

PQCEG Minutes - Meeting 19
10.000am Tuesday 10 October 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
Karyn Murray (Spencer)	Resident
Glen Watson	Resident

2. Apologies

Diane Anderson	Resident
Leah Collins	Resident

3. Minutes of the previous meeting

Approved as tabled.

4. Matters arising from the minutes

- a) Webbs Lane drain — PQ wrote to council about the maintenance of the drain at the bottom of Webbs Lane following the last PQCEG meeting. Council cleared the drain two months ago.
- b) Pottery Road drainage and footpath — PQ spoke to Council about drainage issues and the fact that there is no footpath and the safety implications of this for pedestrians. Council advised that they had no budget allocated for works on Pottery Road at this time.
- c) Proposed telecommunications tower — Council rejected the application by Stillmark Holdings for the proposed telecommunications tower on 3 October. DP advised that as Council had rejected this application then Bayport Industries would not consider any alternative location from Stillmark Holdings in relation to tower placement on the site. DP advised there are no other 'non-quarry' commercial opportunities being explored for the site at this time. Karyn Murray asked that Bayport Industries consider the impact the quarry already has on residents before entertaining any future commercial opportunities that may further impact residents' amenity.

5. Community grants program

It was noted that Somerville Rise Primary School had not invoiced PQ for its successful grant application. PQ to follow-up. DP advised that all other funds had been distributed. PQ has decided not to host a presentation event for successful applicants this year.

6. Site activity update

Current projects include supplying materials to:

- Brunt Road, Beaconsfield – major roads upgrade
- Narre Warren-Cranbourne Road, Cranbourne – major roads upgrade
- Clyde North – residential projects
- Somers – residential projects
- Mt Eliza – residential projects
- Pakenham Road project – major roads upgrade.

Site activity is on a lower scale at the moment due to current workload and committed orders.

The Earth Resources Regulator undertook its annual site inspection in September and advised that the operation of the site satisfied all regulatory requirements.

PQ reaffirmed that neighbours are always welcome to arrange a site visit. This can be arranged by contacting office manager Alex Murray.

Reshaping of the earth swale along the western bund adjacent to Glen Watson's property has been completed.

7. Complaints and compliments register

Tabled.

Most of the recent complaints were traffic related.

8. Water

No new items. Refer matters arising from previous minutes.

9. Vegetation

- a) Planting — more planting was undertaken in July however the full scope was not completed. DP will speak to the landscaping team about seasonal conditions and whether it is possible to undertake planting now or in Autumn to complete the western bund adjacent to Glen Watson's property.
- b) Weed management — weed management is up-to-date.

10. Safety

- a) Pottery Road surface — following a further request to Council by PQ to use a different surface product on Pottery Road (i.e. a reconstituted concrete product) approval was granted. A trial has since been completed. Council has inspected the road and advised they are happy for continued use of the new surface product. This has alleviated the issue of mud transfer. A number of residents have advised PQ they are happy with the new surface product. Rob Gerrand noted that this was a positive outcome for residents due to the efforts of the PQCEG.

11. Traffic

- a) Levels — generally low levels of traffic at the moment due to current quarry workload.
- b) Somerville roads — earlier this year there was concern in relation to the movement of trucks through Somerville town centre in relation to the Speedwell Street project (despite PQ instructing drivers not to use this route). This has been alleviated as the project is finished.

12. Dust

Not relevant at the moment.

13. Noise

- a) ARUP noise report — DP advised that no further noise assessment is currently proposed. The latest acoustic report undertaken by consultants ARUP indicates operations continue within acceptable levels. David Chalke raised the zoning issue in relation to the noise limit used. DP undertook to seek clarification on whether the site is given green wedge status or low-density residential zone status in relation to noise limits.
- b) Top paddock stockpile area — Glen enquired about noise coming from the top paddock stockpile area. He said he was not concerned about truck movement but is concerned about bucket noise. There is a break in the bund in this area for the access track that affects noise dampening efforts. To reduce bucket noise coming from this area DP advised that staff would be instructed to restrict works in the stockpile area to between the hours of 9.00am and 3.00pm.

14. General business

- a) Yellow post — Karyn Murray asked about the purpose of a yellow post on the access track opposite 14 Webbs Lane. Further to the meeting it was confirmed that the post is an extraction limit post that is a requirement under PQ's work authority. These are located throughout the site as mandated.
- b) Webbs Lane access track surface — there was a query about crushed rock being placed on the surface of the Webbs Lane access track and why this had been done. PQ advised that the track is primarily used to access dust monitors and so that personnel have full site access. In future the track will be used to gain access for rehabilitation works. The crushed rock has been placed on this track to ensure it can be used by site personnel during periods of excessive wet weather.

15. Next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for **10.00am** on **Tuesday 13 February 2024** at Somerville Community House.