

STRATHALBYN COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING

Thursday 21st February, 2019 at 7.00 pm

Angas Room, Strathalbyn Library, 1 Coleman Terrace, Strathalbyn

1. WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

Kelvin Trimper opened the meeting at 7.05 pm, introduced two new SCCC candidates: Lynnette Stevenson and Andrew Batten to the Committee and welcomed them to the meeting.

A formal motion was then raised to ratify the appointment of both Lynette and Andrew to the Committee.

Moved: Anne Woolford Seconded: Rex Keily

All were in favour. The motion was carried.

The new Committee members were then invited to attend a site visit at Terramin which will be arranged by Matt and Kelvin (please see updated action list at the end of these minutes for details).

2. PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

PRESENT:

Committee Members:

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

Secretary:

Keren Stagg

Gallery and Presenters:

Matt Daniel (Terramin)	Mike O'Reilly (Terramin)	Katy Fechner (Terramin)	Richard Taylor (Terramin)
Mark Stewart (DEM)	Prabhu Shankar (EPA)	Ken McBride (Terramin)	

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

Sue Jettner (3)	Adrian Pederick (3)	
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ABSENT: Greg Tyczenko (3)

3. DECLARATION OF ANY CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Malcolm Twartz has some shares in Terramin. There was no other conflict of interest raised.

4. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

4.1. Amendment to minutes

The following amendment to the November minutes was requested after the final version had been distributed to the Committee prior to the February meeting:

4.1.1. Section 8.1 SCCC membership

'Lynette Stevenson (previous Councillor)' to be amended to read 'Lynette Stevenson who was a candidate in the most recent Local Government elections'.

4.2. Endorsement to minutes

It was agreed that the above amendment to the November minutes be made.

A motion was then raised that the amended minutes of the SCCC meeting dated 15th November 2018 be accepted by the Committee.

Moved – Rex Keily Seconded – Malcolm Twartz

All were in favour. The motion was carried.

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

5.1. Email received from Jim Franklin-McEvoy (WCCC)

Kelvin read and tabled an email that he received from Jim Franklin-McEvoy (WCCC member) which queried the accuracy of the following items included in the November draft minutes:

Item 8.3 "felt that some nerves were settled and some historic SCCC myths corrected during the process"

Item 9.1.1 "No breaches were reported during the September quarter"

Item 9.1.6.1 "Should the Committee advise the community that GA & Hydrostor were working on site?"

Item 9.2.2 "Now proceeding with a trial run to put water down the hold and measure changes in the aquifer"

The above items were discussed by Committee and a motion was raised that no amendments be made to the November 2018 minutes for the above items, recognising that item 9.2.2 had been amended prior to this meeting.

Moved: Rex Keily Seconded: Malcolm Twartz

All were in favour. The motion was carried.

It was noted that Kelvin had responded to Jim's email on behalf of the SCCC and he tabled Jim's email and his response at the meeting.

- Action: Kelvin to forward a copy of this correspondence to Keren to distribute with the February minutes.

5.2. New Alexandrina Council Representative

Alexandrina Council have written a letter to Kelvin advising that Rex Keily AM will be their new representative on the SCCC. Kelvin welcomed Rex in his new capacity as the new Council representative.

Kelvin also thanked Anne Woolford for her time served as Council representative and welcomed her to the SCCC in her new capacity as community representative.

- Action: Kelvin to forward a copy of the letter received from Alexandrina Council to Keren.
- Action: Keren to distribute this advice with the minutes from the February meeting.

5.3. STED ponds

Anne has spoken to council staff and is waiting to hear back regarding the STED ponds. Rex has also followed this up with Mark van der Pennen (Alexandrina Council). The Committee would like to invite a Consultant to come to a future SCCC meeting to speak about what they are doing.

- Action: Anne/Rex to speak to Council to arrange for a Consultant to attend a SCCC meeting and provide an overview on the future of the STED ponds.

5.4. Additional SCCC members

The TOR states that the SCCC must comprise of a maximum of 11 members, with a maximum of 6 community representatives, 1 independent chair, 1 council representative, 1 traditional landowner (if applicable) and 2 company (Terramin) representatives. With the inclusion of Lynnette and Andrew on the committee and Rex being appointed as Council representative, the above criteria has been satisfied.

