

PQCEG minutes meeting 6

3pm, 4 September 2018
Somerville Community House

1. Attendance

Chair: Rob Gerrand
Chris DeFreitas
Daniel Petroni
Ian McLeod ERR
David Chalke Tyabb Ratepayers
David Bergin Shire
Leah Collins
Kate Blake
Dianne Anderson
Susan Milton and Franc Amendola (BERG)
Neale Burgess MP and his EO Phillip (both guests)
Kerren Clark (minutes)
Emma Gasper was welcomed to the committee as a new neighbour.

2. Apologies

Vince Lopardi SRW, Mindy Abel, Jo Murray

The committee noted that Alan Robinson has resigned due to work commitments. The Chair thanked him for his considerable contribution during the life of the Group.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting

Approved unamended.

4. Matters arising from the minutes

David C raised a matter, minuted under item 8.

5. Community grants program

Kerren reported that only one application had been received and that just before the meeting she learned that the workers at the community house had only learned of the grant program that day. David C reported that he had only recently told Rotary of the program so the group agreed to hold off on considering the application until more had been received. Kerren will advise the current applicant of the delay.

6. Site activity update

Chris told the committee that PQV camera footage from midnight last Tuesday confirmed the time a neighbour's trailer was stolen. Unfortunately, the image of the thief is not very clear and police are not confident of apprehending the offender. He warned neighbours to be careful of what is left in their yards. Di added that sheds have also been targeted and all agreed on the need to be on guard.

Chris said that current projects being supplied by PQV include one Melbourne Water, two VicRoads and one landfill cell cap. He also reported that the top loading area is all but clear so future loading will occur in the pit, with lower noise levels.

7. Complaints and compliments register

Daniel tabled the register and Kerren advised that it has also been uploaded to the website. She added that Jo has uploaded the complaints form and the complaints process agreed at the last meeting.

8. Tree planting, site fencing and bund works

No additional planting since that reported at the last meeting. No further planting can be undertaken until the bund is constructed.

David C said that Di has received notice that court action has been initiated by Bayport in relation to the fencing. He tabled a leaflet about bullying (attached).

Daniel said that action was taken because Di had agreed to fencing, but not with spikes. He had tried to speak with her and she had said there was nothing to discuss. He said that there was no other way to resolve the issue other than via getting an independent decision on the matter. He tabled a copy of the Profence leaflet that was attached to the email to residents seeking their consent to proceed with the fence. He said the image accurately reflects what had been purchased.

Di said that she would never agree to the Profence with spikes and Leah said that she believed she had agreed to a flat top fence, as did Di. David C pointed to the agenda which refers to 'revised flat top panel' in relation to fencing.

The Chair welcomed Neale Burgess and Philip to the meeting and outlined what had been agreed by the Group to in relation to fencing.

Daniel said the formal approval process was via email sent 18 May and 20th July 2018, with the Profence attached.

Di thinks she is the only one who opened the email and that is why she was the only person not to consent to a fence with spikes.

The Chair said what was agreed at the previous meeting obviously had two different meanings to two different groups and the important thing now is for the fencing that is installed to be to the satisfaction of all.

Daniel said that the product was already on order and because it is a special order, he is unable to cancel.

After some discussion it was agreed that the Profence would be modified to ensure there are no spikes. The spikes would be ground off and, if necessary, the panels would be capped.

Daniel said he would take legal advice as to how the court proceeding against Di could be stopped.

Daniel tabled updated bund designs, revision E, which now accommodates requests made at the last meeting: Di said no callistemons and Leah asked for the access track to be placed at the toe of the bund. Design E reflects these requests.

There was discussion about moving the bund near Leah's house and Ian said that it was agreed at the previous meeting that the bund would be made higher and deeper so a total

of 22.5m vegetated area would be in place, the same as the new buffer that is to be constructed.

Neale sought to clarify what Leah wanted and she said that until recently she had ridden her horse on the property and she wanted a return to peace and quiet and not to have to look at a quarry.

Following some discussion about the design, the Chair observed that there will be extra soil deposited as a result of the new design and this would facilitate tree growth.

The swale issue, resolved at the previous meeting, was revisited. Chris said that drainage can be easily managed with simple sculpting of the access road. There is already a drainage pipe and with contouring he can ensure that water will runoff into PQV. The Chair clarified what was being offered and Leah confirmed that she was happy with the proposal.

Ian said that it is in everybody's interest for residents to sign off on the design and allow works to commence, otherwise planting would be delayed.. Daniel said that the contouring needed to be done in such a way as to avoid killing existing trees and Di agreed saying that she would rather have flooding than lose trees.

The Chair reiterated that sign off is needed to allow work to commence to mitigate noise and dust. Kate and Di want works to proceed ASAP and Leah said she wants to see revised plans first. Daniel agreed to supply a revised plan but the group agreed that approval to proceed was given based on above modifications to revision E.

Daniel reiterated that Leah's request to move the access track to the toe of the bund would result in the loss of trees. Leah confirmed that she agreed to the loss of trees to allow the relocation of the track.

It was agreed by all that the works would proceed based on the tabled plans plus the contouring to manage runoff, as discussed.

9. EPA works approval application

Daniel said that the waterway testing results arrived while he was on leave. He has not had a chance to review them and he offered to send a copy to Franc once he has read it.

Franc is keen to see the risk assessment and Daniel said it will be provided with the formal application the EPA.

10. Safety

Chris said that Jo has an issue to raise but as she is ill it will have to hold over until the next meeting.

Leah remains unhappy with the response to the poison that spilled onto her property following weed spraying. She is unsatisfied with the apology from PQV and has not taken up their offer to replace plants. She said that someone should oversee the problem and the EPA, Shire and ERR had all refused to take responsibility.

David B said that the EPA has responsibility and the Shire did respond to her with that advice.

Ian said that ERR has responsibility for matters on the work authority.

Neale offered to write to the EPA.

11. Dust

Daniel tabled the monitoring report and said that it is submitted to ERR monthly and demonstrates compliance. Leah said she wants the dust monitors moved and Chris confirmed that he requires permission from ERR to do so.

Daniel described the location of the three dust collection units and the reasoning behind their positioning.

Ian and Chris discussed the relocation and Ian gave consent for one unit to be moved. Chris will action.

12. Noise

Di said that her complaints are documented without outcome.

Daniel read out the summary of the acoustic monitoring report (monitored from 8 May to 5 June). It found that no additional mitigation is needed and it provides a base line for comparison once the bund works are completed. The report was submitted to ERR on 13 July and no concerns have been raised.

There was discussion of noise, described as clattering, that was heard outside the monitoring dates. Ian said that the report demonstrates compliance notwithstanding that the sampling period was before the recent complaints.

Ian said that the department has just purchased monitoring equipment and his team has yet to be trained in its use.

It was agreed that the noise was likely clay being cleaned out of the bucket. The Chair asked whether from now on cleaning would be in the pit and Chris agreed. He added that the bunds approved today and the second internal bund would further reduce noise.

13. Pottery Road

Chris said he had had a request from a neighbour not to water the road in the winter but he is obliged to suppress dust. He said even on damp days the wind can dry out sections of the road and there can be dust. David B offered to follow up the issue with the traffic department.

Neale asked about the intersection upgrade and David B reported that the Shire has voted to accept Bayport's financial contribution but will not enter the s173. The Shire has written to Bayport and Daniel says Bayport replied over 2 weeks ago. David has not seen the reply. Update to be provided at the next meeting.

14. General business

Nil.

15. Next meeting

3pm Wednesday 17 October (venue TBC)