

PQCEG Minutes - Meeting 18
10.000am Tuesday 13 June 2023
Somerville Community House

1. Attendance

Rob Gerrand	Chair
Daniel Petroni	Peninsula Quarries/Bayport
Alex Murray	Peninsula Quarries
Philip Goslin	Clifton - minutes
David Chalke	Tyabb Ratepayers Business & Environment Group
Robert Smith	Resident
Glen Watson	Resident
Petrina Wetzel	Resident

2. Apologies

Hayden Marsh	Resident
Cristy Marsh	Resident
Susan Milton	Resident
Diane Anderson	Resident
Karyn Murray (Spencer)	Resident
Brad Chuck	Bayport

3. Minutes of the previous meeting

Approved with minor amendment to the wording of item 14.c.

4. Matters arising from the minutes

None. David Chalke requested that draft minutes be prepared and circulated within a fortnight of the meeting date.

5. Community grants program

Discussion around 2023 Peninsula Quarries Community Grants Program and review of 11 applications received. PQ increased the grant allocation funding pool from \$5000 to \$8300 to allow funding of more applications than would otherwise have been possible.

The PQCEG members determined to allocate grants to the following organisations:

Somerville Family Day	\$2500
Emu Plains Racecourse and Recreation Reserve	\$2800
Somerville Rise Primary School	\$1500
Tyabb Primary School	\$1500
TOTAL	\$8300

Successful and unsuccessful applicants will be contacted in the next week (*Note: this has been completed*). A presentation event will be held at Peninsula Quarries in the near future for successful applicants. It is hoped that some PQCEG members will be able to attend this event.

6. Site activity update

a) Current projects included supplying materials to:

- Marine Parade, Hastings - industrial building
- Narre Warren-Cranbourne Road, Cranbourne - road upgrade
- Clyde North - several residential projects
- North East Link, Bulleen - road works
- Pakenham Road project - road upgrade

b) PQ has installed an additional portable cattle grid before the weigh bridge and laid a section of road surface rubble between the two cattle grids to reduce mud transfer to Pottery Road and Jones Road.

7. Complaints and compliments register

Tabled.

Alex Murray advised that two new columns had been added to the register following David Chalke's previous query about the status of matters listed. An "action communicated/date" column shows the response type and the date the matter was responded to. A "compliant/non compliant column" shows the status in relation to site regulation compliance.

The online copy of the register is now being updated on a monthly basis.

8. Water

- a) Charles property pipeline — Robert Smith has previously asked about the drainage pipe that runs along the back of the Charles property to Webbs Lane, ongoing maintenance and an issue with surface water. The pipeline is on the Charles property, however PQ does maintain it and there are no current issues with the pipeline. Daniel Petroni advised that PQ would install a drainage pit in an effort to alleviate the issue of surface water running into Robert Smith's property.
- b) Western side of top paddock access track drainage — Glen Watson spoke about the new access track on the western side of the top paddock and said that water run-off will go through his property. He said there is a need for a catch drain on the side of the access road. PQ advised that it will ensure that a catch drain is installed (*Note: this has since been completed*).
- c) Webbs Lane drain — there was discussion about maintenance of the drain at the bottom of Webbs Lane. Daniel Petroni advised that he would write to council about this ongoing issue.

9. Vegetation

A total of 7056 tube stock plants and 93 trees have been planted on the site in May. It is intended that current scheduled planting on the south side of the dam will be completed by the end of June (subject to weather and suitable access conditions).

- a) North-west — there has been new planting on the north-west section of the site near Webbs Lane.
- b) Weed management — weed management is ongoing. Spraying by contractors was undertaken in March, April, May and June. The next contractor weed management spraying is scheduled for July. PQ has also purchased its own spray tank to supplement contractor spraying for weed control.

10. Safety

- a) Pottery Road surface — Rob Gerrand wrote to Mornington Shire's Director Planning and Infrastructure, Mike McIntosh, on 8 June on behalf of the PQCEG in relation to the dirt and mud that tracks on to Jones Road from vehicles using Pottery Road. Daniel Petroni stated that the best solution to this issue is to use a different surface product on Pottery Road (i.e. a reconstituted concrete product). PQ has previously tried to gain approval to use this product and will continue to work with council in an effort to have the alternate material approved for use on Pottery Road. Daniel Petroni also reiterated that if Pottery Road residents wanted to pursue asphalt sealing of Pottery Road with Mornington Shire under a Special Charge Scheme then Peninsula Quarries would support that and meet 50 per cent of the cost.

11. Traffic

No discussion.

12. Dust

No discussion.

13. Noise

- a) ARUP noise report — There was lengthy discussion around the accuracy of the noise report prepared by acoustic consultants ARUP. This included questioning the noise assessment undertaken and the findings; timing of the testing - i.e. January activity level; noise monitor location - i.e. the southern boundary and not north; weather condition details; why the noise limit increased from 46dB (A) to 50dB (A); green wedge status v low density residential zone status; lack of a verification report accompanying the ARUP report. David Chalke requested a review of the ARUP report be undertaken. Daniel Petroni agreed to seek clarification on zoning inconsistency (section 2.1) and the decibel limit.
- b) Good Friday noise complaint — the chair raised a neighbour complaint about noise on Good Friday and advised that although the quarry was closed Daniel Petroni interrupted his Good Friday to check whether anyone was at the quarry. PQ has since confirmed that the heavy machinery noise that was heard on Good Friday was coming from an industrial neighbour. Daniel apologised for the tone of his email response on this occasion. He said that in future it would be appreciated if a complainant approached PQ solely in the first instance to determine the noise source as opposed to immediately assuming the noise was coming from the quarry and emailing all neighbours and Shire councillors in the process.
- c) EPA at PQCEG meetings — Karyn Spencer asked via email that an EPA representative attend the next PQCEG meeting. The EPA has historically been invited to all PQCEG meetings. While a request can be made for attendance, the EPA advised Peninsula Quarries in November 2022 that: “As this site does not currently require an EPA Permission to operate and therefore does not require active regulation by EPA, we will not be attending these meetings on an on-going basis.” EPA representatives do receive minutes from the PQCEG meetings.

14. General business

- a) Quarry life expectancy — Robert Smith asked about extraction volumes in relation to the life expectancy of the quarry. Daniel Petroni advised that annual extraction ranged from 100,000 to 150,000 tonnes. PQ can advise the PQCEG each June of the extraction volume for the previous 12 months. *(Note: At the previous meeting Brad Chuck [Bayport] advised that based on the total resource available and what had been extracted to-date the quarry had a lifespan of a further 15 to 20 years. He suggested 17 years was reasonable projected timeline, so operational through to 2040.)*

- b) Peninsula Quarries work plan — Daniel Petroni advised that Peninsula Quarries has no current intention of requesting a variation to the current Peninsula Quarries Work Plan.
- c) Access track parallel to Webbs Lane — PQ advised that the road base works in this location is for a site access track.
- d) Proposed telecommunications tower — PQ advised that it is not involved in any works associated with the proposed telecommunications tower and the access track mentioned at item 14.c above is unrelated to this proposed tower.

15. Next meeting

Next meeting scheduled for **10.00am on Tuesday 10 October 2023** at Somerville Community House.