

BASS POINT QUARRY COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

MEETING NO. 02

WEDNESDAY 25TH February 2015

MINUTES

LOCATION

Bass Point Quarry
Boollwarroo Pd
Bass Point NSW 2529

ATTENDANCE

Mr Robby Stephenson (RS)	General Manager – Links Shell Cove
Mrs Vicki Steele (VS)	Community Member
Mr Craig Walker (CW)	Principal - Shell Cove Public School
Mr Nathan Cattell (NC)	Killalea State Park
Mr Scott Whittaker (SW) - minutes	Hanson
Mr Stephen Butcher (SB)	Hanson

INVITED (OTHER)

APOLOGIES

ABSENT

Mr Craig Nolan (CN) (Apologies post-meeting)	Shellharbour Council
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MEETING START TIME

4.00pm

ITEM NO	DISCUSSION POINT	ACTION/CLOSE OUT	DATE
1.0	Introduction		
1.1	N/A		
2.0	Apologies		
2.1	Acknowledged above.		
3.0	Declaration of Pecuniary and Other Interests		
3.1	RS and NC declared that the quarry donate material occasionally. CW declared that the quarry makes an annual donation to the school worth approx. \$3k. The group agreed to log these declarations but they didn't appear significant enough to cause any concern within the group.		
4.0	Confirmation of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting		
4.1	SW confirmed that the group were satisfied with the previous minutes that were distributed.		
5.0	Business Arising from the Previous Minutes		

5.1	SW explained that he has some detail to present on the rehabilitation and final landform.		
6.0	Correspondence		
6.1	N/A.		
7.0	Company Reports and Overview of Activities		
7.1	SW presented a summary of past and present quarry operations as well as the details of the project that is currently being undertaken.		
	<u>Highlights from the presentation</u>		
7.2	<p>SW explained that each meeting, Hanson would focus on their performance of two environmental aspects. This meeting was:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Blasting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SW presented data and explained that the quarry had not exceeded its criteria since July 2014 (when the existing consent was surrendered). - SW gave a brief description of ground vibration and blast overpressure - SW explained that the quarry is currently working to establish “blasting site laws”. - The discussion regarding Mrs Steel’s property is detailed in General Business. 2. Transport Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SW explained the limitation on the numbers of trucks dispatched per hour. Hanson is averaging one to two exceedances per month between 5 and 7am, mainly due to technical errors. - SW asked the group whether they’d prefer to see more trucks dispatched before 7am rather than after 7am. The group agreed that it makes sense to dispatch more trucks before school zone times and peak hour traffic. - SW explained that Hanson would be discussing this issue with the 		

	Department of Planning (DOP).		
7.3	SW presented a number of images that detail the progressive rehabilitation and final landform of the site.		
8.0	General Business		
8.1	<p>NC requested more detail on the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Killalea Lagoon Mgmt Plan (including previous vibracore data) - Stabilisation at the northern end of The Farm - Potential impacts of the quarry on the marine environment, particularly the grey nurse shark. <p>SW agreed to meet with NC outside of the CCC meeting and then provide the group with a summary of the discussion at the next meeting.</p>	15/4/15	
8.2	VS informed the group of her experience relating to blasting over the last 14 months. VS read a letter to the group that is addressed to Gareth Ward MP (Member for Kiama) from Pru Howard MP (Minister for Planning). The letter is dated October 2014. SB received a copy following the last CCC meeting.		
8.3	In summary, VS first complained about the effects of blasting at her Minnamurra property in December 2013. She described how the blast felt like an earthquake and that a painting fell off the wall. VS noted that she had not felt any effects from blasting until this blast (apart from one earlier that year that was reported to the EPA). VS was concerned that the timing aligned with the quarry reaching sea level). She expressed her frustration that this matter remained unresolved.		
8.4	SB explained that the blast in question was orientated towards Minnamurra and involved a slower initiation that the blasting contractor was experimenting with. While the degree of ground vibration and overpressure may not have been any greater, the blast would have felt like it lasted for a longer time period, which may have made it more noticeable to the public. Since this experiment was unsuccessful, Hanson had no plans of repeating this method.		
8.5	Hanson has monitored at VS's property on two		

	occasions since the blast in question (once independently) and adjacent to VS's property on several other occasions. On each occasion the results have always been well below the license criteria.		
8.6	VS explained that she has been asking Hanson to repeat the blast since her initial complaint. She also believes there may be a geological anomaly as the quarry is now blasting at RLO and her property sits on a basalt lens.		
8.7	SB explained that Hanson would not repeat the slower initiation as it was not successful. He also explained that it has not been viable to blast in the same location and used a diagram to show that part of the new plant would be located in this area.		
8.8	SB made a point that if Hanson does not have any plans to blast in this location/orientation at RLO, then Hanson would question the validity of such an exercise. If the location and orientation were the reasons for VS's concern, Hanson believe it's a positive outcome that the location and orientation will not be repeated in the short to medium term.		
8.9	The letter states that "the quarry has agreed to install a vibration monitor at VS's property". VS's understanding is that the monitor would be permanent. SB explained that the monitors were not permanent as they were prone to vandalism etc.		
8.10	SW and SB explained that apart from VS's communication, Hanson has not been consulted on the potential install of a monitor.		
8.11	SW explained that Hanson will reserve the right for consultation with the DoP before making any commitments. It was agreed that Hanson would aim for an outcome within 2 weeks but this would be dependent on the DoP.	11/3/15	
8.12	SB explained that it is not practical or productive to set up a permanent monitor at VS's residence. In fact, it could set a precedent if Hanson were to receive complaints from other members of the public.		
8.13	SW asked VS about her expectations of how this matter could be resolved. VS maintained that she wanted Hanson to replicate the blast in		

8.14	<p>question and ideally did not want to feel any of the effects from blasting activities. She offered to pay for the monitoring but SB explained that it would not be appropriate.</p> <p>SB explained that in reality this may not be achievable but the quarry's blasting activities are first class and Hanson will always aim to stay well under the license criteria at VS's property and within the general public.</p>		
8.15	<p>SW has an action to include a link to the Bass Point Quarry website when the minutes are distributed.</p>		
8.16	<p>SW and CW conducted a site tour following the close of the meeting.</p>		
8.17	<p>SW asked the group for nominations for the independent chairperson. VS showed interest but asked for more time to consider the position.</p>		
8.18	<p>SW has an action to ask Craig Nolan if he was interested in the position.</p>		
9.0	Next Meeting		
9.1	<p>The next meeting is proposed for Wednesday the 27th of May 2015 at 4pm.</p>		

MEETING CLOSED

5.30pm