

**Draft Minutes of Meeting of Gunlake Quarries Community Consultative Committee
held at Marulan Community Hall at 10.00am on Friday 24 March 2023**

1) Attendance:

Don Elder (Chairman), Ken Wray (CM), Marie Pender (CM), Jackie Harding (CM), Tony Mulvihill (CM), Geoff Kettle (Gunlake), Andrew Wade (Gunlake), Ron Switzer (CM), Scott Martin (GMC), Ed O'Neil (Gunlake), Councillor Jason Shepherd (GMC), David Humphreys (CM)

2) Apologies: David Kelly (Gunlake), Cheryl Bell (CM), David Blissett (CM)

Welcome: Meeting started 10 am

3) Declaration of pecuniary interests – none

4) Minutes of meeting held 02 December 2022:

Tabled and signed by Chairman as a correct record.

5) Business arising from the Minutes: See Item 7 below

6) Correspondence:

- Letter from David Blissett – Discussion of letter stood over till next meeting at which David Blissett is present, on his request.

7) Company Report and questions/comments/concerns:

- Geoff Kettle referring to Company Report document as printed and provided to all present:
- Report to work being done by Council on haul route repairs. Council must be on call and proactive with haul route maintenance/repairs. 80 Km/h signs are temporary but authorised by RMS.
- RMS have not approved permanent speed reduction yet. KW keen to see reduced speed limit.
- TM - reports that the trucks are much better behaved with the 80 KLM limit. The signs are much appreciated.
- GK - Police have been patrolling the route.
- Scott GMC – Council keen to see signs kept in place.
- JH – Can council repair the access driveway damage that the workers have done whilst turning around. Scott – Yes will flag it.
- GK – We are working hard to employ more people utilising local sources such as the CoC.
- KW – Is the lack of people reducing output
- EO Yes
- AW - Tony Onions Park is being revitalised.
- AW - Bad road behaviour – We continue to monitor the trucks and employ numerous techniques to improve driver behaviour. Radio call outs, Temporary bans etc
- DH How will the haul route cope with the new solar farm development traffic, wind tower blade carrying etc?
- KW spoke to the developers at their community meeting who said numerous intersections will need updating and rebuilding. Hume Highway Intersection will be rebuilt apparently. Scott will be flagging this in the approval process. Can the CCC comment on the approval process for the solar farm?
- GK – The CCC is a vehicle for information sharing between Gunlake and the Community and should not be commenting on other developments.

- GK - Continuation Project has been approved 2nd March – Thanks to all
- KW – Questioned the wording in approval re sight distance on PTR intersections, what is 'Adequate'?
- SM – Referred to Austroads specs and will speak to George Angelos, Director of operations. Areas of concern are Hume Hwy/ Red Hills Rd Intersection (Trees/ Bushes) and Red Hills Rd/Ambrose Rd intersection (Trees Bushes) and Brayton Rd / Ambrose Rd Intersection.
- KW – Do we have an idea on ramp up to 4.2 MTA
- EO - Subject to market demand.
- KW – Have trucks increased?
- EO – Yes due to projects such as WSA
- TM – Would like to say the CCC has been a good tool to talk about the development. Happy with the way the approval was given. Due process had been followed. Was happy the way this development has improved the Marulan district. Property Prices and facilities etc. Jobs etc. Congratulations for playing with a straight bat. We have all been given ample opportunity to bring up concerns. Congratulations to the family and company.
- KW & RS – expressed slight concern about being referred to as objectors.
- GK - that this was not true and that KW and RI were valuable members and expressed their concerns which has contributed to the outcome.
- EO – Talked to whether CCC needed to be re-convened under the new consent conditions. Technically needs to be continued. GK and EO will provide guidance etc to Don to pass onto the CCC.

8) **GM Council report** on road works:

- Conditions have been more conducive to undertaking repairs on the haul route. Weather is favourable. Finding the right materials has been an issue. Specialised products etc.
- SM - Council will be pushing the new NSW govt to take up more initiative to provide support for State Significant haul routes generally.
- JS - The NSW Gov needs to step up now that the general expansion of the Marulan Area grows exponentially.
- GMC to approach MPs to push this agenda.
- SM - Flood study on exhibition at chambers – Feedback welcomed.
- Notification is still given to all developments that this is a rural and quarrying area. Subject to transport and noise from associated activities.

9) **General Business**

- KW – HVAS what is the level of monitoring? EO 2.5
- EO – Dust exposure is being monitored more closely since last year's new exposure levels released.

10) **Next Meeting** - 28th July 2023, 10am, St Stephen's Uniting Church Hall, Marulan, with the possibility of a site inspection before or after the meeting. Ron Switzer is an apology.

Meeting Closed 10.55am

Confirmed

Chairman