

STRATHALBYN COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING

Thursday 21st November 2019 at 7.00 pm

Angas Zinc Mine, Callington Road, Strathalbyn

1. WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

Kelvin welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Terramin for the site tour and meal. The meeting was opened at 6:30pm.

A special welcome was given to Keith Parkes, (Mayor, Alexandrina Council), Glenn Rappensberg (CEO, Alexandrina Council), Mark van der Pennen (General Manager Growth, Alexandrina Council) and Piers Gillespie (Department for Mines and Energy).

2. PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

PRESENT:

Committee Members:

Kelvin Trimper AM (Chair)	Rex Keily AM	Julia Currie	Karen Rogerson
Anne Woolford	Lynette Stevenson	Andrew Batten	Rhonda McCarthy
Malcolm Twartz			

Secretary:

Keren Stagg

Gallery and Presenters:

Tom Mehrstens (Terramin)	Mike O'Reilly (Terramin)	Ken McBride (Terramin)	Mark Stewart (DEM)
Peter Bond (EPA)	Piers Gillespie (DEM)	Keith Parkes (Alexandrina Council)	Glenn Rappensberg (Alexandrina Council)
Mark van der Pennen (Alexandrina Council)			

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

Richard Taylor (Terramin)	Adrian Pederick (Member for Hammond)	Josh Teague (Member for Heysen)
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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 15th August 2019 be taken as accepted without alteration.

Moved – Rex Keily Seconded – Rhonda McCarthy

All were in favour. The motion was carried.

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

5.1. Open discussion with Keith Parkes, Glen Rapensberg and Mark van der Pennen (Alexandrina Council)

Prior to the quarterly SCCC meeting taking place, an open discussion was held with representatives from the Alexandrina Council and the SCCC.

The two main points to be taken from this discussion were:

- Both Council and the SCCC are pleased to see the opportunities for employment that potentially arise from the further development of the AZM processing plant. It is expected that 100 positions will be created during set up, with 40-50 positions to be ongoing once BiH processing commences. A further 30-40 positions are to be created at AZM during the construction of the Hydrostor plant, with 6 permanent positions to remain once the plant is up and running.
- The importance of effective, ongoing communication was also considered to be a major factor in the successful adoption of the BiH processing at AZM and Hydrostor energy production by the local community. Alexandrina Council highlighted that they have adopted a case management approach within the region and has key officers managing the Hydrostor project. Shen Mann from Alexandrina Council recently organised an information session at the Strathalbyn Library with Hydrostor that was well received by the community. Both Alexandrina Council Representatives and the SCCC agreed that collaboration between Council, Hydrostor and the SCCC is proving to be successful in dealing with community concerns quickly. Alexandrina Council will continue to provide support as required.

5.2. ACTION ITEMS FROM LAST MEETING

Item no	Responsible	Task	Due Date
9.1	Alex Strehle Hydrostor	To provide further updates to the SCCC within the next 3-6 months	21.11.19/20.2.20

Ongoing updates from Hydrostor are still required and need to be published in the local newspaper and circulated to all committee members.

- Action: Tom to contact Alex from Hydrostor and request an update.

6. KEY STAFF AND ORGANISATIONAL CHANGES

None reported.

7. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Kelvin delivered his 2019 Chairman's report which provided a reflection of SCCC activity over the past 12 months. He thanked Andrew and Lynnette for becoming SCCC members and their contribution thus far and Keren for her ongoing work as SCCC Secretary. He also farewelled Matt Daniel and Katy Fetchner who were both strong advocates for community engagement, and welcomed Tom Mehrtens and Ken McBride in their new roles at Terramin. Thanks was given to Terramin for their ongoing briefings regarding BiH and Hydrostor and their willingness to discuss questions raised by the Committee.

The ongoing input from EPA & DEM was also acknowledged, particularly DEM's organisation and facilitation of a meeting of CCC Chair's from around the State. This was considered a valuable exercise as it facilitates the transfer of information between groups and how solutions to issues have been formulated.

As per the requirements of the SCCC Constitution, the position of SCCC Chair is up for vacancy at the end of each two year term. Prior to the meeting, Kelvin advised Terramin that he was happy to continue for another two year term. The position of SCCC Chair was then declared vacant and Kelvin handed the meeting to Anne to continue whilst he left the room so the SCCC could discuss his continued role as Chair. The SCCC was unanimous in its view that Kelvin had made a valuable contribution during his time as Chair and that he should continue in the role.

