

PQCEG Minutes - Meeting 20
10.00am Tuesday 12 March 2024
Somerville Community House

1. Attendance

Chris DeFreitas	Peninsula Quarries
Daniel Petroni	Peninsula Quarries/Bayport
Alex Murray	Peninsula Quarries
Ken Davis	Clifton – minutes
Robert Smith	Resident

2. Apologies

Diane Anderson	Resident
Leah Collins	Resident
David Chalke	Tyabb Ratepayers Business and Environment Group
Rob Gerrand	Chair
Emma Gasper (Rogers)	Resident

3. Minutes of the previous meeting

Approved as tabled.

4. Matters arising from the minutes

- a) Pottery Road drainage and footpath — No change in situation. Council advised that they had no budget allocated for works on Pottery Road at this time.
- b) Proposed telecommunications tower — Council rejected the application by Stillmark Holdings for the proposed telecommunications tower on 3 October 2023. No other application has been lodged. PQ has been undertaking tidying up works in the area to provide clear and safe access for ongoing maintenance, not related to comms tower.

5. Community grants program

All funds have been distributed for 2023. Next advertisements to be booked for May 2024 in local media. Meeting discussed promoting grants via email and social media. PQ keen to know how applicants learn of grants and if applications can be widened. Applications to be considered at late July meeting. **Action DP/Clifton**

6. Site activity update

Recent/Current projects include supplying materials to:

- Narre Warren-Cranbourne Road, Cranbourne – major roads upgrade
- North East Link, Bullen – major roads upgrade
- Various locations on the Peninsula – residential projects
- Frankston-Dandenong Road, Dandenong South – industrial project
- Hawthorn Football Club, Dingley
- Clyde North – residential projects

Site activity continuing on the lower scale at the moment due to current government and market slowing down.

Chris DeFreitas has returned as General Manager of Peninsula Quarries as of late November.

PQ currently addressing surface drainage on drain line. Includes establishing two surface pits. Work to be completed in June .

Four dead pine trees have been removed from top paddock running alongside Webbs Lane.

Mulching works completed in top paddock. Bunding and revegetation continuing with further planting of natives along Webbs Lane. Exterior bunds (surrounding dam) due to commence April-May depending on weather conditions.

Rabbit situation discussed. Clifton to check with council over control situation. **Action: Clifton**

PQ material being used in capping material for various projects.

7. Complaints and compliments register

Minimal complaints due to the slow down in operations.

Since the last meeting recent complaints were traffic related (two) and noise related (three). In relation to the most recent noise complaint reverse squawker immediately disarmed on excavator in top paddock works.

8. Water

No new items.

9. Vegetation

- a) Planting — Additional native plants ordered for autumn planting.
- b) Weed management — weed management is up-to-date.

10. Safety

- a) Pottery Road surface — Some concern from neighbours following the selection and laying in September of Pakenham Basalt for road surface ahead of the traditional Granite. While Basalt produces far less dust and is water resistant the 40mm size of the Granite rather than the 20mm Granite is creating vibrations for local motorists. PQ will monitor as they introduce additional rolling into grading procedure.

11. Traffic

- a) Levels — generally low levels of traffic at the moment due to current quarry workload.
- b) Somerville roads — Concern in 2023 in relation to the movement of trucks through Somerville town centre in relation to the Speedwell Street project. This has been alleviated as the project is finished.

12. Dust

Water cart used extensively over summer. The plant closed early on a number of days when high winds were recorded.

13. Noise

- a) Top paddock stockpile area — previous enquiry about bucket noise coming from the top paddock stockpile area. There is a break in the bund in this area for the access track that affects noise dampening efforts. To reduce bucket noise staff instructed to restrict works in the area to between the hours of 9.00am and 3.00pm. Stockpile is around 300 tonne (10 truckloads).

b) General Business

There was no general business

c) Next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for **10.00am** on **Tuesday 30 July 2024** at Somerville Community House.