

STRATHALBYN COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING

Thursday 16th February, 2017 at 7.00 pm

Senior Citizens Hall, 6 Parker Avenue, Strathalbyn

1. WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

Kelvin Trimper opened the meeting at 7.06pm.

2. PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

PRESENT:

Committee Members:

Kelvin Trimper (Chair)	Anne Woolford	Mike Farrier	Malcolm Twartz
Fred Carrangis	Mark Dale	Julia Currie	Rhonda McCarthy
Sue Jettner	Karen Rogerson	Adrian Pederick	Ben Brazzalotto

Secretary:

Caroline Holloway

Gallery and Presenters:

Kyle Rice (DSD)	Antonia Scrase (DSD)	Paul Thompson (DSD)	Mike O'Reilly (Terramin)
Katy Fechner (Terramin)	Stephane Gauducheau (Terramin)	Joe Ranford (Terramin)	

APOLOGIES: Note-number in brackets represents the number of meetings missed in succession.

Matt Daniel (Terramin) Martin Janes (Terramin)

ABSENT:

Greg Tyczenko (EPA)

3. DECLARATION OF ANY CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None

4. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

A motion was raised that the minutes of the SCCC meeting dated 24th November 2016 be taken as accepted without alterations.

Moved – Mike Farrier Seconded – Fred Carrangis

All were in favour. The motion was carried.

5. MATTERS ARISING

None

6. ACTION ITEMS FROM LAST MEETING

DSD	Review of closure costings by Dec 9 th 2016	Completed
Terramin	Final edit of the Mine Closure Plan by Dec 9 th 2016	Completed Submitted 20/01/17
Terramin	Internal management review of the final Mine Closure Plan to be completed and submitted before Christmas 2016	Completed Submitted 20/01/17
DSD	Finalisation of Mine Closure Plan by March 31 st 2017	Ongoing

7. KEY STAFF AND ORGANISATIONAL CHANGES

- Jack Light – Casual Engineer who has been working on the Bird in Hand Project has resigned and is moving to Sydney.
- 4 students from the University of Adelaide undertaking vocational experience are finishing up this week.
- A geology student doing a Masters degree at the Adelaide campus (UniSA) of the University of London and who has a focus on community has approached Terramin to study with them in March.

8. CHAIRPERSON QUARTERLY ACTIVITY REPORT

- Kelvin reported that the main activity this quarter has been the finalisation of the PEPR which will be spoken about by others at this meeting.
- Nothing further to report.

9. Terramin Report on Status of Current Operations (including Forward Plan)

9.1. AZM

9.1.a. Update on Progress

Closure plan and PEPR have been completed; Closure Plan was submitted on 20th January and is currently being reviewed by Government regulators and their consultants; Martin Janes is in Algeria at the moment; Strathalbyn has experienced higher than average rainfall in December 2016; Summer weeds are being attended to.

9.1.b. Report against conditions of approval

The tailings dam has shown no exceedance of lease conditions or outcome criteria despite high rainfall levels; infrastructure in place dealt with this; the secondary system involves the use of a water canon which is being used to facilitate evaporation and Terramin are ensuring that water is retained within the catchment area which maintains compliance; no increased pressure detected on the liners; no mining activities on site in the last quarter; exceedance in dust gauges due to harvesting in surrounding agricultural land; surface water sampling has been undertaken to meet EPA requirements both upstream and downstream on the Angas River; Care of our Environment (COOE) has conducted the Landscape Functional Analysis (LFA) for 2016 for the Significant Environmental Benefits (SEB) areas of the mine site and has conducted an analysis of all the erosion monitoring data; ensuring Terramin leave the premises in a stable state and that all the lease conditions have been met; have set up a new control site at Woodchester cemetery as an example of remnant native vegetation in the area; soil health assessment is another part of the LFA; Going quite well especially in the revegetation areas on site; weed and rabbit control are ongoing; TSF annual surveillance site visit and review on March 2nd; development of fact sheets on the Closure plan will be undertaken by the SCCC (see below).

9.1.c. Current Regulatory Issues – None reported

9.1.d. Management Systems Review - None reported

9.1.e. Community Engagement Activities – None reported

9.1.f. Future Developments Projects – None reported

9.1.g. Questions - A question was raised regarding the old STEDS ponds; the understanding is that they are no longer being used but may be receiving some surface runoff from rainfall.

9.2. Bird in Hand

9.2.a. Update on progress

Baseline studies are now moving into the modelling phase; risk assessments are being undertaken; baseline reports are almost complete; preliminary design work underground is ongoing with a view to presenting a proposal to the regulators by the end of March; draft of mining lease proposal due by the end of March .