A motion was passed to appoint Kelvin as SCCC Chair for another two year term.

Moved: Rex Keily Seconded: Rhonda McCarthy

All were in favour and the SCCC thanked Kelvin for his continued service.

8. TERRAMIN REPORT ON THE STATUS OF CURRENT OPERATIONS (INCLUDING FORWARD PLAN)

8.1. AZM, including study for mining post Hydrostor dewatering

8.1.1. Report against conditions of approval

During September the high volume air sampler located at the front of the AZM site recorded a TSP (Total Solid Particulates) reading of 120micrograms/m³ over a 24 hour period which is a breach of the PEPR criteria of <120micrograms/m³.

High lead levels were recorded on DG4, DG7 and DG9 and high dust levels were recorded on DG12 which is adjacent to a neighbouring hay paddock.

Upon investigation it was determined that wind direction was probably not the cause of the high readings for the TSP, DG4, DG7 and DG12, but that it was most likely due to Hydrostor's activity on the AZM site.

In order to avoid the likelihood of further exceedances caused by Hydrostor undergoing construction, Terramin have requested a detailed work plan from Hydrostor which will need to be approved prior to any further construction works taking place.

A detailed report is to be submitted to DEM who have expressed interest in being on site when drilling recommences.

8.1.2. Current Regulatory issues

None reported.

8.1.3. MPL progress

Public submission on the MLA & MPL closed 20.9.19. Still waiting for DEM (who is also co-ordinating input from EPA, DEW & DPTI) to provide 'all of Government' feedback and any further information requests for Terramin to address after working through all submissions. The Government response document will be available on the DEM website. Terramin will provide general responses to issues raised, rather than on a case by case basis.

The timeframe for this will be investigated and communicated once issues are received.

- Action: Mark to advise when Government response document is to be posted on the DEM website.
- Action: Terramin to confirm timeline for the investigation and response to the issues raised.

8.1.4. Questions

None recorded.

8.2. Bird in Hand

8.2.1. Update on progress

Drilling for metallurgical samples commenced during November and should be completed prior to Christmas. Feasibility study needs to be finalised for finance purposes. These samples will also be used to compile a report for AZM tailings storage facility.

8.2.2. Questions

None recorded.

8.3. Tala Hamza

No further progress at this stage. Waiting on Algerian government transition to be finalised.

8.4. Kitticola

8.4.1. Update on progress

EPEPR has been approved. Need to organise a timeline to commence drilling.

8.4.2. Questions

None recorded.

8.5. Other

8.5.1. Hydrostor

Drilled 8 holes plus 1 bore at the front of the AZM site. Waiting on DEW permits to dewater and are raising further capital to finance the project. Tendering for Constructor.

Hydrostor recently took out the Innovation and Energy Award at the Premiers Awards and received a special commendation.

8.5.2. Attendance at Strathalbyn show

Ken and Tom from Terramin attended the Strathalbyn show where they met with well over 100 people. Subjects discussed included general questions, job prospects and issues regarding groundwater at the BiH site.

8.5.3. Kapunda

Joint venture with ECR. Drilled two wells and are undertaking assessment.

8.5.4. Wild Horse

Planning to undertake drilling in the next three months.

9. DEPARTMENT FOR ENERGY AND MINING (DEM) REPORT

9.1. Site inspections and compliance updates

Mark and Peter inspected the AZM site on 7.10.19. As it was Peter's first site visit, he reviewed the conditions on the EPA license as well as the PEPR. Some of the EPA license conditions will need to be updated if processing commences at AZM again. This will be addressed once final decisions have been made regarding BiH and AZM.

During the recent AZM site visit the following site maintenance items were identified:

- Old polypipe at the back of the site is to be removed.
- Erosion caused by Hydrostor running water in to the lake needs to be addressed thorough laying some rocks or concrete where the erosion is occurring. This is considered a long term stability risk rather than a short term issue.

Possible causes of the lead/zinc dust sources were also investigated. The soil under the conveyor belt is still crusted over, however will need to be addressed in the future in order to avoid stirring it up.

DEM is interested in how Terramin handled the exceedances caused by Hydrostor. The final report to meet the requirements under the Act for incident reporting are still to come.

