

STRATHALBYN COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING

Thursday 15th August 2019 at 7.00 pm

Angas Room, Strathalbyn Library, 1 Coleman Terrace, Strathalbyn

1. WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

Kelvin opened the meeting and welcomed everyone in attendance at 7.05pm.

2. PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

PRESENT:

Committee Members:

Kelvin Trimper AM (Chair)	Rex Keily AM	Richard Taylor	Adrian Pederick
Anne Woolford	Lynette Stevenson	Andrew Batten	Julia Currie
Malcolm Twartz	Rhonda McCarthy		

Secretary:

Keren Stagg

Gallery and Presenters:

Tom Mehrstens (Terramin)	Mike O'Reilly (Terramin)	Ken McBride (Terramin)	Mark Stewart (DEM)
Peter Bond (EPA)	Greg Allen (Hydrostor)	Alex Strehle (Hydrostor)	

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

Karen Rogerson (SCCC)		
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ABSENT: None

3. DECLARATION OF ANY CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No conflicts of interest were declared.

4. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

A motion was raised that the minutes of the SCCC meeting dated 16th May 2019 be taken as accepted without alteration.

Moved – Anne Woolford Seconded – Andrew Batten

All were in favour. The motion was carried.

5. MATTERS ARISING (includes progress on outstanding action items detailed below)

5.1. Meeting with Kelvin, Terramin, Hydrostor and TAFE

Kelvin and Ken met with the Regional Manager of TAFE and Hydrostor regarding the possibility of TAFE providing local training for anyone who is interested in a career relating to the Hydrostor and Terramin projects that are taking place both in Strathalbyn and Woodside.

This meeting resulted in the establishment of good communication channels and Kelvin noted that it is great that TAFE are showing so much interest in helping out locally.

TAFE may be able to assist in providing connections between constructor/Terramin and its students, plus inductions if necessary. Further discussions will take place as projects progress.

5.2. Distribution of Richard's SAREIC presentation

Richard's SAREIC presentation was distributed to the SCCC.

5.3. Hydrostor DA approval

The Hydrostor DA has now been approved.

6. ACTION ITEMS FROM LAST MEETING

Item no	Responsible	Task	Due Date
5.3	Kelvin	Arrange a meeting with Tim Hutchinson (TAFE), Ken McBride and Greg Allen, Hydrostor representative to discuss suitable subject matter for TAFE courses that may result in local jobs. Arranged for 18.6.19	Complete
9.1	Matt	Send a copy of Richard's SAREIC presentation to Keren to distribute to SCCC members.	Complete
9.1	Keren	Distribute copy of above presentation to SCCC	Complete
10.2	Mark	Mark to advise the procedure and timing of the next steps relating to the Hydrostor DA to the SCCC	Complete
10.2	Mark	Mark to provide Kelvin's contact details to Lee Web from DEM to arrange a time to speak with the SCCC re the Hydrostor DA	Complete
10.2	Kelvin	To liaise with Mark, Lee and selected SCCC members to arrange a suitable time to meet	Complete

7. KEY STAFF AND ORGANISATIONAL CHANGES

Mark Stewart introduced Peter Bond who is taking over from Prabhu until a permanent appointment is made. Peter is the EPA License Coordinator for the AZM site.

8. DEPARTMENT FOR ENERGY AND MINING (DEM) REPORT

Due to another commitment held by Mark Stewart and Peter Bond, the Department of Energy and Mining report was brought forward from agenda item 9.

8.1. Site inspections and compliance updates

During Quarter 2 Pm10 exceeded the 24 hour NEPM criteria of <50 micrograms/m3 on 20th April 2019. Although this is the second occurrence for the year, it is still within the criteria of > 5 days exceedances per year. Terramin notified DEM as soon as the exceedance was identified and an investigation took place. It was deemed that the cause of the exceedance was due to the wind direction on the day and activities occurring outside the AZM site.

DEM is working on a standard template to report exceedances. Good feedback has been provided from Ken. Once finalised, these templates will be rolled out across other sites and made available on-line.

Mark and Peter will perform a joint inspection of the AZM site during the next quarter.

8.2. Mining Act Review

The Mining Act review has now been introduced and accepted in the Lower House. It has now progressed to the Upper House and will be debated after the winter recess. Further progress should be seen during the second half of the year. Adrian commented that the bill contained quite a few improvements to the current Mining Act. Some amendments to the bill are still being debated however it is expected that any outstanding issues will be resolved soon and the bill passed through the Upper House.

