

Hanson Bass Point Quarry Community Consultative Committee

TUESDAY 16TH JUNE 2020

MINUTES (Version 1.0)

Location

Microsoft Teams Video Conference

Attendance

Mr Philip Thompson (PT)	Independent Chairperson
Mr Les Brooks (LB)	Community representative
Mr Mark Miller (MM)	Shellharbour City Council
Mr Robbie Stephenson (CC)	GM - Links Shell Cove
Ms Vicki Steele (VS)	Community representative
Mr Luke Daniels (LD)	Killalea State Park
Mr Stephen Butcher (SB)	Hanson Quarry Manager
Mr Stephen Sellers (SS)	Hanson Project Manager
Miss Chelsea Flood (CF)	Hanson Compliance Officer
Mr Ryan Bates (RB)	Hanson Graduate Management Trainee

Invited (Other)

Apologies

Absent

Mr Simon Webb (SW)	Principal – Shell Cove Public School
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Meeting Start Time

15:17

Item No.	Discussion Point	Action/ Close Out	Date
1.0	Introduction		
1.1	Welcome to all members (PT)		
2.0	Apologies/Absent		
2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Simon Webb (no response) <p>[prior to meeting commencement, CF stated that she will contact Shell Cove Public School to find a replacement CCC member before the next meeting]</p>	CF	15/09/2020
3.0	Confirmation of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting		
3.1	<p>Confirmed – MM Second – RS</p> <p>Minutes from previous meeting carried as confirmed</p>		
4.0	Business Arising from the Previous Minutes		
4.1	Nil		
5.0	Company Reports and Overview of Activities		
5.1	<p><u>Project Update by SS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Projects put on hold due to COVID-19. Capital expenditure has been put on hold and therefore no further items to report. 		
5.2	<p><u>Operational Report</u></p> <p>SB – Hanson have maintained a reasonable level of business activity, although volumes have dropped some 25% the quarry is still operational.</p> <p>Major projects have remained per last report.</p> <p>Quarry operations are continuing in the south and western pit per last report.</p> <p>CF – 2 external NSW regulator audits:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> COVID-19 audit – good outcome Road / vehicle operating areas with focus on operator competency and maintenance. 3 notices received, relating to fault reporting, pre-start testing, and maintenance processes. Controls and procedural changes have been implemented accordingly. 		

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5.3	CF – One internal audit on COVID-19 checks (processes and equipment in place). Frequency has changed from weekly to monthly, although safety controls have remained the same.		
6.0	Environment & Community		
6.1	<p>CF – Environment and Community – Annual review accepted by DPIE on 04/05/2020, noting two non-compliances (annual site water balance not completed, and annual weed control not completed). Hanson is currently improving in both of these areas to prevent future non-compliances.</p> <p>LD noted that Reflections Killalea Reserve will be investigating aerial spraying in the future, and that Hanson will be contacted for involvement in the discussion. CF noted that there was considerable community interest last time aerial spraying was scheduled.</p>		
6.2	<p>Hanson Environment Protection Licence is currently under 5 year review by the EPA. This will be varied in accordance with any changes to legislation, and discharge water turbidity conditions will be modified to account for extreme weather circumstances. Limits to be determined in the review process. Existing conditions relating to water discharge under regular circumstances will not be changed.</p> <p>VS – When was the last extreme weather event?</p> <p>CF – February. [added: 10/02/2020. Between 07/02/2020 and 10/02/2020 BoM reported a total of 291.6 mm rain at the nearest weather station; Albion Park]</p> <p>VS – Which other businesses were impacted and had to discharge excess water?</p> <p>CF – This information was not disclosed by the EPA, but it was advised at the time of reporting that there were a large number of other similar discharges. The EPA reporting phone line went down for a short time due to the high volume of calls.</p> <p>VS – How is an extreme event defined?</p> <p>CF – discharge event conditions have been defined in other licences, for example as</p>		

