

STRATHALBYN COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING

Thursday 19th May 2021 at 7.00 pm

Angas Zinc Mine, 2115 Callington Road, Strathalbyn SA 5255

1. WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS (Acknowledgement of Country)

Kelvin welcomed everyone to the meeting which commenced at 7:05 pm.

2. PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

PRESENT:

Committee Members:

Kelvin Trimper AM (Chair)	Rex Keily AM	Rhonda McCarthy	Malcolm Twartz
Martin Janes (Terramin)	Rhonda McCarthy	Lynette Stevenson	Karen Rogerson

Secretary:

Keren Stagg

Gallery and Presenters:

Mike O'Reilly (Terramin)	Ken McBride (Terramin)	Mark Stewart (DEM)	Peter Bond (EPA)
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APOLOGIES: Note-number in brackets represents the number of meetings missed in succession.

Adrian Pederick (4)	Tom Mehrrens (Terramin)	Andrew Batten	Julia Currie	Anne Woolford
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ABSENT: None

3. DECLARATION OF ANY CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No new conflicts of interest were declared.

4. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES – 20th MAY 2021

A motion was raised that the minutes of the SCCC meeting dated 20th May 2021 be accepted.

Moved – Rhonda McCarthy Seconded – Lynette Stevenson

All were in favour. The motion was carried.

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

5.1. ACTION ITEMS FROM LAST MEETING

Item 9.1.1 (Aug 20)	Mark	The trial monitoring equipment is currently being used at another site. Peter and a colleague have done a technical assessment around the site however priority is given to operational sites so this action item remains ongoing. Should the priority level of the AZM site change in summer, this will be reviewed.	Ongoing
Item 9.1 (Nov 20)	Tom/Peter	Peter has reviewed the historic data provided and the Air Quality Specialist has attended the site to become familiar with the topography and to take soil samples for analysis. 6 good samples were taken and are still in the process of being assessed and will hopefully be available for the next meeting. Kelvin welcomed the presentation of the Air Quality Specialist report at the next SCCC meeting. Action: Peter to invite DR Pushan Shah, Principal Scientific Officer (Air Quality) to the November SCCC meeting.	Ongoing
Item 8 (Feb 21)	All SCCC	All committee members have indicated that they are interested in continuing to serve on the SCCC. Once the BiH situation is clearer, Kelvin will catch up with individual committee members to gauge how they feel about the situation and going forward. It is expected that this will occur prior to the November SCCC meeting. Action: Kelvin to meet with individual SCCC members once BiH decision made.	Ongoing
Item 8.1.2 (May 21)	Rex	Rex contacted Alexandrina Council and requested an update on the status of the STED ponds. The email response from Alexandrina Council was tabled at the meeting. The following points were advised by Alexandrina Council: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision has been made for remediation works at the Swamp Road lagoon in the Council's Long Term Financial Plan. Currently scheduled for 2028/29. • The STED pond site is still being utilised as a key contingency should the CWMS network experience a failure. • A resolution would have to be passed by Council before any recreation or restoration activities can take place once the site is decommissioned. Funding to develop the site would also need to be sought. Kelvin thanked Rex for following this action item up on behalf of the SCCC. Terramin advised that the STED ponds are on the mining lease. Action: Keren to distribute the email response from Alexandrina Council with the August meeting minutes.	Complete

Item 8.2.1 (May 21)	Kelvin	<p>Kelvin sent a letter to Adrian on behalf of the SCCC requesting that he follow up the status of the BiH project with the relevant Government Departments. Adrian has had a discussion with the Minister and is still waiting for a formal reply. This was also followed up with DEM who have responded. Please refer to item 8.2.1 for further information.</p> <p>Action: Adrian to follow formal reply up with the Minister and advise Kelvin of the outcome.</p>	Ongoing
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6. KEY STAFF AND ORGANISATIONAL CHANGES

Terramin No key staff changes to report.

DEM Mark is still in an Acting role and the position has now been advertised. Paul De Ionno was recently appointed the Director of Mining Regulation within the Department for Energy and Mining, replacing Greg Marshall who resigned from the role last year.

EPA The EPA Director of Regulation, Peter Dolan has resigned and taken a job in the Lead Health Program in Port Pirie. His position is currently being back-filled by Andrew Pruszinski from the Site Contamination Branch. Peter's team leader has also moved sideways and a colleague resigned so this department of the EPA is experiencing a large degree of change.

