

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

Meeting Date: Wednesday 17th March 2021

Start: 13:05pm

Venue: Raymond Terrace Bowling Club

Apologies: Cr Paul Le Mottee, Shaun Boland and Scott Whittaker

Present:

Lisa Andrews (LA)	Chairperson
Belinda Pignone (BP)	Environmental Planning and Compliance Coordinator
Andrew Driver (AD)	Eastern Region Development Manager
Nicole Stanfield (NS)	Compliance Officer (Minute Secretary)
Brad Nelson (BN)	Quarry Manager
Dan Taylor (DT)	Maintenance Supervisor
Neil Richie (NR)	Community Representative (VOWW & BHSAG)
Margarete Richie (MR)	Community Representative (VOWW & BHSAG)
Rob Adams (RA)	Community Representative
James Moore (JM)	Community Representative
Chantal Parslow Redman (CPR)	Community Representative
Pre McGee (PM)	Community Representative

- 1 Opening & Welcome** – LA opened the meeting at 10:08 am and welcomed all attendees.
- 2 Apologies** – Cr Paul Le Mottee (PSC delegate) due to prior commitment.
- 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 8 December 2020 were finalised and sent out to members on 22 December 2020.

ACTION ITEMS

ITEM	ISSUE	RESPONSIBILITY
1	Confirmation from PSC regarding shared pathway – LA contacted PLM. No update. Holdover to the next meeting.	PLM

2	Potential for RFS training day with Hanson & local residents. Held over to the next meeting	NR
3	Look at spread of security lighting on site – Plant lighting tower now to be on a timer. To be switched off between 8pm to 5am. Timer ordered. Work to be completed in the upcoming week.	SB / BN

Further Business Arising

Discussions regarding Action Item3: MR advised that bees are vulnerable to such lighting, which also disrupts night telescope viewing. PM enquired if the lights were as bright as the electricity sub-station, with BN advising, probably not. JM recommended shining the lights downwards, would still provide sufficient lighting. PM commented that a beekeeper with 60 hives recently stated that he has more honey than expected.

AD met with Port Stephens Council on 2nd February 2021 with BP & Scott Whitaker (Hanson). MR was denied attendance at the meeting. Council advised that they were going to do more work on Brandy Hill Drive and a drone survey had recently been undertaken.

AD advised that Council did not receive any submissions regarding its Contributions Plan that was recently on exhibition, which included the proposed timing of the shared pathway on Brandy Hill Drive. MR commented that this was frustrating and that she would follow up this matter.

5 Correspondence

- 8/12/20 – Email from NR providing the information on PSC Draft Local Infrastructure Contribution Plan 2020 currently on exhibition. This information was forwarded onto all CCC members.
- 14/12/20 – Email to members with the draft minutes for review.
- 22/12/20 - Email to members with the finalised minutes
- 11/2/21 – Email from resident regarding noise and truck movements.
- 16/2/21 – Email response from Hanson to resident advising that there were no activities on site at the time of the noise nuisance.
- 24/2/21 – Email to members with a Save the Date for 17/3/21 CCC.
- 9/3/21 - Email to members with the Meeting Notice, Agenda & Correspondence Report for this meeting.
- 15/3/21 – [Email to members with a reminder for this meeting.](#)

6 Reports & Updates

AD advised that Hanson are in the process of preparing and submitting BHQ's Management Plans (traffic noise, air quality, water, transport, etc). Some are currently with state agencies for review. It is hoped to get comments back from agencies at the beginning of April 2021, following which they will be updated and submitted to DPIE.

The biodiversity/koala management plan is being prepared by consultants and will be submitted to DPIE. AD advised that he had held a video conference with the University of Newcastle, who will put forward a formal proposal. CPR thanked AD for the contact with the Uni. MR commented that there was a parcel of land available for sale, which would extend the koala habitat corridor. AD asked MR to provide details, however, stated that budgeting constraints would probably not allow the purchase.

BN provided an update of activities on site, which have been quiet due to current weather conditions. Apart from that, it was business as usual.

PM commented on contractor trucks leaving the site, rushing through the intersection, however, confirming that Hanson drivers were not responsible and their conduct was excellent. Discussions ensued regarding electronic signs, possible police presence, etc. BN recommended, where possible, members get registration and details of the offending trucks (date, time, etc) for Hanson to follow-up through its weighbridge records; reiterating that all drivers' sign a code of conduct. BN will investigate the installation of a speed hump at end of quarry driveway to slow drivers down.

NR enquired when the primary crusher would be enclosed with AD confirming that this was part of Stage 1, so these works will be proceeding as soon as possible with works already approved in budget.

CPR enquired about the planting of trees for the koalas. NS advised that Hunter Land Management have prepared a quotation and scope for rehabilitation works. BN confirmed that the works will be undertaken in accordance with the requirements set out in the consent.

CPR stated that the blast that occurred on 16th March was bearable, however the previous blast on 24th February 2021 had shaken her house. She reported this matter to the EPA as previously advised by Hanson. BN confirmed that the blast was carried out in the same pit, so couldn't explain the variation. The matter was investigated and the blast found to be compliant.

CPR recommended that the signage be changed at the quarry gate regarding the hotline for emergencies to include "complaints". Agreed. BN to action.

DT suggested that a blast monitor be placed at CPR house for next blast (approximately two weeks). DT to contact CPR to arrange.

JM raised the issue of the speed limit along Seaham Road & Nelson Plains Road, stating that it should be reduced from its current 90kph. Discussions ensued. MR mentioned that the speed reduction was approved by Transport for NSW to 80km, however, signage has yet to be changed over. MR will follow up. Hanson stated that they were happy to provide a letter of support to MR.

7 General Business

- RA thanked BH Quarry for donations to the Seaham project, which was going well. RA invited all to visit the project. BN thanked RA for the letter of appreciation.
- JM - waiting on management plans. LA advised that when the management plans are approved by DPIE and uploaded to the website, she will send members the link.
- MR enquired whether there could be further Council representation on the CCC. LA advised that the guidelines provided for one representative, which is appointed by the General Manager/Council.
- AD enquired whether there had been an outcome regarding the night noise complaint as the quarry had not been operational at that time. The response was that the noise appeared to be from farmers conducting night harvesting.

- CPR asked if blasting continued in wet conditions. DT explained that it was based on a risk assessment by the contractors. Usually if lightning is predicted, then the shot is delayed.
- CPR commended the blasting notification system.
- **8 Next Meeting**

Discussions regarding the remaining meeting schedule for 2021 and the preferred commencement time. The next CCC is on June 30th 2021 at Raymond Terrace Bowling Club, commencing at 1pm.

Meeting closed 2:10pm with LA thanking all for their attendance and contribution.

ITEM	ISSUE	RESPONSIBILITY
1	Investigate installation of speed hump at end of quarry driveway	BN
2	Change sign at quarry entry to include "complaints"	BN
3	Blast monitor at CPR for next blast	DT
4	Advise CCC members when Management Plans are approved and placed on project website	BP/LA