

**Minutes of Meeting of Gunlake Quarries Community Consultative Committee
held at Marulan Community Hall at 10.00am on 26 February 2021**

1) Attendance:

Don Elder (Chairman), Ron Switzer (CM), Tony Mulvihill (CM), Ken Wray (CM), Geoff Kettle (Gunlake), Andrew Wade (Gunlake). David Humphreys (CM), Scott Martin (GMC),

2) Apologies: Angus Richmond (Gunlake), Cheryl Bell (CM), David Kelly (Gunlake).

3) Declaration of pecuniary or other interests: The Chairman and Ron Switzer declared that the Company had provided them with lunch after the meeting on 04 December 2020.

4) Minutes of meeting held on 4 December 2020 were confirmed.

5) Business arising from the Minutes:

a) Submission to RMS re speed limit.

- Keep ongoing representations – Council is endorsing the change in the speed limit. General Manager and Mayor want to keep momentum going on the change.
- Ron Switzer referred to the recent comments on the 'Marulan - Noticeboard/Advertising' Facebook site in response to a local journalist seeking feedback on the proposed speed limit reduction. Many respondents appeared to focus only on their ability to maintain the 100 km/h speed without addressing the journalist's proposition of the impact of increased truck numbers. The distance from Gunlake to the Hume Motorway is 7km and includes turning into or out of Brayton / Ambrose / Red Hills Road and accessing the motorway. The difference if 100 km/h could be maintained compared to 80 km/h is an increase in time travelled of 63 seconds, allowing for the turns and Motorway access this is estimated to be around 45 seconds, With the truck and other vehicle increases over the next few years the chances of exceeding 80 km/h during the times of most travel times unlikely. The real issue it the increase in truck numbers. Irrespective an 80 km/h is a valid safety step and consistent with other roads in the LGA. Police are not able to enforce quarry speed limit. Non quarry trucks using other local roads may be mistaken as quarry trucks.

b) New Community CCC members – Gunlake to draft advertisement for new Community Members, to be placed in *Discover Marulan*, *Goulburn Post* and on Company Website. Scott Martin asked for the advertisement to be forwarded to Council as well.

c) Report on Community meeting on 4 December 2020. About 6 – 8 people attended the day, mostly concerned about traffic and trucks. Three were from Haul route and the others local.

6) Correspondence

a) Letter of condolence from Chairman to David Humphreys;

- b) Letter 22/01/2021 from Ken Wray to Chairman regarding Modification & Scoping Study, and letter 22/1/2021 Chairman to CCC members;
- No response from Dept. Council did approach and noted that in general the relevant departments were “all over the shop”. Basically the original deadline has been extended for council submissions. Notifications have been submitted and are available on the website. Submissions for Mod 2.
 - SEARS for the new SSD are out to the agencies. DPIE to consolidate responses and forward to Gunlake for consideration in the preparation of the EIS.
 - Discussion around the new SSD. Modelling says that Gunlake needs to expand.
 - RS – When does the expansion stop? What are the alternatives in regards to transport? Govt agencies do a robust check on the applications. Council should resolve issues on behalf of the community.
 - TM – The onus is on the Govt rather than Gunlake to cap expansion. Commercial decisions made by the company should be respected. Agencies have rules to protect the community. There is oversight. If members of the local community want an extension for submissions then they should request it.
- c) Letter 25/1/2021 from Geoff Kettle to Chairman and reply from Ken Wray dated 21/1/2021;
- d) Letter 3/2/2021 Geoff Kettle to Ken Wray.

7) **Company Report** (attached with the minutes).

- a) Haul route needs work and it is scheduled to happen. Significant storm damage has slowed down maintenance around the LGA. Markings highlighting the work required have been done. Then a matter of precedence. Heat and cold has had an impact.
- b) The current state of the road is still good and fit for purpose.
- c) Employment has risen and Gunlake is still looking for operators.
- d) DH thanked Gunlake for its support of local businesses.
- e) Request for support for Bungonia has been turned down due to "out of footprint".
- f) DH – The 2020 Community Christmas Party was supported in lieu of the Kite Festival. Well supported by the community and the kids all received a toy. Will happen again next year hopefully.
- g) SM – Council will make a submission to the SEARS. Structural report on the road will be discussed. Examine the road to establish the 10 year working life.
- Independent auditor to assess the road traffic of quarry and local users.
 - Fixed tonnage v truck movements study by council.
 - Housing strategy is not led but guided by expansion.

- Social impact request done by council – Balance between employment and gains v over expansion – On overall quarrying in the district.
 - Ensure S94 fees are adequate – Study or assessment by Council.
 - See Item 15.6 of the GMC minutes of 02 March 2021.
- h) RS – Has future pollution been assessed – noise , visual , exhaust etc? Council notes that there is already a significant amount of oversight by existing reporting.
- i) Ron Switzer asked if the likely permanent and continuing impairment of property values along the haul route had been addressed.
- j) Geoff Kettle presented the report which is attached with these minutes. The Modification Hearing was heard in the Land & Environment Court on 24 & 25 February.
- k) Andrew Wade advised that there had been 10 - 12 complaints about trucks since the December CCC meeting.

8) General Business

Tony Mulvihill commented on an article in *The Region* containing statements by Ken Wray which he (TM) said were inaccurate and were not comments by the CCC. The Chairman quoted the Guidelines as to statements by the CCC. Ken Wray stated that he did not intend to speak on behalf of the CCC and apologised if that was how his remarks were interpreted. He offered to write to the publication clarifying the matter and this offer was accepted.

Ron Switzer advised that he had sent a copy of the article to the Chairman and that he (RS) had made comments which were published in the article and made no reference to his being a member of the CCC,

Next Meeting

The next meeting is to be held at 10.00am on 21 May 2021. Marulan Community Hall.

The meeting closed at 11.30 am.

Confirmed

Chairman