

Meeting Minutes

Subject	Western Downs Regional Community Consultative Committee	Date	8 December 2011
Venue	Miles and District Memorial Club	Time (Start/Finish)	2 – 5pm
Chairperson	Kerry Mulholland (KM)	Recorded by	Andi Horsburgh
Attendees	Glenn Strandquist, Scott McLean, Mary Crouch, Rev Jeff Balnaves, Kel Gaske, Cr George Moore, Cecily Brockhurst, Doreen Goldsmidt, Craig Rutledge, Wanita Judge, Cr Ian Staines, Ken Horton (KH), Rob Hart (RH), Daniel Holm (DH), Scott Bird (SB), Scott Cawley (SC), Claire Dulieu (CD), Andi Horsburgh (AH)		
Apologies	n/a		

1. Agenda Topics

Item 1	Meeting Opens
Discussion	<p>KM opened the meeting and welcomed committee members. No apologies to note, however, a few late arrivals were expected.</p> <p>Resignations: Helen Thomas resigned from Council and will therefore no longer be on the committee.</p> <p>DH indicated there was room for 1 or 2 additional members on the committee. He asked members if they felt all sections of the community were represented on the committee and if the group had any suggestions for additional membership. The committee suggested representation from the following groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local school P&C • Health and emergency services <p>RH indicated that engagement with emergency services already occurs in an established forum and their representation here may be a duplication.</p> <p>Members were encouraged to forward any additional suggestions onto KM for consideration. Suitable candidates will then be determined by the WDRCCC Steering Committee and formally approached.</p> <p>Members agreed this was an appropriate process.</p>

Action Item	Person Responsible	Deadline
Members to forward on any suggestions for additional committee members on to KM	Committee	February 2012

Item 2	Safety Moment
Discussion	<p>SB reminded the committee to plan their journey during the festive season to avoid alcohol related road incidents. Always ensure an alternative mode of transport.</p> <p>RH added a recent incident reminded him of the importance of securing loads when transporting materials.</p>

Item 3	Confirmation of Minutes and Actions from October Meeting
Discussion	<p>KM asked the committee to formally consider the 6 October meeting minutes.</p> <p>DH and KH provided an update on action items from the October meeting:</p> <p>Information sessions and site tours – DH provided a summary of the recent Core tour session in Miles and the Talinga bus tours, including number of attendees and general question topics raised by community members. DH noted that attendance was lower than expected and asked the committee for suggestions on how APLNG could potentially increase participation at these events, in the future. The committee made the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sessions clashed with harvest activities • Invitations to events should be targeted to specific community sectors (rather than broad community invites) • Press ads often get lost in the paper <p>A member noted that the feedback they had heard from community members who attended these events was excellent and attendees were very positive about the information they received.</p> <p>KH noted APLNG plan to continue holding gas field tours in the region in 2012.</p> <p>Rural Resilience Program – DH noted that the committee previously identified a need to address the mental wellbeing of landholders. Based on this suggestion APLNG had made contact with two service providers to discuss potential programs. The Centre for Rural and Remote Mental Health looks most suitable and DH will hold an initial meeting with them next week. Further updates will be provided to the committee as program investigations progress.</p> <p>Pipeline Temporary Accommodation Facilities – DH provided members with a map of camp locations along the pipeline route and the size of the camps. He noted the camps are large but will have a short duration, approximately 3 to 6 months.</p> <p>A member queried the volume and source of water required for each camp and the volume and treatment (on-site or off-site) of effluent. KH noted APLNG would need to source this information and the question was taken on notice.</p> <p>Fuel vouchers - DH noted that vouchers were available for relevant committee members to collect at the end of the meeting.</p> <p>GISERA Research Topics – KH provided members with an update on GISERA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research is under five theme areas: CSG water, Land, Social, Biodiversity and Marine

- Research topics are close to finalised – awaiting on full constitution of Research Advisory Committee including independent members (Greening Australia, AgForce and Basin Sustainability Alliance)

KH provided members with some examples of short listed projects in the 'land' theme are.

A committee member requested a copy of the presentation slides with details of the research program. AH will email presentation to members.

