

STRATHALBYN COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING

Thursday 18th August, 2016 at 7.00 pm

Senior Citizens Hall, 6 Parker Avenue, Strathalbyn

1. WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

Kelvin Trimper opened the meeting at 7.08pm.

2. PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

PRESENT:

Committee Members:

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

Secretary:

Caroline Holloway

Gallery and Presenters:

Kyle Rice (DSD)	Antonia Scrase (DSD)	Matt Daniel (Terramin)	Mike O'Reilly (Terramin)
Katy Fechner (Terramin)	Stephane Gauducheau (Terramin)	Megan, Yolena, Steven (SA Chamber of Mines and Energy)	

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

Sue Jettner	Rhonda McCarthy	Joe Ranford (Terramin)
Martin Janes (Terramin) (2)	Greg Tyczenko (EPA)	

ABSENT:

None

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 5th May 2016 be taken as accepted without alterations.

Moved – Fred Carrangis Seconded – Anne Woolford

All were in favour. The motion was carried.

5. MATTERS ARISING

No matters arising were noted.

6. ACTION ITEMS FROM LAST MEETING

Terramin	Matt, Sue and Mike to communicate regarding any missing minutes which are required to complete the set and uploading of the pdf book that Mike has put together to the Terramin website.	Complete
Terramin	Discuss payment of software required to produce pdf book with Mike Farrier	Book not required and therefore software not being paid for
Terramin	Terramin to circulate the annual TSF audit report and update the website.	Complete
DSD and Terramin	DSD and Terramin will confirm whether the waivers provided for the first mine lease licence are still current by the next meeting.	Will be reported on at this meeting
Terramin	Future executive summaries in the QER to include a couple of sentences indicating that <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Terramin have not exceeded any compliance levels in this quarter and,• There are a couple of lead indicators where there have been a couple of spikes but not as a result of Terramin activity.	Complete
Terramin	Matt to address item 7.5 of the TOR regarding funds paid to the SCCC or Chairperson	Funds are paid to the Chairperson. Complete.

7. KEY STAFF AND ORGANISATIONAL CHANGES

- Scott Salisbury - new Project Manager/Engineer on Tala Hamza project.
- Paul Thompson – new PEPR assessor.

8. CHAIRPERSON QUARTERLY ACTIVITY REPORT

- Kelvin tabled a written Chairperson's report.
- Closure agreement is nearing completion; both Terramin and DSD are to be applauded for their approach over the past few months with regular meetings face to face in proceeding negotiations.
- Kelvin has met with more committee members regarding their thoughts on how the committee is performing, future uses for the AZM site and their individual comments on remaining on the Committee; Kelvin plans to meet with remaining committee members before the next meeting; A detailed summary of these discussions will be prepared for the next meeting.

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

9.1. AZM

9.1.a. Report against conditions of approval

Regulator site visit - 3 EPA representatives, a Department for Water Hydrologist, Paul Thompson - PEPR assessor and a DSD representative paid a visit to site to discuss TSF and monitoring bores.

Ongoing closure work continuing, modelling has been reviewed; Closure Plan will be completed to draft submission stage which will incorporate feedback in October; all linked to original lease conditions and PEPR plan.

Action:

- Matt to provide a report produced on the TSF monitoring.

9.1.b. Current Regulatory Issues

Mine lease renewal waivers – it was advised that the waivers are in place for the duration of the lease; no need to request additional waivers.

9.1.c. Management Systems Review

High background dust and one lead number in dust gauge 10 near railway line which was higher than leading number; agricultural activity in the region was most likely the cause as there is not very much activity at AZM at present.

Additional water went into the TSF due to rainfall of 186mm; the wetland and sediment systems were able to contain that level of rainfall; the wetland has proven to be an effective method of filtering water.

Arsenic levels were above leading indicators in monitoring bore; directly relates to climate and rainfall conditions; experts advise that these are not due to the TSF; a natural system exists underneath the HDPE layer of the TSF which acts as an additional barrier between the TSF and ground water.