7. CHAIRMAN'S QUARTERLY ACTIVITY REPORT

Kelvin had a discussion with Adrian about the time being taken for a decision to be reached regarding the BiH project and requested that Adrian formally follow this up with the Minister. He has also kept in touch with Tom regarding the ongoing maintenance and compliance requirements at the AZM site and spoke to each individual SCCC member regarding their decision to continue serving on the committee.

8. TERRAMIN REPORT ON STATUS OF CURRENT OPERATIONS

Tom was unable to attend the August SCCC meeting so provided the following update which was delivered by Ken:

8.1. AZM

8.1.1. Report against conditions of approval

The TSF is currently just below 14,000 m² which is below the maximum criteria of 15,000 m². The increase is mainly due to higher than average rainfall in June. The TSF will continue to be monitored.

During Q2, there was one instance when DDG12 exceeded Total Insoluble Matter criteria (8.1g/m²/month vs criteria of 4g/m²/month). This was reported to the EPA. All other Total Insoluble Matter readings were within the criteria stipulated in the PEPR. No lead exceedances were recorded during the quarter.

8.1.2. Current Regulatory Issues

None reported.

8.1.3. MPL Progress

Refer item 8.2 below.

8.1.4. Site Manager's report

Terramin recently hosted an education and networking day at AZM with the Regional Manager from the Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board plus 12 people from TAFE SA. The purpose of the visit was to discuss what skills would be required for young environmentalists and also the possibilities of mining traineeships or apprenticeships in the future. Terramin remain committed to local employment where possible.

Ongoing site maintenance continues at AZM.

8.1.5. Questions

None recorded.

8.2. Bird in Hand

8.2.1. Update on progress

Terramin submitted the BiH MLA document to DEM in mid-July and is awaiting a response. DEM have obtained opinions on these responses from DEW and the EPA and are now in the process of finalising their assessment of the response document. It is anticipated that a decision will be made by the end of August. If accepted a Comprehensive Technical Assessment will take place that considers environmental outcomes.

Further information regarding the Government assessment process and the status of the BiH approval will be posted on the DEM website at:

https://www.energymining.sa.gov.au/minerals/mining/mineral_projects/bird_in_hand_gold_project

The SCCC will be notified if a decision is received on this prior to the November SCCC meeting.

8.2.2. Questions

Q - Is there a further right of reply or does the Government decision have to be accepted?

A – The government assessment takes in to account all submissions and the decision stands.

8.3. Other Projects

8.3.1. Talha Hamza

Negotiations are still taking place with the Algerian Government regarding project design, feasibility and environmental impacts. JV agreement negotiations are also taking place. The Terramin Talha Hamza is currently the largest mine in Algeria. Goodwill exists, but Covid19 and Wild fires are also causing delays.

8.3.2. Kapunda

Terramin are currently working on obtaining approval from DEM and the EPA for test work to commence on the in-situ leaching project. The copper leaching process requires a chemical to be added to the ground-water. This chemical breaks down within 36 hours so it does not contaminate the water. Once the test work is done, a feasibility study will follow.

Further information can be found on the Enviro Copper website at <https://www.envirocopper.com.au>

8.3.3. Wildhorse Plains

The Freeport-McMoRan Exploration Australia JV has been taken over by Newmont who are the largest gold mining company in the world and have operations in WA and the NT. Agreements are now in place with relevant landholders and the exploration PEPR was lodged with DEM in mid-August. Terramin hope to commence drilling in October, however Covid19 border restrictions are causing logistic issues with the movement of drill rigs.

8.3.4. Questions

None recorded.

9. DEM REPORT

9.1. Site inspections and Compliance updates

No site inspection of AZM during Q2.

9.2. Mining Act Review

Nothing further to report.

9.3. Questions

None recorded.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

None recorded.

11. NEXT MEETING

To be held 5pm Thursday, 18th November 2021 at AZM for a site visit and BBQ (Covid permitting) prior to the meeting.

- Action: Keren to invite Alexandrina Council Mayor, Keith Parkes and CEO Glen Rappensberg to attend.

12. MEETING CLOSE

Kelvin thanked Terramin for hosting the meeting and also for their presentation.

The meeting closed at 8:15pm.

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Item 11 (Aug 21)	Keren	Invite Alexandrina Council Mayor, Keith Parkes and CEO Glenn Rappensberg to November SCCC meeting	14.9.21