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	<p>>10mm rainfall in 24 hrs, but are not defined in the draft Hanson EPL.</p> <p>PT – Maybe localised flooding can be used as an example.</p> <p>SB – The EPA has taken the view that these events are outside the capacity to manage for many businesses, and the changes were prompted by the EPA, not by Hanson</p>		
6.3	<p>CF – Independent Environmental audit reviewed every 3 years, and is due 30 June. An extension has been granted due to COVID-19 as an abnormal number of personnel are required on site. New due date is September 30.</p>		
6.4	<p>Southern Landscape mound (CF/SB)</p> <p>CF – the southern landscape mound issue discussed last meeting was mentioned in the DPIE correspondence regarding the accepted Annual Review, only stating that the investigation is ongoing</p> <p>PT – Were there any updates</p> <p>CF – No, no updates. That is standard process for DPIE – typically, they would request information as needed but otherwise not provide updates.</p>		
6.5	<p>Query about rehabilitation progress for the southern landscape mound and whether unsuccessful plantings have been replaced (VS)</p> <p>CF – replacement of unsuccessful plants has not yet occurred. Hanson have sourced 2 species of acacia seeds and will germinate then plant over the next few months. If germination does not go well Hanson will purchase seedlings as has been the process previously</p> <p>VS – The planting should be done in Autumn/Winter whilst there is rain</p> <p>LD – Offer to help with germination process by providing some larger scale equipment</p> <p>CF – Hanson will take up offer, much appreciated.</p>	<p>CF to arrange with LD to germinate acacia seeds</p>	<p>30/07/2020</p>

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7.0	Complaints (CF)		
7.1	<p>09/04/2020 and 16/04/2020 complaints about ground vibration (received from the same complainant)</p> <p>Resident in Shell Cove area concerned about house shaking causing structural damage.</p> <p>Hanson engaged independent inspection, the complainant was satisfied with the independence. The external auditor determined that the cracks were not associated with blasting but were the result of building practices.</p>		
7.2	<p>Blasting (LB)</p> <p>LB – reviewed the recent blast results and noted they were high on 09/04/2020. One blast recorded at approx. 4 mm/sec [added: 01/05/2020, 4.436 mm/s]. LB has concerns about the progression of single high impact blasting.</p> <p>SB – Hanson believes that the data is subject to blast orientation and position (more than blast intensity). Hanson will use any available technology to minimise impacts.</p>		
8.0	General / new Business		
8.1	<p>Minutes were late to distribute (VS)</p> <p>PT – Nominations are open for minutes secretary within the committee</p> <p>No volunteers noted.</p> <p>PT and SB will progress process to engage an external resource, rather than using Hanson personnel to write minutes</p>	PT/SB	31/08/2020
8.2	<p>Process for registration of committee complaints is not robust (VS)</p> <p>VS – concerned that CCC members are not permitted to make complaints</p> <p>CF & SB – confirmed that this is not the case. CCC members are entitled to make complaints to Hanson, regulators etc. in the same way that community members are entitled to make complaints. This has not changed – and will not change.</p>		

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	<p>Group agreeance – A CCC committee member shall formally recognise a complaint as a complaint, which will then be progressed through the formal complaint register system.</p> <p>SB – Please encourage individuals to direct complaints to Hanson via the formal process and not as a third party via the CCC. It is easier to manage complaints via the formal process.</p> <p>VS – Concerned that the formal process is not reliable when SB is not available.</p> <p>SB – Hanson now have more resources available to field and manage complaints including a 24 hr emergency 1300 number [added: 1800 882 478] and appointment of CF.</p> <p>VS – What is the response time for the 1300 number?</p> <p>SB – A call, text or email is sent to site the same day.</p>		
8.3	Consensus that Microsoft Teams meeting video was not as good as Zoom. CF to consider reverting to Zoom if future online meetings are required.	CF	31/08/2020
9.0	Next Meeting (PT)		
9.1	Proposed date: 15 th September 2020	All	

Meeting Closed

16:04