## KANMANTOO-CALLINGTON COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (KCCCC)

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# Draft Notes to the Meeting

15 September 2022 Callington Hall – 7:30 pm

# 1. Welcome and introductions

#### In attendance

Apologies

Karlene Maywald (Chairperson)	Mark Stewart
Glenn Norris	Carol Bailey
Ed Thomas	Melanie Reiffel
Fiona Challen	Kathy Schneider
Garry Duncan	Tony Aloisi
Greg Sarre (DCMB)	Lachlan Wallace
Harry Seager	Peter Bond (EPA)
Ross Oke	Rebekha Sharkie MP

There were 6 people in the gallery including one representative from Hansen Quarries.

The Chair:

- acknowledged the traditional owners of the land on which the meeting was to be conducted and paid respect to Elders past, present, and emerging
- introduced members of the KCCCC to the gallery
- encouraged the gallery to participate.

# 2. Confirmation of notes of previous KCCCC meeting of 6 June 2022 and Actions arising

The notes were confirmed as true and accurate (Harry and seconded by Garry).

The following actions have been completed since the previous meeting:

Task	Action				
Community Action List (CAL)	GN reviewed action list and updated it in draft form. Updates approved and the updated version will be uploaded to the website.				
Hillgrove Site Revegetation	Glenn to provide some past annual revegetat reports to KCCCC members. Done. These posted on Hillgrove website also.				
KCCCC future structure	GN and KM reviewed community member applications when received on 27 June. GN prepared a paper that was distributed to the committee which was approved.				
	Send invitations to landowners, government and community stakeholders. Done. GN met with Murray Bridge Council CEO – Michael Sedgman to discuss engagement (see minutes).				
NVC project advancement.	Response letter received from Minister Close and NVC advising potential options.				
	GWLAP re-engaged with landowners to confirm continued interest.				

New actions from this meeting and outstanding actions (or expanded actions) from previous meetings and are contained in the below table.

Task	Action			
Master Plan Review	Karlene, Fiona and Paul Johnston to meet as a subcommittee of the KCCCC to review Master Plan options. Seek feedback from community on suggestions for enhancements of the document.			
Community Action List	Glenn to upload approved CAL to the KCCC website.			
KCCCC future structure	Once MBDC and RCMB council elections are concluded and new councilors appointed, seek KCCC nominations.			
NVC project advancement.	Updated actions: Karlene/Glenn to draft a response to Minster Close's letter requesting funds released. Discuss with Ross and Harry to ensure we clearly articulate request. Karlene to discuss matter with SACOME. Continue working through Third Party Provider options and application for separate NVC grant for the project.			
Kanmantoo site revegetation	Consider inviting revegetation specialist (EBS or John Crocker) to speak about Hillgrove's program at the next KCCCC meeting.			

Hanson application	Mark Stewart to send links to material outlining
	process for quarry licencing approvals.
Garry to discuss erecting plaque which	This is still a work in progress and will be kept on
recognises the contributions of	the action item list.
people/groups that made the	
Memorial Wall possible with Peter	
McGinn.	

# 3. Master Plan

## 3.1 Master Plan Review

Master plan document up for review.

Two options for discussion (as per previous meeting discussions):

- 1. Construct two documents:
  - a. an overarching document similar to the existing document
  - b. a separate shorter document focussing on key points as an outward facing advertisement document which can be updated as projects progress or added.
- 2. Alternatively, a single more succinct version to be considered.

Karlene, Fiona and Paul Johnston (new KCCCC member) will form a Master Plan Review subcommittee.

# ACTION

• Karlene, Fiona and Paul Johnston to meet as a subcommittee to review Master Plan update options.

# 4. Kanmantoo Copper Mine

Glenn Norris provided the following updates.

## 4.1 Compliance / Emission /Rehabilitation

- Update on water bore on the mining lease with reported elevated Fe, Ni, Co and Zn levels concentrations. Elevated metals still only present in KMB0030 bore on site adjacent to back-filled Emily open pit. There is no increase in metals in bores at site boundary. Inferred groundwater flow is towards the Giant open pit which is the regional sink.
- Question asked: what happens to water that reports to the open pit and are do the metals cause any issues? Water from the pit is pumped out to the TSF and mixes with the existing tailings water. The flow is minimal relative to other sources. The metals are trace amounts only and the water in the pit itself has these metals present at higher concentrations.
- Revegetated areas being maintained on-site and off-site including spot spraying, hand weeding and slashing high quality revegetated areas.
- GN referred to site map and talked to areas that have been revegetated to date and areas that will be closed out and revegetated at the cessation of operations at the site. GN explained the process for this encapsulating possible acid forming rock with non-acid forming rock then placing topsoil on this material and spraying seed onto the topsoil.