The committee asked the following questions:

Q: Are CSIRO the only organisation undertaking research?

A: University of Queensland (UQ) recently announced the establishment of a CSG School which will independently undertake research in the water and social science areas. There is the potential for overlap between CSIRO's work and this UQ program. APLNG will be in close communication with both research bodies to minimise overlap and ensure an efficient stretch of research.

Q: Who is funding the UQ research?

A: Other CSG to LNG project proponents, APLNG is also considering involvement

Q: What are the GISERA milestones?

A: APLNG will update the committee when this information becomes available (next meeting)

Q: How will research be communicated?

A: CSIRO are quite adept at communicating research in an easily understandable format

A member noted they had seen a television report on the industry which was quite positive regarding the research to be undertaken by the proponents.

KH commented research outcomes will feed into project planning, for example any improvements in land rehabilitation. All research will be public domain. Most research will be broad and applicable to multiple industries (not just for the APLNG project), however, some will be more targeted to the project as data will be sourced from APLNG project areas.

Presentation topics – At the last meeting members expressed interest in regular presentations on project topics. The committee were provided with a list of potential topics to consider.

Members expressed interest in water management, ground water, local content and weed and pest management. The committee indicated water (both ground and associated water management) were of primary interest.

It was agreed, while local content was of interest, these meetings might not be the most beneficial forum. Members suggested these presentations should be made directly to the local Chambers of Commerce and the broader business community.

A committee member noted local businesses were particularly interested the long term opportunities with the project. Short term opportunities were harder to manage.

October presentation slides – DH reminded members that the slides were circulated to members, via email, after the last meeting.

	Minutes were confirmed and adopted by the committee.
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Action Item	Person Responsible	Deadline
Update the committee on the Rural Resilience Program as it progresses	DH	Next meeting
Provide detail regarding the volume and source of water required for each camp and the volume and treatment (on-site or off-site) of effluent.	AH	19 December 2011
Email meeting presentation to members	AH	To be circulated with draft meeting minutes
Update committee on GISERA progress	KH	Next meeting
Investigate local content presentations to Chambers of Commerce	Sue Horn	Next meeting
Water presentation at next meeting	AH	Next meeting

Item 4	Community Queries and Feedback
Discussion	<p>KM proposed a roundtable discussion where each member can voice their feedback, questions and comments on the APLNG Project.</p> <p>Generally feedback from members was positive and members congratulated APLNG on the investment contribution to Chinchilla Kindy. Discussion covered the following key topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased traffic. Generally members were not overly concerned, it was just more traffic than the community is used to • Small, main street, businesses in Miles and Chinchilla feeling left out and not experiencing benefits • Managing community investment between industry proponents to maximise benefits • Pipeline transportation • Housing remains a major issue. Members look forward to the release of councils housing strategy • Employment • Water management • Cumulative impacts • Weed management • Community experiencing 'fear of the unknown' • Impacts to local tourism industry due to constraints on accommodation availability • How CSG projects are delivering on their commitments <p>KM noted it was good to see APLNG's new local staff, the community appreciates local faces.</p>

Item 5	Project Update and Schedule Progress
Discussion	<p>KH presented an update on the APLNG project. Key points included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heads of Agreement with Kansai Electric – 17 November • Spring Gully aquifer injection trial received final approval Anticipated to commence in December/early next year • Core Tour – During Nov/Dec the core display travelled to Roma, Miles, Chinchilla, Brisbane and Canberra. Approximately 1,000 people came through. Proved to be a successful tool to discuss

