

# KANMANTOO-CALLINGTON COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (KCCCC)

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## Draft Notes to the Meeting

14 December 2017

Callington Memorial Hall

### 1. Welcome and introductions

#### *In attendance*

Bev Robertson  
Carol Bailey  
Garry Duncan  
Ed Thomas  
Harry Seager  
Kathy Schneider Roberts  
Fiona Challen  
Alistair Walsh  
Lachlan Wallace  
Bob Goreing (Chair)

#### *Guests*

Kate Hobbs Chief Operating Officer Neutrog  
Peter Overall Production Manager Neutrog  
Sarah Bellman, Operations Manager, Hanson  
Ross Oke: General Manager, Goolwa to Wellington  
Local Action Planning Association  
Greg Tyczenko Manager Resources and Energy EPA  
Peter Bond, Kanmantoo Copper Mine licence manager  
EPA  
Dr David Simon Director Scientific Services Branch SA  
Health  
Greg Sarre Strategic Planning and Economic  
Development Mt Barker District Council

#### *Apologies*

Mark Goldsworthy MP (State Member for Kavel)  
Greg Drew SA Mining History Group  
Steve McClare, CEO, Hillgrove Resources

Gallery: approximately 4 plus 8 guests

Bob reminded the meeting that tonight was his last meeting in the role as Chair of the Committee.

### 2. Confirmation of notes of previous KCCCC meeting of 21<sup>st</sup> September 2017

The draft notes to the last meeting of the committee held on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2017 were accepted without alteration

#### **Actions arising**

##### **Native vegetation 'knowledge transfer project'**

Lachlan said that the opportunity for the wider community to express an interest in a proposed native vegetation knowledge transfer project was part of the Callington Show display. However there had only been a small number of enquiries about this project from community members.

The meeting discussed the potential value of this project and agreed that it was important (see item 4 this agenda). It was agreed that once the project was more developed, it should be advertised and promoted through the committee.

**Action:** Lachlan to continue the development of the native vegetation knowledge transfer project within Hillgrove for inclusion in the package of short term community benefit projects

##### **Bird species information and survey**

Bev spoke about the work she (with the assistance of Harry) had done on local bird species for the

committee display at the Callington Show. The work included identifying the variety of bird species returning to the local area, the population numbers of some key species and the potential to agree with the community on some species that may be linked to the identity of the area as 'emblem' species. Bev said that she was aware of over 50 species of birds that had been identified in the local area.

General discussion pointed out the link between the return of bird species and the success of various environmental projects in the area. The potential was identified to add bird watching to the tourism experience and invite tourists and visitors as well as locals, to contribute to an on-going bird survey perhaps linked to the GIS mapping project (see item 3 this agenda).

**Action:** The committee to continue to support the bird survey through the package of short term community benefit projects.

### **Mayo Stronger Communities Program: KCCCC letter of support**

The Chair said that a letter of support had been sent to the Callington Memorial Hall Committee to include in their application for grant funding from the Mayo Stronger Communities Program.

Harry reported that the Callington Memorial Hall Committee had been notified that its application had been successful. It was noted that Hillgrove had committed to matching the funding provided by the Commonwealth grant while the Callington Hall Committee was providing the balance of funding required for the project.

It was agreed that this was a very good outcome for the local community.

### **3. Playford Memorial Trust Scholarship 2017: GIS mapping final report**

Lachlan offered Sophie Min Thompson's apologies to tonight's meeting as she had missed a flight back to Adelaide. Sophie was to present a final report on the GIS mapping project and Lachlan said that he would be presenting on her behalf.

Lachlan showed examples of maps that Sophie had developed including a general overview, vegetation plot, mining heritage sites and potential tourism trail.

Lachlan said that managing and maintaining the maps would be the responsibility of Hillgrove and the tool would be hosted on the committee webpage on the Hillgrove website. The tool will have the ability to determine the user's location and bring up interesting landmarks as well as the base information such as vegetation areas.

Lachlan said that Sophie had expressed an interest in continuing to be involved and was currently developing a manual for the tool.

### **4. Master planning and the mine closure and completion plan**

The Chair said that the purpose of this item was to provide feedback from committee members on the draft short-term community benefit project-list that was compiled for, and displayed at, the Callington Show.

The Chair said that he had also received comments from committee members related to potential barriers and / or ways to move projects forward. The Chair identified the following g themes from comments he had received:

1. concentrating on practical ways to move from discussion / planning to action on projects, identifying responsibilities, resources and measurable project outcomes
2. encouraging Hillgrove to take a lead particularly where community benefit projects may fall outside the requirements that the company has to the regulator
3. placing the community benefit projects on a clear timeline and reporting progress regularly
4. recognising the foundation (research) work that Hillgrove and particularly Lachlan has done with Universities
5. increasing participation and greater involvement of the wider community at committee meetings and outside of meetings

6. encouraging Hillgrove to clarify the implications of the growth opportunities they have been looking at like pumped hydro, on delivering community benefit projects

The Chair said that he had raised these themes with Hillgrove earlier this week to enable Lachlan to respond at tonight's meeting.