• GN provided a brief explanation on the construction and function of the tailings storage facility (TSF) during care and maintenance activities.

AC	TION				
•	Nil				

#### 4.2 Kanmantoo Underground

Glenn Norris gave a presentation on the progress of the Kanmantoo Underground project. Updates from last meeting.

- Updated Nugent underground Mineral Resource Estimate. 70% increase in contained copper for this zone. This was released to the ASX in July 2022. The location of the Nugent zone was shown on map.
- Spitfire drill results received from underground drilling platform. This program delivered excellent results and confirmed location of this zone. This was released to the ASX in August 2022.
- Royalty payment of \$6M received for future production from the mine from Freepoint Metals and Concentrates (off-take partner). This was announced to the ASX in August 2022.
- Hillgrove continues to engage with project finance partners and contractors.
- The copper price has dropped since early 2022. Within this context, Hillgrove are assessing options for the project including conducting additional drilling to expand the size of the project.
- The open pit continues to be dewatered and the plant is being maintained in operational readiness to recommence.
- Question asked about jobs? Hillgrove is not currently employing but once development mining commences there will be a steady ramp up in employment. We will seek local candidates for suitable roles with a preference for local employment where possible.
- Question about continuous miner machine? With the trial complete, it has left site as advised at last meeting. Two portals were successfully established and decline development commenced with this machine.

#### Community Action List

The updated Community Action List has been circulated to the KCCCC members on 8 June, 28 June and 17 August for comment and review. It is now finalised and will be uploaded to the KCCCC website.

Fiona noted that the CAL should reflect updates over time but original actions should not be removed.

#### ACTION

• Glenn to upload approved CAL to the KCCCC website.

# 5. Other Business

#### 5.1 Proposed changes to KCCCC

In May 2022, an expression of interest to join the KCCCC was sent to Kanmantoo and Callington residents and an advertisement was posted in the Mt Barker Courier newspaper. Letters were also sent to the Regional City of Murray Bridge Council and the Regional Development Council inviting participation to broaden the eligible membership.

#### Summary below.

#### Community Representatives

- In addition to the existing committee members who re-applied there were two nominations for community representative positions on the committee. These were Donna Twycross and Robert McCauley both Kanmantoo residents. Glenn Norris met with both in July to discuss the KCCCC and both would like to represent the community on the committee.
- Existing KCCCC members who reapplied for community representative roles were Gary Duncan, Melanie Reiffel and Fiona Challen.
- Carol Bailey is standing down at the next Mount Barker council election but would like to continue on the KCCCC as a community representative.

#### **Directly affected landowners**

- Ed Thomas has agreed to remain on the KCCCC.
- Kathy Schneider has stepped down from the committee but will still be involved through the attendance of meetings. We thank Kathy for her participation.

#### **Community Organisations**

- Existing member Harry Seagar has been nominated as the representative for the Callington Recreation Park which is a new community organisation represented on the KCCCC.
- Paul Johnston has been nominated as the representative for the Kanmantoo-Callington Landcare Group. Glenn Norris met with Paul in September.
- Melanie Reiffel is seeking nomination from the Callington School Council to represent this body on the KCCCC. We await feedback. Melanie will remain on the committee as a community representative if a nomination from the school is not forthcoming.

#### <u>Government</u>

- Mark Stewart will remain on the KCCCC as the representative for the Department of Energy and Mining.
- Greg Sarre has agreed to represent the Mount Barker District Council staff on the KCCCC. With Carol Bailey standing down as a councillor, we will seek a nomination from MBDC for a councillor representative once local council elections have been undertaken.
- Following the letter sent to the Rural City of Murray Bridge council, Glenn Norris met with the RCMB CEO Michael Sedgman. He supports representation from the Murray Bridge Council on the KCCCC in the form of a councillor and/or a council staff member. With the upcoming LGA elections, the Council enters caretaker mode on 6 September until around December meaning the KCCCC nomination process will have to occur after this time. Council will prepare a report for the 12 December council meeting seeking an officer and councillor to nominate for the KCCCC.
- Peter Bond from the EPA will remain involved in the KCCCC in terms of attending meetings.
- A response is yet to be received from the Regional Development Authority.

