

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

Meeting Date:	Wednesday, 22nd February 2023	
Venue:	Training Room, Hanson Brandy Hill Quarry	
Present:	Lisa Andrews (LA)	Chairperson
	Dan Taylor (DT)	Hanson – Maintenance Supervisor
	Belinda Pignone (BP)	Hanson Senior Environmental Coordinator
	Jessica Keegan (JK)	Grad – Enviro, Sustainability & Safety
	Brad Nelson (BN)	Quarry Manager (<i>Joined via video-conferencing</i>)
	Robert Adams (RA)	Community Representative
	James Moore (JM)	Community Representative
	Neil Richie (NR)	Community Representative (VOWW & BHSAG)
	Margarete Richie (MR)	Community Representative (VOWW & BHSAG)
	Pre McGree (PM)	Community Representative
Invited Guests:	Adam Stewart	PSC - Civil Assets Manager
	Rick Mackenzie	PSC - Civil Projects Coordinator
	Elizabeth Akerman	PSC – Community Engagement Team Leader
Absent:	Cr Arnott	PSC – Councillor and delegate

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- Opening & Welcome** – LA opened the meeting at 11.05am and welcomed all attendees. LA introduced the representatives from Port Stephens Council who were attending the meeting to provide information on the Brandy Hill Drive Pathway (Action 2 from previous meeting).
 - Apologies** – Chantal Parslow Redman, Andrew Driver, Chantel Sullivan & Shaun Boland
 - Declarations** - LA declared that she is an approved Independent Chairperson by the Department of Planning & Environment, engaged by Hanson to chair the meeting. PM advised that she has just been approved as a community representative on the Stoney Creek CCC. No changes to other members' previous declarations.
 - Business arising from previous meeting minutes**

The minutes from 16 November 2022 were finalised and sent out on 6 December 2022.

ACTION ITEMS

ITEM	ISSUE	RESPONSIBILITY
1	Potential for RFS training day with Hanson & local residents (currently on hold due to COVID restrictions) See below.	NR
2	Contact Andrew Campbell, Port Stephens Council and invite to the next CCC meeting to present on the pathway design and costing. Complete, spoke to AC and emailed 2/2/23 inviting him to this CCC. Received response from Adam Stewart accepting to come to this CCC who is present today..	LA
3	Advise of the species of trees that are to be planted on site. Complete, emailed with finalised minutes 6/12/22.	BP
4	JK to complete meeting declarations. Not necessary JK leaving Hanson.	LA
5	Link to approved Hanson documentation to be provided to LA. BP to provide web link to LA for distribution.	BP

Response for Action Item 1:

SB & BN met with two Group Officers from RFS on Monday 18 February 2023 to discuss bush fire management moving forward. The end objective was for Hanson to undertake an emergency drill of their Emergency Plan. **Action: Send copy of Emergency Plan to NR. Further action – look at planning a scenario with Bolwarra, who would be the first brigade to be dispatched in the event of a fire.** RFS representatives walked around the site and looked at the water supply/tanks. Hanson will put special firefighting fittings on the tank and water supply from the dam will be used in an event. Another meeting is to be planned before November 2023.

Action Item 2:

AS briefed the CCC on the proposed Brandy Hill Drive Pathway, advising that he was happy to attend at any time to provide updates to the CCC.

RM proceeded to provide the following information:

- **Pathway**
 - Pathway and alignment has been discussed with Hanson.
 - Consideration of the petition to build on one side only. Cost benefit undertaken in terms of usage, ease of building, preliminary concept plans, crossings, etc.
 - Council spoke with Hanson and Councillors will be briefed tomorrow evening.
 - Timeline on the pathway is up to design refinement to one side of the road.
 - Commitment to supply pathway still in place
 - Two thirds fully designed and ready to go and one third may require land acquisition
 - Preliminary costings completed.
 - Limited information provided to CCC outside of Brandy Hill Drive residents. AS best contact for pathway updates.
 - RA advised that there has been no councillor attendance (except for one meeting) since Paul Le Motte left his position at Council. Further, that Paul Le Mottee was a regular attendee at this CCC.
 - RA commented that Paul Le Mottee advised at a previous meeting that costings hadn't been done, however, Council accepted \$1.5M from Hanson.

- RM stated that the state government imposed the condition on the consent. PSC estimated that the pathway may cost north of \$3M, so Council will have to fund the gap or Hanson.
- MR provided background on the safety issues along Brandy Hill Drive and its history over the past 4 years.
- NR discussed the community's petition and community preference, that the path be located fully on one side
- MR noted that on both sides, everyone would need to cross the road and commented on the lack of communication regarding design since the Council's Zoom discussion on the pathway design. Further that the CCC can be utilised for communication to community.
- EA informed the CCC that there is a cost shortfall with the new design, difficult to meet community expectations. Costings provided on the determination of Brandy Hill Quarry State Significant Development Consent was 60:40 split; \$2.5M at the time of approval.
- EA suggested that Council get something out to the community so they understand that there is a cost shortfall. **Action: EA to communicate information to residents.**
- MR suggested consideration of exploring options for external funding via grants. RM advised that this is difficult as the path doesn't connect with other pathways. Grants focused on road maintenance and paths that are missing links in high density areas. They don't like paths built in isolation.
- MR commented that the amount paid in rates by residents is not reflective of Council's input back into the area. There are many pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders using the road.
- NR advised that land acquisition seems to be amicable with neighbours that may be impacted, further that the pathway is the only community contribution from Hanson.
- NR queried what material the pathway will be made from? RM advised that Council may consider asphalt as it is cheaper, quicker and easier to utilise. JM commented that concrete is stronger than asphalt and better for long term maintenance.
- JM enquired whether Hanson could provide materials "in kind" to assist with the costs. AS advised that Council has to ensure transparency with public monies with any commercial arrangement.
- NR asked whether ongoing maintenance of pathway could be included in VPA? Also, questioning its timing.