8.3. BiH mining proposal and MPL application

The BiH mining proposal and MPL application is out for public consultation until 20.9.19. The MPL application relating to processing at AZM is available at the DEM website, the Strathalbyn library/council office and the Adelaide Hills Council. Submissions can be made using guidance provided on the DEM website and submissions can be from a group, a Committee or an individual. Mark Stewart is happy to speak to members of the SCCC regarding submissions via phone or email as is Peter Bond. The EPA are also encouraging submissions from the public.

Question: what feedback do people who make submissions receive?

Answer: All submissions and questions are put to the applicant who are then responsible to address concerns that have been raised. They may respond either directly to the individual or via responses raised in a published document.

- Action: Mark to send Keren link to the submission guidance appearing on the DEM website
- Action: Peter to send Keren contact details

9. HYDROSTOR UPDATE

The Hydrostor update was brought forward from agenda item 10.1 Other Business.

9.1. Hydrostor Update

Alex Strehle, Project Director from Hydrostor provided an update to the SCCC which included the following points:

- The DA approval has now been received. This approval was a pre-cursor to being able to commence construction on site and has triggered the release of Grant money to fund the Hydrostor project.
- Detailed design is approximately 95% and equipment is being ordered.
- Turbines and compressors have been manufactured (South Korea) and heat exchanges are being manufactured (UK). Where possible Hydrostor will source equipment from within Australia, with a preference given to South Australia, however the abovementioned items are not able to be manufactured here. The turbines and compressors are due to be shipped in September and should arrive in Australia end October/early November.
- Mine dewatering works have commenced. The injection bores are now complete and work on the main mine dewatering bore is progressing, although some alignment issues are delaying it slightly. The estimated timeframes for project progression are contingent on dewatering bores being finalised.
- Tendering for surface and sub-surface construction works is now underway.
- The engineering report from SAPN is a pre-cursor to obtaining the connection agreement. This agreement will give the go-ahead to commence works that allow for the give and take from the grid. A protection system will be put in place between Strathalbyn and Mt Barker.
- Construction is due to commence late 2019. Commissioning should occur late 2020 at this stage. There will be a further community information session 4-6 weeks prior to construction commencing.

The Committee raised several instances where people have contacted them with concerns regarding the Hydrostor project. It was proposed that the community information session be advertised in The Argus and via posters displayed in prominent positions in businesses within the Strathalbyn area. Kelvin suggested that a combined communication be put out as to what is happening at the AZM site including contact information that queries or concerns can be directed to. It was also communicated that one SCCC member was particularly concerned about noise.

Question: When will the main noise occur?

Answer: This will depend on when low/high power prices happen. It is expected that the peak noise periods will occur during the middle of the day and between 6-10pm. The system takes 3-4 hours to charge and the maximum full capacity for discharge is 2 hours. Further detail on this is available within the DA.

Kelvin has requested that regular updates on the status of the Hydrostor project be provided to the Committee. Hydrostor have confirmed that a visitor centre will be on site when the project is up and running and that they are happy to explain where they fit in to the renewable energy space.

- Action: Alex to provide a further update regarding the progress of the Hydrostor project within 3-6 months.
- Action: Keren to add Greg Allen and Alex Strehle to the SCCC contact list.
- Action: Keren to distribute new contact list to the Committee.
- Action: Keren to distribute a copy of the Hydrostor presentation to the Committee with the August minutes.

10. CHAIRPERSON QUARTERLY ACTIVITY REPORT

Over the past 3 months the TAFE meeting was held, the Hydrostor DA followed up and copies of the Terramin submission on BiH was distributed to the Committee. These items have been dealt with in more detail above.

It was noted that some chat on Strath local and Strath friends websites/facebook pages regarding gold processing from BiH were generating some negative feedback issues for Terramin.

No questions were recorded.

11. TERRAMIN REPORT ON STATUS OF CURRENT OPERATIONS

11.1. AZM, including study for mining post Hydrostor dewatering

11.1.1 Report against conditions of approval

As mentioned previously in the DEM report at item 8.1, dust gauge PM10 had an exceedance which has been investigated and found to not have come from the mine site. Offsite dust deposition gauges showed high concentrations of lead which likely result from neighbouring farm land or contamination/wind direction.

11.1.2 Current Regulatory issues

None reported.