#### Local neighbouring businesses

• It is proposed that further discussion within the KCCCC occur with regards to the representation of local business such as Neutrog and Hanson on the committee or whether

updates are provided as guests at KCCCC meetings if requested. At this stage Tony Aloisi is willing to remain on the committee.

## Approvals at KCCCC pre-meeting 15 September 2022.

The following actions were approved (Ross Oake 1<sup>st</sup> & Harry Seagar 2<sup>nd</sup>).

- The six nominated community members be appointed/re-appointed to the KCCCC.
- Ed Thomas remains on the KCCCC as a local landowner.
- Harry Seager and Paul Johnston be appointed to represent the Callington Recreation Park and the Kanmantoo-Callington Landcare groups respectively.
- Greg Sarre to join the committee to represent MBDC staff. It would also be beneficial if a councillor was also nominated.
- The regulators are represented as per current arrangements.
- Once nominations from the RCMB are received that they be appointed to the KCCCC.
- Other businesses in the areas (ie Neutrog/Hanson) be invited to provide a representative on the committee or provide an update at the meeting by way of an open invitation. Please note that this action was not supported by Garry Duncan due to concerns with Neutrog. Glenn and Karlene will seek to meet with Angus Irwin Neutrog to discuss preferences.

The above recommendations will increase the size of the committee by at least three (and potentially up to six) as per the following the following:

- An increase of two in the number of local community members/local landowners (three additional community members Donna, Robert, Carol but a reduction of one with Harry moving to the Callington Recreation Park representative.
- Reduction of one in local landowners (Kathy).
- MBDC staff member (Greg Sarre).
- A representative from the Callington Recreation Park (Harry).
- A representative from the Kanmantoo-Callington Landcare group (Paul Johnston).
- One replacement councillor from MBDC (To be confirmed)
- One or two representatives from Murray Bridge (To be confirmed).

This would bring the number of representatives on the KCCCC to at least 15 - and potentially 18 -, thereby, at least partially, achieving the desired outcome of broadening the KCCCC membership.

## ACTIONS

- Karlene and Glenn to meet with Angus Irwin (Neutrog) to discuss representation on committee.
- Invitation to be sent to local businesses for nomination and invite to attend meetings and provide updates.
- Once MBDC and RCMB council elections are concluded and new councilors appointed, seek KCCC nominations.

#### 5.2 Native Vegetation Council Project

- Karlene provided a recap of the Callington native vegetation project.
- Response to KCCCC letter received from Minister Susan Close MP (Climate, Environment and Water) and NVC on proposal. Energy and Mining referred their letter to Department of

Environment and Water. Ross summarised response for the group. There are two potential avenues (from the five suggestions in the letter) that are being assessed:

- Use a third party offset provider (such as GWLAP) to take on the SEB obligations. It is understood that a similar amount of funds would be required to be paid to the TPP as the NVC fund but there may be more optionality around the timing of the payments and more security over where the funds will be spent. This may allow Hillgrove to pay modest sums short term which will come off the total payment which is not achievable with the current arrangement. This would, however, require a PEPR review for the native vegetation section of the PEPR.
- The KCCCC could apply for a grant from the NVC fund for the purpose of revegetating the proposed land. This would not be associated with Hillgrove's SEB obligations. A formal revegetation proposal would been to be developed.
- A letter will be drafted to Minister Close in response to her letter. This would request that the project be assessed, some funds released to commence the project and these funds replaced when Hillgrove pays into the fund. It was suggested that additional pressure could be applied through SACOME, DEM (Paul Heithersay) and Minister Koutsantonis.
- Harry Seagar expressed extreme disappointment that a resolution on this matter has not been achieved resulting in missing the last three planting seasons which have been very good in terms of rainfall.

#### ACTIONS

- Karlene/Glenn to draft response letter to Minister Susan Close's letter requesting funds released. Discuss with Ross and Harry to ensure we sufficiently articulate expectations.
- Karlene to discuss matter with SACOME.
- Continue working through Third Party Provider options and application for separate NVC grant for the project.

#### 5.3 Hanson Quarries

- Hanson State Manager Steve Seal introduced himself and provided update on the quarry.
- Retention lease granted over the area of the mining lease application. This allows more time to undertake additional work and provide additional information to the Department of Energy and Mining.

## 6. Next meeting and close

Proposed date 15 December 2022, 7:30pm, Callington Hall.

Meeting closed 9.30pm