Discussion was had regarding the possibility of a catastrophic failure of the TSF and resulting levels of the bores; indicators of a leak would be found in the testing of water quality between groundwater and the TSF; differences are an order of magnitude in difference and clearly detectable; a suggestion was made to introduce a specific indicator eg. a trace element that could only have come from the TSF however world class engineers working on the project are confident the systems in place are adequate.

9.1.d. Community Engagement Activities

None Reported

9.1.e. Future Developments Projects

None Reported

9.1.f. Questions

- Excess lime dust being stored from Hillgrove has been put into the TSF making the water more alkaline.
- The Committee agreed to view the closure report after feedback has been provided by the experts reviewing it; the broader community will need to be informed once the report is finalised; suggestions of what the community is interested in should be provided to Matt to put together a summary on completion; a summary will be put to the press and the public in plain simple English and will include a whole of Government response.

Action:

- Committee to put together some thoughts as to what would need to be included in a summary and submit to Matt Daniel.
- Terramin to consider an option to display some information at the Strathalbyn Show to inform the community.

9.2. Bird in Hand

9.2.a. Update on progress

Geologists have found more gold; Terramin are looking to establish a community consultative committee; regular community meetings of 30-90 people are occurring, the next one being in September to outline vision and progress; mining lease application process has begun internally – looking to submit early next year; have commissioned CSIRO re community concerns; aiming for comprehensive community stakeholder consultation; have sat down with government

department in July and will be having regular meetings with Department for water and DSD monthly as activity ramps up; purchased a farm that was for sale which will be suitable as a base for operations.

Timeline – mining lease proposal should be submitted before mid-next year, expectation of 2 years before mining of ore body commences.

9.2.b. Questions - None

9.3. Tala Hamza

9.3.a. Update on progress

New project Manager/Engineer, Scott Salisbury, is on board; Hydrogeologists have been involved; Algerian government are working with Terramin well and see it as an important project for the country; good relationship has been rebuilt recently; geotech and hydrological work is expected to be completed in the next 3-4 months.

9.3.b. Questions – None

10. DEPARTMENT OF STATE DEVELOPMENT (DSD) REPORT

a. Site inspections and Compliance updates

- Visit with many representatives to AZM site; looked at the TSF; every time it has been seen it has been well managed; recommendations from consultants have been put into place; well below compliance levels.

b. PEPR and Mine Closure Planning

- Progressing very well; lot of steps have been taken so far and in the home stretch now; hopeful for completion this year.
- EPA have dedicated a person for this process; checking that a plan exists for clean up if required.

c. Questions - None

11. OTHER BUSINESS

a. SCCC meeting frequency – guideline is quarterly; expectation is the need to have quarterly meetings for at least the next 6-9 months while the closure process is completed; meetings will be postponed or rescheduled if one is not required.

b. It was identified that the wetland is a good location to incorporate reeds which are used by the Ngarrindjeri people for weaving; need to find a source of plants being propagated; Terramin to work with Council and SCCC members to identify species; Julia Currie to assist with council and plant experts.

c. Appreciation was given to Ruth and Don for accommodating the SCCC at the Senior Citizens centre.

12. NEXT MEETING

- Thursday November 24th 2016 - sign in at 4.00pm at AZM Office, Callington Road, Strathalbyn for a site visit, followed by dinner and a meeting at 7.00pm at AZM Strathalbyn. Ruth and Don to be invited to dinner at 6pm.

13. CLOSE 8.26pm.

Actions List:

Terramin	Matt to provide a report produced on the TSF monitoring
SCCC	Committee to put together some thoughts as to what would need to be included in a summary of the closure report and submit to Matt Daniel.
Terramin	To consider an option to display some information at the Strathalbyn Show to inform the community.
Terramin	Ruth and Don to be invited to dinner at 6pm on Thursday Nov 24 th at AZM.