

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

**Minutes
11 November 2010**

Attendance

Kristine McKenzie – Baulkham Hills Shire Council (BHSC) - Chairperson
Robert Buckham – Baulkham Hills Shire Council (BHSC)
Daniel Giffney – Baulkham Hills Shire Council (BHSC)
David Gathercole – Department of Environment, Climate Change & Water
Marianne Sheumack – Resident
Shaunagh Hitchcock – Resident
John Graham – PF Formation
Peter Cummins – PF Formation
Joshua Graham – PF Formation

Apology: Kane Winwood – NSW Department of Planning

Minutes of Previous Meeting

- Accepted

Report on Current Status of Operations by John Graham

- Operations have continued in a routine manner
- A major focus has been on rehabilitation in the last 6 months. After receiving advice from Greening Australia an area of 1.5 hectares is being prepared to be seeded. The seeds have been acquired from what Greening Australia had previously collected on site and also from a local nursery. Soil is being translocated to the site and when fully prepared the seeds will be planted.
- Parsons Brinkerhoff ('PB') visited the site in July 2010 to inspect the 3 hectares previously planted. They selected 7 (20x20 metre) quadrants and analysed the results against the criteria for monitoring the success of rehabilitation. In general the rehabilitation areas appeared to be regenerating well. Shrub cover was less than hoped and recommendations were made to supplement planting, erosion and weed control. They also recommended that monitoring not occur for another 2 years. Most recommendations have already been implemented. Supplemental planting occurred in October and further planting will occur in Autumn.
- One complaint was made in the period by someone who didn't leave any details. They rang to comment on the pipe blowing near the intersection of Wisemans Ferry Road which had resulted in sand across the intersection on Wisemans Ferry Road. The area was cleaned with the water truck and nothing left the site. We have had problems with our pipeline and we believe one of the automatic flowmeters has been faulty. A new flowmeter has been ordered but is coming from overseas. (*now received and installed*)

Reporting

- The Landscape Management Plan was approved by the Department of Planning (DOP) on 26 August 2010. All management plans have now been approved by the DOP.
- The PF Formation Planner, David Fingland, has retired and PF Formation is still looking for a replacement
- The Annual Environmental Management Report for the year to 30 June 2010 has been completed and sent to DOP and Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water. A copy is on the website www.pfformation.com.au for anyone else to read or PF Formation can provide a CD copy. In summary the management plans seem to be operating well and no major environmental issues were highlighted in the report.
- An audit environmental audit is required under the Approval. After considerable difficulty identifying anyone acceptable to undertake this audit the DOP approved Bruce Adcock from Environmental Planning.

Other Matters

- Dangerous truck driving was noted. PF Formation to make a notice to put in the weighbridge to remind drivers to consider residents in particular in the area before Cattai Bridge.
- A new representative for Maroota Primary School has been found to attend the Dixon Sands Community Meetings replacing Marianne Scheumack. Marianne to advise PF Formation of contact details when advised.
- Monthly dust deposit results were reviewed. It was noted that PF Formation had not received any notification from Dixon Sands of the TEOM dust trigger levels being reached.

Site Visit

- A full site inspection including the Lot 1 DP595538 Old Northern Road Maroota site was conducted. Resident members were unable to attend

Next Meeting

- 10.00 am Tuesday 3 May 2011