9.2.b. A question was raised regarding the sale of the Bird in Hand and its relevance to and impact on current planning; company is looking for a mechanism for attracting financing through sale, joint venture or capital investment to create jobs and value for shareholders and recognition on the market of the value of a high grade gold project; some discussion was had regarding the pros and cons of potential foreign ownership however there are no details available as yet regarding any negotiations.

A question was raised regarding the CSIRO telephone survey which is underway, looking at community opinions, concerns, issues and perceptions regarding AZM and Bird in Hand mines and how mining companies can work within a community to ensure that any issue people have cause no detriment to the greater community; the survey is being done under their code of ethics; Terramin are providing funding towards this project; CSIRO are interested in Woodside because there has not been a mine site there before (as Strathalbyn) and in Strathalbyn due to the varying nature of the mine site status there over the years; will most likely receive a report on completion.

9.3. Tala Hamza

9.3.a. Update on progress

Martin currently in Algeria; agreement has been reached on mine design, mining method, plant location and tailings storage underground; undertaking geotechnical drilling.

9.3.b. Questions – None

10. DEPARTMENT OF STATE DEVELOPMENT (DSD) REPORT

- a. Site inspections and Compliance updates
 - Kyle conducted a site inspection last week with one of DSD's students; walked everywhere on site including TSF; everything was in compliance.
- b. PEPR and Mine Closure Planning
 - PEPR is in hand; DSD is reviewing it at present; target time frame for review is 3 months; DPTI, EPA and DEWNR are also involved.
 - An executive summary will be supplied to the SCCC on approval.
- c. Mining act review
 - Kyle supplied a copy of an update of the leading practice review of the Mining Act and other Acts; there are still a few more days to offer feedback.
- d. Questions
 - A question was raised regarding the PEPR and whether or not there is an expectation of input from the SCCC. Kelvin addressed this question by suggesting that the responsibility of the SCCC was in the communication with the community regarding questions around community concerns over time and how they have been addressed. See 11a below.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Promotion and distribution of information in the Closure Plan by the SCCC.

When the PEPR is accepted the SCCC will present the information to the community; how should this be done? – facebook, public meeting, a newsletter to accompany rates notices quarterly; community notice boards; community radio; will be on DSD website; letter from the SCCC in the local newspapers.

Action:

- SCCC need to give thought as to how the committee disseminates the information.

- b. Aspects of the Closure Plan which will be of most interest to the community:
Matt has reviewed all the minutes and pulled out all the issues raised regarding the closure plan over time; focus is on the status of the mine site on completion and on how perceived issues were dealt with; a list has been generated which was circulated at this meeting and will be circulated to the SCCC with these minutes; Kelvin suggested that the SCCC take this away and consider it over the next 2-3 weeks to determine any omissions; suggestions to be sent to Caroline to add to the list and redistribute updated summarised list to the SCCC within 3-4 weeks; the SCCC will then start a process of getting the technical data simplified into fact sheets which can be distributed to explain the main issues and how they were dealt with; aiming for a constructive, logical, organised approach; process can be started now.

Action:

- SCCC to review list of topics to be covered for community information distribution and responses to be sent to Caroline within 3 weeks of distribution of the finalised minutes of this meeting; Caroline to send reminder and current list with the minutes.
- Updated summarised list to be redistributed to the SCCC within 3-4 weeks of finalisation of these minutes. If we hear nothing then the assumption is that you accept the finalised list.

Initial suggestions of additions to list:

- Add lead contamination to the list
 - Two aspects to be covered - operational and closure; suggestion that there be a past and current section at the top of the fact sheet and a future section at the bottom
 - Who pays for management and monitoring into the future?
 - Dust
 - What happens if Bird in Hand starts operations at AZM?
 - List of committee members
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- c. A question was raised to Ben regarding a family with high lead levels in the family; Ben referred them onto Terramin; Terramin have not been approached; there are naturally occurring levels in the environment; Terramin tested water tanks for lead levels for 3 years until it was shown that it was no longer required; concerned residents should conduct their own testing.
 - d. Adrian was recently approached by two independent people with concerns that there was mining occurring underneath their residence in Strathalbyn. The mine is located 2km from the centre of town and no mining occurs beneath any residences. Mining operations ceased in October 2013 the mine has refilled with water. The noise or vibrations that are occurring in town are not associated with the mine but have been reported previously

12. NEXT MEETING

- Thursday May 18th 2017 at 7.00pm at Senior Citizens Centre, Parker Avenue Strathalbyn.

13. CLOSE 8.37pm.

Actions List:

SCCC	Determine strategies for dissemination of fact sheet information	By next meeting
SCCC	Determine list of fact sheet topics	3 weeks
Caroline & Kelvin	Finalise and distribute updated fact sheet topics list	4 weeks
SCCC	Fact sheets to be distributed once PEPR has been finalised	3 months