

**Minutes of Meeting of Gunlake Quarries Community Consultative Committee  
held at Marulan Community Hall at 10.00am on 1 April 2022**

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**1) Attendance:**

Don Elder (Chairman), Ken Wray (CM), David Humphreys (CM), Marie Pender (CM), Jackie Harding (CM), Tony Mulvihill (CM), Geoff Kettle (Gunlake), Andrew Wade (Gunlake), David Kelly (Gunlake), David Blissett (CM), Ron Switzer (CM), Mayor Peter Walker (GMC), Councillor Jason Shepherd (GMC), Cheryl Bell (CM), Ed O'Neil (Gunlake)

**The Chairman opened the meeting at 10.00am** and welcomed Ed O'Neil, Mayor of GMC Peter Walker, and Councillor Jason Shepherd from GMC.

**2) Apologies:** Angus Richmond (Gunlake), Scott Martin (GMC)

**3) Declaration of pecuniary or other interests:** Nil

**4) Minutes of meeting held on 26 November 2021** were confirmed.

**5) Business arising from the Minutes:**

- a) Interview by EMM and letter from Ron Switzer – received and no further action.
- b) Drivers Conduct Rules and letter from Ken Wray dated 1/12/2021 – received and noted by Gunlake.
- c) Cheryl Bell – rescission motion re Item 9 in minutes of meeting held 27 August 2021.  
RESOLVED: that that the decision made be rescinded.

**6) Correspondence:**

- a) Letter from David Blissett dated 28 Mar 2022 regarding condition of transport route and pavement type. General discussion on recent extreme weather and hence increased maintenance requirements that have been delayed pending suitable weather to enable repair. Mayor Walker commented that the money is available but we have a timing issue with the weather, when inclement proper and long-lasting repairs cannot be undertaken. Discussion also took place on Cleary Bros and their aspiration. Mayor Walker advised that there were no firm proposals to Council from that company, and they would have to adhere to Council policy in any proposals.
- b) TM raised issue of other quarry developments coming in the area that may increase road usage and whether a contractor can be engaged to look after the transport route. Mayor Walker commented that this is a growing issue in the LGA and may well require a reconsideration and prioritisation of how this is done by Council. DH and Mayor Walker commented on GMC extractive industry policy and charges and that Section 7.11 levies will be charged on any future extractive industry operation using the transport route.
- c) Letter from Ken Wray dated 02 Mar 2022, enclosing a letter from a resident of Big Hill, regarding road incident on Ambrose Road. GK replied that Gunlake investigated the incident and that truck data has confirmed that the truck did not stop, that both drivers were interviewed in regard to the matter, and had no recollection of the incident. Councillor Shepherd asked whether this matter has been "tool boxed" with Gunlake staff.

- d) Letter from Ken Wray regarding Transport Options Review. The Chair commented that this has been addressed by the Company in the Submissions report recently lodged with the NSW DPIE. Ken will read the submissions and may then make further comments. The item will be on the agenda for the next meeting.
- e) RS asked a question of Mayor Walker regarding an overall regional/strategic view or strategy into the region and its increasing number of operations and activities. Is Marulan correctly designated as "a quarry town"? What is the strategy for the development of the town? Ed stated that it was a matter for the NSW Government to develop a policy, but it had not done so.
- f) Response to DPIE CCC guideline review. Chair will make a submission of his observations/feedback and include any members' comments. Members are also encouraged to make their own submissions.
- g) Matter of correspondence received by the Chair was discussed.  
RESOLVED that any correspondence received by the Chair should be circulated to all Gunlake CCC members. DPIE CCC Guidelines will also be circulated by Geoff Kettle to all members with these minutes.

7) **Company Report** (attached with the minutes).

#### 8) **General Business**

- a) TM passed on comments received from the community re getting through COVID and maintaining employment at the operation. Quarry blast notification protocol to add local residents that have spoken with TM. Some properties have recessed driveways, what can be done to assist with sight lines. JH added can signs be erected warning of this. Gunlake will follow up with GMC.
- b) KW commented on the need for road improvements in particular through the Red Hills Road intersection including improving sight distances and reducing the speed limit. Noted by Gunlake. JH spoke on the need for more advisory signs on roads. AW and GK will follow this up. RS spoke on courtesy and common sense of drivers.
- c) The printed Company Report will be available to all CCC members at or prior to future meetings.
- d) RS spoke on the Company and the Council looking to the future with their planning.

#### 9) **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is to be held at 10.00am on Friday 12 August 2022 at the Marulan Community Hall.

The Chairman thanked Ed, the Mayor and Councillor Shepherd for their attendance and contributions, and **the meeting closed at 11.50 am.**

Confirmed

Chairman