Malcolm advised that he had received a resume from a former Terramin employee who wanted to join the SCCC. It was deemed inappropriate for this person to join the committee due to their past association with Terramin.

It was also proposed that Terramin should have a member on the SCCC as per the TOR. Richard Taylor agreed to be Terramin's representative on the SCCC.

5.5. Request for leave of absence from SCCC by Sue Jettner

Sue Jettner has written to the Minister asking for a 12 months leave of absence from the SCCC. As all vacancies on the SCCC have now been filled and Sue has failed to attend the past 3 committee meetings, Kelvin suggested that the Minister be informed that the Chair will be asking Sue to step-down from the SCCC in accordance with the TOR. This suggestion was then put to the committee for a vote.

Moved: Anne Seconded: Rhonda

All were in favour. The motion was carried.

The SCCC wishes to formally thank Sue for her contribution over the years.

- Action: Kelvin to write to the Department to inform it of the SCCC decision that Sue will be asked to resign from the Committee.
- Action: Mark to report back to the Minister.
- Action: Kelvin to write to Sue to inform her of the SCCC decision and to thank her for her contribution.

6. ACTION ITEMS FROM LAST MEETING

Responsible	Task	Due Date
Kelvin	Call the Regional Manager at Mt Barker TAFE and see if any environmental and mining students would be interested in joining the SCCC.	Complete
Keren	Confirm the booking of the Angas Room at the Strathalbyn Library for the February 2019 SCCC meeting and also book the May and August meetings in. Contact names for bookings and	Complete

	accounts payment to be forwarded to Katy. Meeting dates are: 21.2.19, 16.5.19 & 15.8.19.	
Anne/Rex	Approach Council regarding the status of the STED ponds and invite to a SCCC meeting.	Ongoing
SCCC	Continue to look for new Committee members and forward any resumes received to Keren.	Complete
Keren	Send revised contacts list and Rhonda's letter to Kelvin.	Complete

7. KEY STAFF AND ORGANISATIONAL CHANGES

None reported.

8. CHAIRPERSON QUARTERLY ACTIVITY REPORT

8.1. Email received from Jim Franklin-McEvoy

This email was tabled and discussed in matters arising (item 5.1 above).

8.2. Hydrostor media launch

Anne, Julia, Malcolm and Kelvin attended the Hydrostor public launch recently held at Terramin AZM. The Hydrostor project is expected to create approximately 30 local jobs during the construction phase and another 4 to 5 permanent jobs once the project is up and running. The Hydrostor public launch was the subject of national radio and television news coverage and there were also a number of articles written in the local press which featured SCCC members.

The Committee highlighted that the wider community have raised a number of questions as to how the Hydrostor technology works. It was suggested that Hydrostor undertake some community engagement activities such as a man a booth at the Strathalbyn Show (October long weekend) or set up a shop front containing relevant information where people can drop in and speak to a Hydrostor representative. Mike also suggested that posters be displayed at the Terramin viewing site and a public meeting be held.

- Action: Keren to copy the article that featured Hydrostor in The Argus 14 February 2019 and distribute to the Committee.
- Action: Rex and/or Matt to speak to Hydrostor and ask them to arrange events where information can be provided to the community to explain their project.

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

9.1 AZM

9.1.1 Report against conditions of approval

No breaches were reported during the December 2018 quarter. The TSF remained well within compliance limits at the end of December with a surface area of approximately 9,000m² which is significantly below the 15,000m² criteria. The Reduced Level was 68.31m vs measurable criteria of 74.2m and seepage is less than 1L/min. A site audit of the AZM has recently been completed and the annual audit of the TSF is due to take place during the last week of February. The results of these audits will be published in the next Quarterly Environmental Report.

During the December quarter there were two instances of higher lead readings in offsite DDG3 & DDG11. During Q4 the wind direction was predominantly from the North so it is likely that these readings were the result of agricultural activities, rather than emanating from the TSF or AZM operational area.

