was the school hall. LA advised that the Raymond Terrace Bowling Club has previously been used as it was able to facilitate electronic requirements and space.

## 8 Next Meeting

11 May 2022 on site, with inspection of koala corridor area – to be confirmed.

***Meeting closed at 2.49pm with LA thanking all for their attendance.***

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1	Potential for RFS training day with Hanson & local residents (currently on hold due to COVID restrictions)	NR
2	Send weather station login details to LA for distribution to CCC members (with link)	BP/LA
3	Hanson to send Cr Arnott most recent emails regarding VPA for following up	BP
4	Confirm venue and commencement time for next CCC	