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

Meeting Date:	Thursday 2nd May 2019	
Start:	4:00pm	
Closed:	5:42pm	
Venue:	Raymond Terrace Bowling Club	
Apologies:	Pre McGee and Chantal Parslow Redman	
Present:	Lisa Andrews (LA)	Chairperson
	Belinda Pignone (BP)	Graduate Environmental Planning and Compliance Coordinator
	Andrew Driver (AD)	Eastern Region Development Manager
	Nick Warren (NW)	Consultant – RW Corkery (invited guest)
	Nicole Stanfield (NS)	Compliance Officer (Minute Secretary)
	Brad Nelson (BN)	Quarry Manager
	Neil Richie (NR)	Community Representative (VOWW & BHSAG)
	Margarete Richie (MR)	Community Representative (VOWW & BHSAG)
	Cr Paul Le Mottee (PLM)	Port Stephens Council delegate (<i>left at 5.35pm</i>)
	Rob Adams (RA)	Community Representative
	James Moore (JM)	Community Representative
	Peter Rees	Community Representative (VOWW)

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- 1 Opening & Welcome** – LA opened the meeting at 4pm and welcomed all attendees.
 - 2 Apologies** – as listed above.
 - 3 Declarations** - LA declared that she is an approved Independent Chairperson by the Department of Planning & Environment, engaged by Hanson to chair the meeting. No changes to members' previous declarations.
 - 4 Business arising from previous meeting minutes**

The minutes from 21st February 2019 were finalised and sent out on 16th March 2019.

ACTION ITEMS

ITEM	ISSUE	RESPONSIBILITY
1	Consider additional site tours for interested residents/CCC members (To be included in the next Have a Chat Sessions)	BN
2	Email copy of Bronwyn White's resignation to all CCC members (Complete 23/2/19 – included in Action Item 5)	LA
3	Meeting to be arranged between Hanson, CPR & Giles Rd Resident to discuss questions raised in email tabled by CPR. (Meeting & site visit held on 2/4/19)	BN
4	Hanson to consider testing additional water tanks. (Testing of one additional water tank proposed – see further discussions below#)	AD
5	Email documents to CCC members for their information/response. (Letter from Umwelt regarding Daracon's change to its Haul Route, presentation showing comparison from the existing application to the proposed application, questions from Giles Road resident & resignation letter from Bronwyn White. (Documents sent 23/2/19 – no responses received*))	LA
6	Logistic movements as requested by PR (truck movements/direction leaving the site) (Complete – emailed 16/3/19)	AD

Item 4:

Lengthy discussions ensued regarding the testing of additional water tanks (10) to obtain a wider spread of results. Hanson's position was that testing undertaken to date indicated that the tank water in all tanks so far is fit for human consumption, including the quarry site, which would have the maximum exposure.

NW suggested that consideration be given to the Community Enhancement Fund sponsoring the testing of residents' water tanks, if requested, as well as opportunities to retrofit first flush systems, etc. Commenting that it may be difficult to determine where contaminants derive from, traffic, roads, dust, grains, pollution, etc.

JM provided suggestions for obtaining element analysis of the dust on site and using as a base line for testing of residents' water tanks. PLM commented that whilst the current operations may not be causing problems, the proposed expansion could, and therefore it would be in Hanson's favour to have baseline information, pre-approval and post-approval of expansion if granted. Community representatives were in agreement that more than three tanks should be tested.

Issues were raised regarding water testing vs sediment testing, breathing dust vs drinking dust. AD explained that modelling is undertaken as part of the assessment process and results to date have not raised any concerns.

It was agreed that this is an emotional argument and important to surrounding residents, especially where young children are concerned.

It was noted that it is not a requirement of the assessment process to undertake such testing and that no residents have approached the quarry directly raising concerns and/or seeking testing. Notwithstanding this, Hanson agreed to take this issue on notice.

Action: Hanson took issue on notice; to consider additional testing.