A thorough investigation into the cause of the high lead dust reading of 10,952.9 mg/kg from DDG4 reported in Q3 and minuted in the SCCC November 2018 minutes was undertaken during the December quarter. A series of soil samples were taken from various points within AZM operational facility and also from adjacent properties on Callington Rd. Analysis of these samples did not provide conclusive findings for the high reading in DDG4 during Q3, therefore it is considered to be the result of lab error. It should be noted however, that this investigation did highlight some residual material around the crusher and conveyor area (underground) that will be duly removed.

Mark from DEM stated that he was happy with the investigation that was performed and that Terramin are looking to clean up the residual material around the crusher and conveyor facility.

9.1.2 Current Regulatory issues

None reported.

9.1.3 MPL progress

None reported.

9.1.4 Hydrostor

The visit from the Minister and the public Hydrostor launch that took place in February went well. The Hydrostor proof of concept and cutting edge technology on display at AZM will attract many visitors from all over which will be good for Strathalbyn.

Hydrostor has started geotechnical work to investigate site foundations therefore there is currently a drill-rig truck on site at AZM.

9.1.5 Questions

None recorded.

9.2 Bird in Hand

9.2.1 Update on progress

The exploration approval process is still in progress with further clarification being required on the reinjection test work. Once water drilling process has been approved by the authorities there will be further progress regarding the BiH project. Soil reports are also in progress with drafts due at the end of February.

9.2.2 Questions

None recorded.

9.3 Tala Hamza

9.3.1 Update on progress

Technical approval has now been received and finance approval is now in progress, however is expected to take some time. Until finance approval has been obtained, the office will continue to run with a skeleton staff.

9.3.2 Questions

None recorded.

9.4 New project - Kitticoola

Terramin have recently announced that they are looking at expanding their broader gold strategy for South Australia and have recently entered in to an agreement to purchase the Kitticoola historic copper goldmine located approximately 60kms north of Adelaide near Palmer, SA.

10 DEPARTMENT FOR ENERGY AND MINING (DEM) REPORT

10.1 Site inspections and Compliance updates

Covered in item 9.1.1 above.

During the site inspection it was noted that the direct seeding of *Allocasuarina verticillata* located within the waste recycling depot was looking quite good.

10.2 Mining Act review

Due back in the House of Assembly soon so hopefully there will be some further progress by the next meeting.

10.3 Questions

None recorded.

11 EPA REPORT

11.1 BiH

Prabhu advised that the EPA is currently working closely with DEM on the BiH project. No issues have been identified thus far.

12 OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business raised.

13 NEXT MEETING

To be held at 7pm, Thursday 16th May 2019 in Angas Room at Alexandrina Library, 1 Coleman Terrace, Strathalbyn.

14 MEETING CLOSE

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.

Actions List:

Item no	Responsible	Task	Due Date
1	Matt	Arrange a site tour for Lynnette, Andrew and Rhonda to take place 12.3.19 at 4.15pm.	8.3.19
5.1	Kelvin	Kelvin to forward a copy of this correspondence to Keren to distribute with the February minutes.	8.3.19
5.2	Kelvin	Forward copy of Alexandrina Council letter advising that Rex has now been appointed as Council Representative to the Keren.	8.3.19
5.1 & 5.2	Keren	Distribute correspondence received from Kelvin to the Committee with the February minutes.	15.3.19
5.3	Anne/Rex	Anne/Rex to speak to Council to arrange for a Consultant to attend a SCCC meeting and provide an overview on the future of the STED ponds.	15.3.19
5.5	Kelvin	Kelvin to write to the Department to inform it of the SCCC decision that Sue will be asked to resign from the Committee.	8.3.19
5.5	Mark	To report back to the Minister regarding the SCCC decision that Sue be asked to resign from the Committee.	15.3.19
5.5	Kelvin	Kelvin to write to Sue to inform her of the SCCC decision and to thank her for her contribution.	8.3.19
8.2	Keren	To distribute a copy of the Hydrostor article that	15.3.19

		appeared in The Argus to the Committee.	
8.2	Rex &/or Matt	Rex and/or Matt to speak to Hydrostor and ask them to arrange events where information can be provided to the community to explain their project.	31.3.19