9.2. Mining Act Review

The Mining Act review has been passed through Parliament. There is a separate process required in order to enact changes therefore legislated changes are not yet taking place. DEM

will be engaging with Stakeholders in the new year to update regulations and changes to other Acts.

Fees for PEPR assessments are to be implemented. The fees will be on a scale which will be based on the size of the operation, production rates etc. These fees will be uploaded to the DEM website.

- Action: Mark to follow up communication regarding these proposed fees.

9.3. Questions

None reported.

10 OTHER BUSINESS

10.1 STED ponds

Rex followed up the report on the STED ponds and received an email reply which has been distributed to the Committee. Kelvin read the email report out at the meeting. The report on the STED ponds is to be submitted to Alexandrina Council and discussed as part of the long term process. It is currently not in the budget. The SCCC is to respond to the report and action plan upon the completion of the review.

- Action: Rex to monitor progress of STED pond review and provide update to SCCC at February meeting.
- Action: Keren to distribute a copy of the email received regarding the STED ponds with the minutes.

10.2 CCC Chair meeting arranged by DEM

Mark highlighted Kelvin's input in to instigating the CCC Chair meeting. All present considered it a valuable exercise and a good opportunity to exchange information going forward, particularly given that Committees may be in different phases of the community engagement process.

The main points to come out of the meeting were as follows:

- Issues within CCC are common.
- Prompt communication and resolution of any issues is critical.
- It works well to have the people who are the most passionate about an issue chair a sub-committee to deal with that issue.
- Terminology and acronyms are specific and it is hard to get your head around at times so further communication as to the meanings of these by DEM would be beneficial. Information sheets, similar to those created to explain the PEPR would be good.

10.3 Eastern Fleurieu School/Terramin interaction

Andrew advised that EFS is keen to start interaction between its Geology students and Terramin. Ken reported that he had received requests for work experience with Hydrostor, however it is a

little early for this to take place at this stage. To be revisited in the future.

- Action: Andrew to provide interested teachers from EFS with Ken's contact details.

10.4 Review of Committee membership every 2 years

As per the SCCC Constitution, Committee members are to be reviewed every 2 years. Kelvin will be in touch to make a time to catch up with the Committee members who are up for re-election prior to February's meeting.

- Action: Kelvin to contact the relevant committee members to arrange a time to meet.

10.5 Fleurieu Community Foundation

The Fleurieu Community Foundation operates in the Fleurieu area and crosses 3 council areas. Anne is looking for ideas and funding opportunities to create an environmental fund that will benefit the region. Committee members are invited to assist Anne if they are able to.

- Action: SCCC members to contact Anne with ideas that may assist in the set up or funding of an Environmental fund for Fleurieu Community Foundation.

11 NEXT MEETING

To be held 7pm Thursday, 20th February 2020 at the Strathalbyn Library.

- Action: Keren to book the Angas meeting room

12 MEETING CLOSE

The meeting closed at 7:30pm. Kelvin wished all a safe and happy Christmas and New Year.

Actions List:

Item no	Responsible	Task	Due Date
9.1 (Aug 19)	Alex Strehle, Hydrostor	To provide further updates to the SCCC on an ongoing basis.	7.2.20
5.2	Tom Merhtens	Contact Alex at Hydrostor and request an update for the February 2020 meeting.	6.1.20
8.1.3	Mark Stewart	Investigate and advise when the Government Response Document relating to the MLA & MPL is to be finalised and uploaded to the DEM website.	6.1.20
8.1.3	Tom Merhtens	Confirm timeline for the investigation and response to items raised in the above document	31.1.20
9.2	Mark Stewart	Follow up communication regarding the proposed fees for PEPR assessments.	31.1.20
10.1	Rex Keily	Monitor Alexandrina Council review of STED pond report and provide SCCC with an update at the Feb 20 meeting.	20.2.20
10.1	Keren Stagg	Send copy of email received from Alexandrina Council relating to STED ponds out with minutes.	16.12.19
10.3	Andrew Batten	Forward Ken's details on to EFS teachers interested in speaking to Terramin re study/work	Ongoing

		experience.	
10.4	Kelvin	Contact SCCC members up for re-election and speak to them about continuing on the Committee.	31.1.20
10.5	All SCCC	Contact Anne if you have any ideas re-establishing and funding an environmental fund for Fleurieu Community Foundation.	Ongoing
11	Keren	Book the Angas room at the Strathalbyn Library for the meeting to be held February 2020	16.12.19