* Item 5:

- Response to comparison to original application / current application:
 - NR advised that following a meeting of VOWW & BHSAG the previous night, all attendees advised that the revised application was still not satisfactory to members. It is intended to survey the community regarding the changes. Certainly all were in agreement that there should be no 24 hour operations. Having lived on Brandy Hill Drive for 30 years, he is prepared to put up with trucks, however, with two quarries impacting the amenity of the area, the current application is not acceptable.
 - PLM commented that at the last meeting, there were some significant amendments to the proposal, as well as the Daracon transport alterations, the proposed changes from the original application to the current proposal and the Volunteer Planning Agreement (VPA).
 - Negotiations with Hanson and Port Stephens Council regarding the VPA are still under negotiation, with Council not supporting the initial proposal. It was agreed that it is difficult to go back to the community without knowing what mitigation and financial opportunities will be available as compensation.
 - AD informed attendees that the draft VPA had been prepared in accordance with Council's own standards. Hanson are being prejudged, without having received a formal response from Council and therefore are still in active negotiation.
 - MR commented that the VPA should reflect compensation for having to put up with trucks, noise, dust and safety, especially for the children in the area.
 - Further discussions regarding the location of proposed bus bays, engagement of traffic engineer consultants and consultation with the local bus company on the best positions for the bus stopping area. Suggested that they be placed at every side-street with ideal locations on the right and left side of each side street and on both sides of the street. **Ongoing.**
 - NW advised that discussions had taken place with Maitland Council and PSC are requesting significantly more than Maitland.
 - PR raised concerned the committee was stagnating, as the same issues were being raised at each meeting with no progress. Whilst it was agreed that there was no new information to provide this evening, feedback has been provided by community representatives back to Hanson. The next meeting will be scheduled when the VPA has been resolved and will be presented to the CCC.
 - Discussions moved from the VPA to the Community Enhancement Fund (CEF) and how this committee should be established. LA provided background on other CEF's, which were operated as a Section 355 committee under the auspices of Council. Council has the governance requirements to assist in administering the funds. For consideration.
 - PR raised an issue with the previous minutes and amendments that he had suggested to the Chair, which were resolved.

- LA advised that moving forward, a minute secretary had been appointed to support this process. Members raised concern that some items were not captured and other items recorded did not depict exactly what was said. LA read from the minute taking requirements of the Department of Planning's CCC guidelines and explained that the minutes are a summary of the matters discussed at the meeting and not verbatim. It was essential that action items are clearly identified and responded to by the following meeting.
- LA took this opportunity to reinforce the Code of Conduct rules and her expectations from all members.

5 Correspondence

- 23/2/19 – Email to members with action items from the previous meeting. (Letter from Umwelt regarding Daracon's change to its Haul Route, presentation showing comparison from the existing application to the proposed application, questions from Giles Road resident & resignation letter from Bronwyn White).
- 4/3/19 – Email from Nick Warren (RW Corkery) providing further information on noise frequency information from the noise consultant. Forwarded to members with draft minutes for review.
- 16/3/19 – Email to members with the finalised minutes and providing data on 2018 truck movements in and out of quarry (Commercial In Confidence).
- 5/4/19 – Email from Hanson with the responses to questions posed by a Giles Rd resident that was tabled by CPR at 21/2/19 CCC. This information was forwarded on to all members.
- 18/4/19 – Email to members with the Meeting Notice, Agenda & Correspondence Report for this meeting.
- 26/4/19 – Letter to Department of Planning seeking endorsement for CPR replacing BW on the CCC.
- 26/4/19 – Email from Department advising they have no objections to CPR's membership.
- 30/4/19 – Email from Pre McGee with an apology for this meeting.

6 Reports & Updates

- NW advised that they are currently working on the Response to Submissions.
- Waiting on information from consultant regarding air quality.
- Transport Routes – received feedback from both Part Stephens Council & Maitland Council and agreed that for the majority of traffic, instead of turning right at Adelaide Street, they will be turning left and accessing the Pacific Highway via Richardson Road. Similarly for traffic through Maitland, the preferred route will be via Flat Road and Melbourne Street to access the New England Highway.
- Hoping to submit RTS by the end of May 2019.

7 General Business

- JM commented on the trial speed reduction on Brandy Hill Drive. Stating that he has observed the slower speed of some trucks and a reasonable level of compliance with the change from 80km to 60km. BN advised that the trial had commenced 6 weeks prior and involved Hanson trucks and its sub-contractor trucks. PLM commented that he hadn't noticed the change. JM enquired whether trucks can be monitored by management and whether this information could be provided to the CCC at the end of the trial.
- PLM asked if details of VPA and RTS can be represented at the next CCC.

8 Next Meeting

It was agreed to hold off scheduling the next CCC until there is something meaningful to impart to members.

ITEM	ISSUE	RESPONSIBILITY
1	Hanson to consider testing additional water tanks	AD
3	Presentation on VPA & RTS	NW/AD
4	Feedback on speed limit trial	BN
5	Liaise with CCC for scheduling of next meeting	LA