

**Community Consultative Committee
Hitchcock Road and Lot 198 Maroota
Sand Extraction and Rehabilitation Projects**

**Minutes
6 May 2014**

Attendance

Kristine McKenzie – Hills Shire Council (HSC) - Chairperson
Daniel Giffney – Hills Shire Council (HSC)
Marianne Sheumack – Resident
John Graham – PF Formation
Peter Cummins – PF Formation
Joshua Graham – PF Formation
Steven Flint – Downer Mitchell

Apologies: Kane Winwood – NSW Department of Planning
Peter Harkins – Resident
Shaunagh Hitchcock – Resident
Robert Buckham – Hills Shire Council (HSC)

Minutes of Previous Meeting

- Accepted

Matters Arising from Minutes

- David Blackmore from the Roads & Maritime Services (RMS) was invited to the meeting but he had moved on to a different job as RMS had subcontracted the work to Downer Mouchel. Steve Flint from Downer Mouchel attended the meeting and explained:
- The RMS split the Sydney region in 3 and tendered the road maintenance and projects contract for the West Sydney area from 1 July 2013. Downer Mouchel were the successful tenderers for the West Sydney area which encompasses the Maroota region.
- There is a 24 hour contact number for any road repairs which is 1800 332 660
- Steve had a list of 4 projects being conducted in region in the next year but he wasn't aware of how the section 94 monies received by Council were spent or the future planning of projects in the region.
- Kristine McKenzie agreed to contact the Council Traffic Manager to investigate this matter further (*refer note 1 below*)

Report on Current Status of Operations by John Graham (PF)

- There have been no complaints in the last 6 months
- Operations have been relatively routine
- An effort has been made to tidy up the site with signs being replaced and upgraded
- The trees planted recently on the corner of Old Northern Road and Wisemans Ferry Road have progressed well. The majority if trees are now growing quickly having survived the hot, dry summer period.

- The removal of the Sydney Hinterland Transitional Forest (SHTF) has commenced recently.
- Operationally business has picked up this year after a very quiet 2013.
- Lot 1 (Accurso's) has been completed, seed spread in the rehabilitation area and this area has been identified with starposts. Council have undertaken a number of inspections and will undertake further inspections with PF to ensure planting is satisfactory.

Reporting

- The independent audit required to be conducted every three years has recently been completed. The Audit Recommendations summarized in the report were discussed by item. The full report will be put on the website in the next few days. PF Formation is required to respond to the audit recommendations within 6 weeks. Within 3 months of this response PF Formation is required to update each of the monitoring strategies/plans/programs as well as review the vegetation offset bond.

Environmental Matters

- The monthly dust deposit results were reviewed and discussed.
- The results were low for the 6 months
- Parsons Brinckerhoff completed quadrant testing and a review of the main rehabilitation area. The report confirmed that progress was ahead of schedule. The report will put on the website and will be incorporated in the 2014 AEMR. The next review by Parsons Brinckerhoff will be completed in 2015.

Other Matters Discussed

- Truck volumes were discussed and in particular Steven Flint was made aware of the combined truck numbers from the quarry industry at Maroota.

Site Visit

- A site inspection was conducted.

Next Meeting

- 10.00 am Tuesday 11 November 2014

Note 1: Following the meeting Kristine McKenzie forwarded a copy of the adopted 5 year works program from the Section 94 Contribution Plan. This identified the works to be undertaken which included an overtaking lane on Old Northern Road which was discussed at the meeting as being of benefit to residents. A copy was forwarded to Mianne Sheumack.