

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

**Minutes
3 May 2011**

Attendance

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

Absent: Kane Winwood – NSW Department of Planning
Daniel Giffney – Baulkham Hills Shire Council (BHSC)
David Gathercole – Department of Environment, Climate Change & Water

Minutes of Previous Meeting

- Accepted

Report on Current Status of Operations by John Graham

- Operations have continued in a routine manner
- Maintenance of the rehabilitation area has continued to be a main focus on the site. Parsons Brinkerhoff ('PB') quadrant surveys in 2010 recommended some supplemental planting to increase the species variety. Approximately 1,200 plants have been hand planted in the last six months as well as significant weed control measures.
- Seeds have been acquired to rehabilitate an area of 1.5 hectares. The landscape has been prepared but PF Formation needs to relocate some soil and then plant the seeds before summer.
- A fault in our flowmeter caused issues in the past with too much pressure in our pipeline. A new flowmeter has been purchased from overseas and installed. The faulty flowmeter is being reconditioned so that it can be kept in stock to minimize any future disruption with the new flowmeter.

Review of Site Map

- The current extraction areas and rehabilitation areas were reviewed on a map

Reporting

- The independent environmental audit (IEA) has been completed by Environmental Planning Pty Ltd and a copy given to PF Formation in the last week. Within 6 weeks PF Formation is to forward a copy of the IEA Report and its response to

recommendations to the Planning Department. Within 3 months of submitting this copy PF Formation is required to update the environmental management and monitoring strategies/plans/programs and rehabilitation bonds to the satisfaction to the Director-General of the Planning Department.

- Extracts from the IEA Report being the Audit Conclusions and Audit Recommendations were handed out and each item was briefly discussed.
- The full report and PF Formation's response will be put on the website within 6 weeks.

Environmental Matters

- The monthly dust deposit results were handed out and discussed.
- It was noted that the site 'Vuck's House' is actually on Dixon's property next to their monitor at the site closest to the intersection of Hitchcock Road and Wisemans Ferry Road.
- Most monthly results were low but it was noted that February had the highest result at each location for the last 6 months.

Other Matters

- Truck accidents in the region were discussed. John Graham explained how the utmost care and responsibility is taken by PF Formation to the extent it can. Clearly little control exists over legal vehicles once they leave the site.
- As a general comment drivers appear to be getting more mindful of their responsibilities because most are employed by bigger companies who have their own safety and legal responsibilities.
- In a recent case where a dog trailer rolled over at Maroota a letter the transport company discussed with their staff was read out. It also noted that the driver had his employment terminated. The seriousness of the situation and the effort to have drivers act in a responsible matter was made clear.
- A new representative for Maroota Primary School has been found to attend the Dixon Sands Community Meetings replacing Marianne Scheumack. Kristine McKenzie is to see if she has Peter Hawkins contact details and she or Peter Cummins are to investigate whether he would be willing to attend the PF Formation meetings representing the residents.

Site Visit

- A site inspection including the Lot 1 DP595538 Old Northern Road Maroota site was conducted.

Next Meeting

- 10.00 am Wednesday 2 November 2011