11.1.3 MPL progress

Public comment is being sought on AZM plus BiH. The submission will be open for comment for 13 weeks. . The MPL hasn't changed aside from a possible restart at AZM. Further engineering work has been performed on the remnant resource at AZM and it is estimated that there is a 6-9 month supply. The decision to proceed is dependent on dewatering to find out the conditions underground plus the market price of zinc. Due to current market fluctuations it makes sense to do short term at AZM, however it would have to work with BiH processing commitments.

11.1.4 General

Terramin have recently employed a new Environmental Compliance/ Maintenance person – Josh McBride.

11.1.5 Questions

None recorded.

11.2 Bird in Hand

11.2.1 Update on progress

MLA and MPL have been submitted and are open to public consultation as detailed above in item 8.3.

11.2.2 Questions

None recorded.

11.3 Tala Hamza

11.3.1 Update on progress

Nothing to report.

11.3.2 Questions

None recorded.

11.4 Kitticoola

11.4.1 Update on progress

Kitticoola is a historic gold mine similar to BiH. Drilling is planned for later this year once approval has been obtained. It is estimated to be a 10-15 year project.

11.4.2 Questions

None recorded.

- Action: Tom to send Terramin presentation to Keren
- Action: Keren to distribute presentation with the August minutes.

12 OTHER BUSINESS

12.1 STED ponds

No further correspondence has been received regarding the STED ponds.

- Action: Rex to follow up with Alexandrina Council

12.2 Email received from Karen Rogerson

Kelvin tabled an email received from Karen Rogerson containing concerns and comments about noise arising from the upcoming activities at the AZM site. She has also requested a project timeline be distributed. Kelvin has agreed to arrange a meeting with Karen and representatives from Terramin to address these concerns as Karen was unable to attend the August SCCC meeting.

- Action: Kelvin to arrange a suitable time to meet with Karen and Terramin representatives
- Action: Keren to distribute Karen's email with the August minutes.

12.3 Submission for MLA & MPL

The Committee had a round table discussion about putting in a submission for the MLA & MPL. It was unanimous that the SCCC could provide some valuable input through historic dealings with Terramin and also how community concerns have or are being dealt with. Although the SCCC will only be dealing with issues/comments relating to parts of the MLA & MPL dealing with

the AZM site, committee members are welcomed to provide a submission that relates to Woodside on an individual basis. All agreed that the SCCC supports the project as it will provide local employment and utilise current resources/infrastructure at the AZM. The conditions of the PEPR must continue to be met however. It was proposed that Kelvin and Tom draft a submission and distribute to the Committee for comment. The final draft will need to be submitted by 23.9.19.

- Action: Kelvin and Tom to draft a submission and forward to Keren
- Action: Keren to distribute submission to SCCC
- Action: Kelvin and Tom to arrange meeting with Karen
- Action: SCCC to review and provide feedback on draft submission

13 NEXT MEETING

To be held 5pm Thursday, 21st November at the Angas Zinc Mine. A site tour will take place at 5pm followed by a BBQ, then SCCC meeting. Please wear covered shoes and long sleeves if attending this meeting.

- Action: Kelvin to invite the Alexandrina Council Mayor and CEO.

14 MEETING CLOSE

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Actions List:

Item no	Responsible	Task	Due Date
8.3	Mark	Send Keren the link to the submission guidance on the DEM website	5.9.19
8.3	Peter	Forward contact details to Keren for inclusion on the SCCC contact list	5.9.19
9.1	Alex	To provide further updates to the SCCC within the next 3-6 months	21.11.19/20.2.20
9.1	Keren	Add Peter, Alex and Greg to the SCCC contact list	5.9.19
9.1	Keren	Distribute updated contact list to the SCCC with the August minutes	10.9.19
9.1	Keren	Distribute a copy of the Hydrostor presentation to the SCCC with the August minutes	10.9.19
11	Tom	Send Keren the Terramin presentation from the August SCCC meeting	5.9.19
11	Keren	Distribute a copy of the Terramin presentation with the August minutes	10.9.19
12.1	Rex	Contact Alexandrina Council and request an update on the STED ponds	30.9.19
12.2	Kelvin/Tom	Arrange a suitable time to meet with Karen	5.9.19
12.2	Keren	Distribute Karen's email with the August minutes	10.9.19
12.3	Kelvin/Tom	Draft a submission on the MLA & MPL	25.8.19
12.3	Keren	Distribute draft submission to SCCC for feedback	27.8.19
12.3	SCCC	Feedback to be provided to Kelvin	30.8.19

13	Kelvin	Invite Alexandrina Council Mayor and CEO to November meeting	30.9.19
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