

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

**Minutes  
2 November 2011**

**Attendance**

Kristine McKenzie – Baulkham Hills Shire Council (BHSC) - Chairperson  
Robert Buckham – Baulkham Hills Shire Council (BHSC)  
Marianne Sheumack – Resident  
Shaunagh Hitchcock – Resident  
Peter Harkin - Resident  
John Graham – PF Formation  
Peter Cummins – PF Formation  
Joshua Graham – PF Formation

Absent: Kane Winwood – NSW Department of Planning  
David Gathercole – Department of Environment, Climate Change & Water

**Minutes of Previous Meeting**

- Accepted

**Introduction**

- Welcome to Peter Harkin
- The background to the Committee and the site operations were briefly discussed. A consultative community committee was formed as a result of the 1998 Court consent and has been operating for about 12 years.

**Report on Current Status of Operations by John Graham**

- Operations have continued in a routine manner
- Rehabilitation has been proceeding with a further 1.5 hectares seeded. A total of 4 hectares have now been planted with Shale Sandstone Transitional Woodland plant community.
- A lot of supplemental planting has occurred in line with Parsons Brinkerhoff recommendations. A walking irrigator has been acquired to assist with the watering of the newly seeded area.
- On-going improvement of the intersection has occurred to minimize any issues in storm events. A bitumen speed bump has been built to better control sediment into the sediment traps.
- All quarry vehicles have now had broad band reversing alarms installed. These alarms run at a lower frequency than the normal reversing alarm and are less intrusive to neighbours. The alarm was demonstrated on the quarry tour later in the meeting.
- No complaints were received in the period since the last meeting.

### **Reporting**

- PF Formation has updated the environmental management and monitoring strategies/plans/programs as required under the approval. These revised plans have been forwarded to the Director-General of the Planning Department seeking their approval.
- When approval is received all these revised plans will be put on the website..
- The Annual Environment Management Report (AEMR) has been submitted to the Planning Department and Hills Shire Council. Copies of the report on CD were provided to member who wanted a copy.
- The AEMR will be up on the website and incorporates updated environmental data to 30 June 2011 and the independent audit report and the response to it.

### **Environmental Matters**

- The monthly dust deposit results were handed out and discussed.
- Most monthly results were low but exceptions were noted but considered unrelated to quarry activities.

### **Other Matters**

- Electricity efficiency and alternative energy sources were discussed. Peter Cummins to follow up with Rod Clair from DECC with regard to energy reviews.
- A energy review was done by Energy Action but no improvements could be made because PF Formation mainly uses pumps.
- The installation of flashing lights during the school hours was discussed
- No further action has occurred on the adjoining Nick Dean Development.
- The status of the Section 94 roadworks program was discussed and Council advised they were currently working on the next 5 year plan with the RTA.

### **Site Visit**

- A site inspection was conducted.

### **Next Meeting**

- 10.00 am Tuesday 1 May 2012