Lachlan said that he was particularly pleased to have received this constructive feedback. He said he was keen to respond to the call for Hillgrove to show leadership and help bring projects together. Lachlan understood that the projects included not only those required in the mine closure and completion plan (in the PEPR) but also those that extended / modified these in line with community priorities as well as projects that fell outside of any compliance obligation.

Lachlan agreed that there was a need to move from planning to action on the community benefit projects. He said that he believed that successful implementation of projects required someone to take responsibility for the work. To address this, Lachlan proposed that Hillgrove appoint a community benefits 'projects coordinator'. Lachlan said that this would be a new, part time position within Hillgrove with responsibilities including identifying the resources required for projects, scheduling (on a timeline) and reporting progress. The projects coordinator would be available as a resource for the committee, the Master Planning Working Party and other community groups in the wider community on request.

The committee members agreed that such a role would be very valuable and congratulated Lachlan on the initiative.

**Action:** Lachlan to move forward with creating a new position of part time community benefit projects coordinator.

All committee members were invited to comment on projects within their respective portfolios with a view to identifying priority projects as well as potential barriers to projects being implemented.

Alistair provided feedback from a mining regulator's perspective, on managing potential delays where projects may include a change to the details in the mine closure and completion plan (in PEPR). An example from the draft projects list was the proposal to retain a piece of infrastructure like the Plant Propagation Centre for community benefit.

Alistair said that the mine could self-assess where a project did not represent any additional environmental impacts and was therefore consistent with the environmental objectives / outcomes in the PEPR. This self-assessment would need to be ratified by the regulator but if so, would not require an amendment to the mine closure and completion plan and therefore would not lead to delays.

Harry felt that the knowledge transfer project and access to the Hillgrove Propagation Centre were priorities for the community. He also suggested that the knowledge transfer project may provide a useful forum to help identify potential issues for private landowners wanting to be involved in environmental projects.

Kathy supported Harry's comments and raised the potential to extend Hillgrove's environmental programs to include private landholders. She pointed out how environmental corridors, developed through the mine's native vegetation program, could be linked to the proposed bird species project mentioned by Bev earlier in this meeting. A member of the gallery suggested that the bird species project could also be incorporated in the GIS mapping project which may allow visitors not only to observe bird species but also to contribute in real time to a bird population survey.

Kathy also mentioned barriers for private landowners like insurance where public access was considered for projects like walking trails if they wanted to be involved. A member of the gallery suggested looking at the SA Government's Greenways program for ideas on this matter.

Carol spoke about the role of Council and the potential to integrate with District-wide programs in trails, biodiversity and water management for example.

The issue of land tenure / land management planning was raised as a potential barrier where projects like environmental corridors / walking trails needed to be secured for the long term. Bev spoke about environmental heritage and the standards required like minimum regeneration terms (times) for native

vegetation. Bev pointed out the impact this may have on project scheduling if this land management approach was to be considered by Hillgrove.

Gary said that the community identity project could provide a common brand for the area which would be reflected in all projects. Simple examples included common formatting for directional signage for visitors traveling to the area and interpretive signage for walking trails once visitors had arrived in the area.

Fiona supported Gary's view about the benefits of developing the area's unique identity. She spoke about the unique geology for example and how this could be leveraged for tourism, education and other purposes.

Ed spoke about the role of projects that promoted the area positively in counteracting some negative perceptions and real challenges of living near a major mine. Ed suggested that part of the committee engagement with the wider community may include surveying residential aspirations for lifestyle, personal and family development in the immediate future.

**Action:** The Chair to ensure that the discussion of community priorities from the draft projects' list is handed over to the new projects' coordinator for further consideration and inclusion in the development of the projects list.

## 5. Issues: Standing items:

- Kanmantoo Copper Mine: Update
- Environmental emissions
- Mine Closure and Completion Plan
- Lachlan presented data on the mine's recent performance in dust management. He said that the mine was preparing for the so called 'dust season through a number of recent strategies including:
  - there was ample water supply from 2 separate sources for use in dust suppression
  - additional water storage had been added to the Tailings Storage Facility (TSF) to reduce the area for potential dust lift from this source
  - the spigots on the TSF were rotated more frequently to keep the surface wet
  - dust binding agents were being used on roads and drill holes and
  - a 40 km per hour speed limit had been imposed on the dedicated access road
- Lachlan presented maps to show progress in the rehabilitation program. In summary:
  - 12 ha had been shaped and seeded prior to 2017
  - 18 ha had been shaped and seeded in 2017
  - 30 ha were planned for shaping and seeding in 2018

Lachlan explained that exploration and a proof of concept study for potential underground mining as an extension to the current open cut operation was proposed for 2018. He said that in conjunction with this, dedicated community consultation on the scope and potential impacts of such a proposal was planned for early in 2018. Lachlan said that mineral exploration was continuing on Kanappa and Mt Rhine tenements in the region and he would provide regular updates on progress at future committee meetings.

Lachlan said that Hillgrove was still waiting for feedback from a submission to the SA Bulk Energy Storage initiative (Our Energy Plan – SA Government) related to feasibility work in respect of pumped hydro energy storage as a future option for the Kanmantoo site. He said that dedicated community consultation would be an important part of further consideration of feasibility.