POST SCRIPT - Extract from VPA included below:

- A11. The Applicant must not transport more than 700,000 tonnes of quarry products from the site in any calendar year until the bus bays and shared pathway along Brandy Hill Drive are constructed.

Following the **construction of the bus bays and shared pathway**, the Applicant must not transport more than 1.5 million tonnes of quarry products and 15,000 m³ of pre-mixed concrete from the site in any calendar year.

PLANNING AGREEMENT

- A20. Within **six months of the date of commencement** or other timeframe agreed by the Planning Secretary, the Applicant must enter into a Voluntary Planning Agreement with Council in accordance with:
- (a) Division 7.1 of Part 7 of the EP&A Act; and
 - (b) the terms of the offer in Appendix 7.

APPENDIX 7: GENERAL TERMS OF PLANNING AGREEMENT

Applicant's Contribution	Intended Use	Payment Details
\$120,000	<i>Funding toward the construction of six bus bays on Brandy Hill Drive and Seaham Road. This item will be a forward payment of haulage levels required under Council's contributions plan.</i> <i>Bus bays to be designed and constructed by Council.</i>	<i>Within 12 months of the date of the commencement of the development, or as otherwise agreed under the executed document.</i>
\$1,500,000	<i>Funding toward the construction of a shared pathway on Brandy Hill Drive.</i> <i>Shared pathway to be designed and constructed by Council.</i>	<i>First payment of \$375,000 to be made immediately following the execution of the planning agreement.</i> <i>The remaining amount to be paid in 3 equal instalments within 12 months of the execution of the planning agreement.</i>

Following this briefing, Council representatives left to CCC at 11.49am. LA thanked them for their attendance and the information provided, leaving an open invitation for them to attend future CCCs.

5 Correspondence Report (as sent with meeting notice on 2/2/23):

- 28/11/22– Email to members with the draft minutes for review.
- 6/12/22 - Email to members with the finalised minutes.
- 2/2/23 – Email to Andrew Campbell, PSC inviting him to Q1 CCC.
- 2/2/23 - Email to members with the Meeting Notice, Agenda & Correspondence Report for this meeting.

6 Reports & Updates

• Project Update

- BP provided update:
 - SSD Consent – still in the same position as the last meeting. Currently waiting for the Water Management Plan to be approved by DPI-Water (this is the last Management Plan to be finalised), which should occur in the next 4 weeks.
 - Federal: Final Koala Habitat Plan and Koala Protection Plan - waiting on approval.
 - All approved documents are on the Hanson website and can be viewed by the community.
 - Attended noise monitoring will be carried out for the first three months.
 - Koala corridor works have begun – at planning stage.
 - Stewardship site application submitted, currently under assessment.

Site production

- DT informed the CCC that not much has changed on site since the last meeting.
- Material is being supplied for the Belford to Golden Highway upgrade.
- Supply to Newcastle Airport is coming to an tail end. (Hanson is secondary suppliers.)

7 General Business

- MR advised that she was travelling to Patterson on Monday, 20 February, around 7.35am behind two trucks –one after the other over the Patterson Bridge. Neither trucks were Hansons and most likely independent contractors. MR observed very loud, squealing brakes and saw that one truck's registration number began with DOG. DT acknowledged, noting that random audits are undertaken on sub-contractors and there is a chain of responsibility in place in terms of safety. DT advised that Hanson do not have the power to force maintenance on contractors. Notwithstanding this, communication will be provided to sub-contractors regarding community concerns around safety and noise.
- NR enquired, in terms of noise and dust management, whether there will be any improvements carried out on the plant with the new SSD Consent. DT advised that the new plant will be installed with stage 3 and the current plant will need to be enclosed (jaw crusher) for noise reduction under SSD consent conditions.
- BP advised that ongoing noise and air quality monitoring will occur, as stipulated in the relevant management plans.
- JM enquired whether the main plant would be relocated. DT advised yes – not sure of timing. The fixed plant will stay where it is.
- MR thanked BN & AD for fielding call on the Daracon expansion and cumulative impacts.

8 Next Meeting

- Wednesday 31 May 2023, commencing at 11am on site.

Meeting closed 12.09pm with LA thanking all for their attendance and contribution.

ITEM	ISSUE	RESPONISBILITY
1	Send copy of Emergency Plan to NR.	LA
2	Look at planning a scenario with Bolwarra Rural Fire Brigade.	BN
3	EA to communicate information to residents on the Brandy Hill Drive pathway.	EA/Council