	<p>issues regarding water. APLNG will look to continue this display in 2012</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pilot project in collaboration with QGC to assess the viability of converting brine into commercial products • Senate inquiry report on the impact of CSG on the Murray-Darling Basin released on the 30 November • ABC report on water release from the Talinga Water Treatment Facility into the Condamine River, KH explained the ABC's misinterpretation and application of the relevant water quality guidelines • Construction preparations underway in the Condabri development area with several wells expected to be completed by the end of the year • Activities will use a new hybrid coiled tubing drilling rig, currently operating at Talinga • Monreagh irrigation project <p>Members raised the following questions:</p> <p>Q. When will APLNG make FID on the second train? A. Expected in the first or second quarter of 2012</p> <p>Q. How many trains do APLNG have approval for? A. The EIS assessed a four train project</p> <p>Q. Have you made plans for salt? A. This is the purpose for the pilot project. The end result will depend on how efficiently the high value salts can be separated from the low value salts</p> <p>Q. Is there a timeframe on the aquifer injection trial? A. It will be approximately 6 months to complete the trial and tell us if injection is feasible at the Spring Gully site, with an addition 6 months for subsequent studies and reporting on the data.</p> <p>In regards to Monreagh, a member noted there was some negative feedback on companies getting into farming. KH replied that while APLNG own the property and irrigation everything else has the potential to support local farming businesses.</p>
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Item 7	Scouting Process
Discussion	<p>SC provided the committee with a presentation on the scouting process including the involvement of landowners, Traditional Owners and ecologists to determine the location of project infrastructure.</p> <p>A committee member queried if landowners receive compensation for their time spent scouting, even if development doesn't end up going ahead on their property. SC confirmed they do.</p> <p>A committee member queried if the project had to get permits to clear remnant vegetation. SC indicated it was dependent on species and vegetation type. KH added that the EIS approvals are set for a certain amount of clearing (remnant and non remnant) which the project cannot exceed. APLNG reports regularly to government of their clearing totals.</p>

Item 8	Social Performance
Discussion	<p>Community Investment</p> <p>DH provided members with an overview of a potential community investment program APLNG were investigating. The Learn, Earn, Legend program is a school retention program focussed on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in collaboration with the Gold Coast Titans and DEWR. DH noted APLNG are in early discussions regarding this program and it is open to input from the committee.</p> <p>Committee agreed this was a good program, however, a suggested it have a broader application as a group of non-Indigenous students are currently experiencing need in this area. Members also noted this program would need to have a long term focus as short term fixes often fail and to include family support.</p> <p>Members suggested several contacts within the local Indigenous community who APLNG should contact to further discuss this program. KG to provide their details to DH.</p> <p>Housing</p> <p>DH provided members with an update on the implementation of APLNG's Housing strategy, including a description of the following actions already underway:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding Department of Communities to deliver the RentConnect service in the Western Downs • Funding a dedicated housing enquiry officer to work in Murilla Community Centre and Chinchilla Family Support Centre • Funding a technical officer with Western Downs Regional Council to work on development applications • Currently in well progressed negotiations with Horizon Housing Company and Department of Communities on a development project to deliver 12 dwellings in Miles. These will be rented out at an affordable rent (approximately 30% of target group median income), or sold at affordable prices to local people. Rent is base on income percentage. The tender process will engage local builders. <p>Discussion followed regarding housing:</p> <p>A committee member asked if other proponents have similar plans, it is important to avoid duplication. DH noted that APLNG's preference is to collaborate; however, collaborative agreements take time and in this instance APLNG have taken immediate action.</p> <p>Q. where will the council technical officer be based? A. Cr Moore replied: Miles. One position, full time for two years.</p> <p>A committee member noted that there was local interest in managing the housing developments. DH confirmed he had held discussions with the interested parties and their input could be through an advisory committee.</p> <p>The committee we keen to see the Horizon development underway as soon as possible and expressed some concern regarding approval processes. DH noted that as this was a reasonably simple project, and that the approvals process should be reasonably straightforward.</p>

Item 8	Grievance Management
Discussion	<p>DH provided the committee with an overview of APLNG's commitments and processes associated with managing complaints. He encouraged members of the community to contact the project if they have any concerns and provided the details of current avenues available.</p> <p>DH noted APLNG will be looking at promoting these avenues broadly through the Western Downs in the future and requested input from the committee on the best methods to achieve this.</p> <p>The committee suggested contact cards are made available in the council office and community centres.</p>

Action Item	Person Responsible	Deadline
Provide contact cards for APLNG to council and local community centres	SB	Next meeting

Meeting closed at 4:50pm

2. Next Meeting

Date	Thursday 8 March 2012
Time	TBA
Venue	TBA (Chinchilla)
Chairperson	Kerry Mulholland