Lachlan presented a timeline for short term, medium term and longer-term projects under the community benefit program. The purpose of this was to demonstrate that the options for growth mentioned above would not impact on the potential to deliver the community benefit projects being discussed.

### **Community Action Plan (December 2017 update)**

The Chair said that the draft Community Action Plan was being updated in December 2017 and would be available on the committee webpage in the new year. Hard copies of the draft were available at the meeting.

## 6. New KCCCC: Expressions of Interest

The Chair said that the current committee would complete their two-year terms as Committee Members in March 2018. An Expression of Interest process for new committee members had been undertaken according to the KCCCC Terms of Reference including:

- letter on the subject written by Hillgrove's Kanmantoo Copper Mine General Manager
- letter sent to the community via 'letter box drop'
- EOI form and letter to the community available on the committee webpage and through other means like contacting committee secretariat
- advertisements placed in the Courier newspaper
- posters placed in community
- copies of EOI forms and self-addressed envelopes available at the Callington Show
- community members expressing an interest invited to December 2017 KCCCC meeting

The Chair said that expressions of interest had been received from two members of the community along with renominations from four existing committee members. He explained that other Committee members representing the mining regulator, local Council and Hillgrove would continue on.

He explained that Fiona who was representing the Callington School on the committee, would step down from this role as she was retiring from teaching. The Chair said that a new representative from the school would be sought when school recommenced next year. The Chair said that Fiona had expressed an interest in continuing on with the committee as an individual community member.

The Chair said that Bev had indicated that she would not be continuing on as a committee member. The Chair and the committee thanked Bev for her very valuable contributions over the past two years.

Ross Oke, General Manager of the Goolwa to Wellington Local Action Planning Association (LAPA), introduced himself and described the interest he and his group had in joining the committee. He spoke about the role the LAPA had in the area and his experience in environmental matters particularly.

Members of the committee were asked to consider if there were gaps in community representation with particular reference to the stage of the mine's development. A representative of the business community was identified as a gap that should be investigated.

The Chair asked the committee to consider 'buddying up' with potential new members to assist with their decision making about joining the Committee and helping them with any questions they may have. This was agreed. Lachlan offered to assist in the process by hosting a site tour early in the new year for all those interested in joining the committee.

**Action:** The committee to progress the establishment of the new committee membership between meetings with a view to finalising this at the March 2018 KCCCC meeting.

## 7. New KCCCC Chair arrangements

The Chair had previously advised that this would be his last committee meeting in this role.

He said that the selection process for the committee Chair was guided by the KCCCC Terms of Reference (part 10) which stated amongst other things, that Hillgrove was responsible for ensuring that there was an independent Chair in place, all committee members would be invited to make suggestions as to who may fill this role and (that committee members) may channel nominations from the wider community.

It was agreed that the selection of the new committee Chair would be progressed between meetings with committee members providing suggestions to Lachlan by e mail.

**Action:** Lachlan to lead the process of identifying a new Chair for the committee, beginning with assembling a list of potential candidates with suggestions from the committee.

## 8. Other business

### **Draft KCCCC Annual Progress Report**

The Chair said that the KCCCC Terms of Reference required the Committee to 'prepare an annual report and other documentation outlining the activities and achievements of the KCCCC.'

A draft of the KCCCC Annual Progress Report 2017 had been prepared and circulated between meetings to committee members for comment. Copies of the draft were available at tonight's meeting.

The Chair said that he had received a comment that pointed out that the focus in the draft report was on the number and type of activities that had been undertaken by the committee during the year rather than the value to the community of these activities.

The Chair suggested that the report be rebadged as a KCCCC Activity Report 2017 and the issue of reporting measurable outcomes should be taken up by the committee in the New Year. This was agreed by the committee and the report was accepted as an activity report.

**Action:** The Chair to rebadge the draft KCCCC Annual Progress Report 2017 as the KCCCC Annual Activity Report 2017 and send it to Susan to be placed on the committee webpage.

### **Introductions- new Chief Operating Officer Neutrog and new Operations Manager Hanson**

Kate Hobbs introduced herself as the new Chief Operating Officer at Neutrog. Kate outlined Neutrog's common interest in some matters that were relevant to the committee including traffic movements linked to public safety, dust control and initiatives like shared use of the Hillgrove access road.

Sarah Bellman introduced herself as the new Operations Manager with Hanson's Kanmantoo Bluestone Quarry.

### **Thank you and best wishes**

The Chair thanked the committee for all their hard work and support for him as Chair over the time he had filled this role.

The Chair acknowledged the strong contributions to the work of the committee by a wide range of stakeholders and thanked them for their interest, time and expertise. Stakeholders included:

- all members of the community who had attended meetings or otherwise been involved
- SA Mining History Group
- representatives from State Government agencies particularly SA EPA, SA Health and DPC
- elected Member for Kavel (SA Government)
- representatives from Mt Barker District Council
- represented from local enterprises like Hanson (Kanmantoo Quarry) and Neutrog

### **Next meeting**

A suggested date for the next KCCCC meeting is 'to be advised' but will be during March 2018.