

Meeting Minutes

Subject	Western Downs Regional Community Consultative Committee	Date	13 September 2012
Venue	Chinchilla RSL Memorial Club	Time (Start/Finish)	2 – 5pm
Chairperson	Cr George Moore (GM)	Recorded by	Sarah Parkinson
Attendees	Glenn Strandquist, Arthur Gearon, Rev Jeff Balnaves, Kel Gaske, Cr George Moore, Cecily Brockhurst, Doreen Goldsmidt, Cr Charlene Hall – joined at 3pm, Scott Bird (SB), Rob Hart (RH), Sue Horn (SH), Martin McVicar (MM), Jim Strongman.		
Apologies	Craig Rutledge, Amanda Thomas, Kerry Mulholland.		

1. Agenda Topics

Item 1	Meeting Opens – 2.25pm
Discussion	GM opened the meeting and welcomed committee members. Welcomed new member Jim Strongman as the representative of the CCCI. Apologies: Craig Rutledge, Amanda Thomas, Kerry Mulholland. Resignations: N/A

Item 2	Safety Moment
Discussion	SB reminded the committee to keep fatigue management at front of mind. It is important to continually self assess your fatigue levels for your own safety.

Item 3	Confirmation of Minutes and Actions from September Meeting
Discussion	GM asked the committee to formally consider the 14 June meeting minutes. The committee adopted the minutes as a true and accurate record. The action items from the previous meeting have been integrated into this meeting agenda including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on salt trials and processing of brine. • Update on contaminated waste to be presented. • Provide an outline of the Community Investment Budget, how it is formulated and spending plans.

Action Item	Person Responsible	Deadline

<p>Item 4</p>	<p>Social performance update and discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Social Impact Management Plan approval update ii. Outline of community investment budget and spending plans. 														
<p>Discussion</p>	<p>SH provided an updated on the SIMP plan and implementation as well as local community activities.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="496 539 1428 763"> <thead> <tr> <th>Priority</th> <th>Status</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Completion of SIMP addendum</td> <td>August delivery</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Preparation of first six-monthly report to RCCC</td> <td>In progress</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Continue SME capacity building focus and communicating local content successes</td> <td>In progress</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Continued focus on leveraging value from SIMP activities, integration with existing programs and involvement of proponents where practicable</td> <td>Ongoing</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Looking ahead to support social impact management and engagement for E&A activity</td> <td>Ongoing</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Gas Commission and Royalties for Regions lobbying</td> <td>Ongoing</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>SH advised that the final SIMP approval was received on the 20 July 2012.</p> <p>Approval has triggered the commencement of reporting to the Committee. APLNG will look to the RCCC for guidance on the content of the reports based on what they are interested in hearing about. Six months from July 2012 a report must be presented to the RCCC.</p> <p>Housing and accommodation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Developed Integrated Housing and Accommodation Strategy <input type="checkbox"/> Housing Support Officers (Miles/Chinchilla) <input type="checkbox"/> Affordable Housing Project – Horizon Housing. Recent Sod turning. <input type="checkbox"/> Rental Subsidy in Miles (Horizon Housing partner) <p>Community investment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Chinchilla Community Kindergarten (Commitment to double capacity) <input type="checkbox"/> CARS program delivered to over 1,100 students <input type="checkbox"/> Over 100 participants in Skills Scholarship Program <input type="checkbox"/> 'Working Together' pilot program – skills development & land management <input type="checkbox"/> 'Miles Ahead' program to support small business viability <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsorship and Donations program <p>Community health and safety:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caring about road safety (CARS) • Complaints and Grievances Process in place (1800 526 369) • Safety Monitoring (IVMS, JMP's, Driver Training) <p>A member queried if contractors are required to have a form of in-vehicle monitoring system (IVMS). It was raised by the members that the key proponents are well behaved on the road however the issue is with the other tier level contractors.</p> <p>RH advised that safety performance is taken into consideration when selecting contractors, however, this can not be mandated.</p> <p>Indigenous:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> 'I CAN' – improving school participation within Indigenous community <input type="checkbox"/> Training provided for 30 Traditional Owners (Weed Washdown 	Priority	Status	Completion of SIMP addendum	August delivery	Preparation of first six-monthly report to RCCC	In progress	Continue SME capacity building focus and communicating local content successes	In progress	Continued focus on leveraging value from SIMP activities, integration with existing programs and involvement of proponents where practicable	Ongoing	Looking ahead to support social impact management and engagement for E&A activity	Ongoing	Gas Commission and Royalties for Regions lobbying	Ongoing
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	<p>Procedures) – commitment through Indigenous Land Use Agreement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Support with employment into APLNG Supply Chain – MCJV indigenous recruitment from 5 to 25 <input type="checkbox"/> Partnering with Other Proponents to provide Cert II Drilling training for 17 indigenous workers <p>Workforce:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Community Skills Scholarship (CSS) program <input type="checkbox"/> Count Me In – Women in workforce across Surat Basin <input type="checkbox"/> CSQ Alliance to support workforce development with our major contractors <input type="checkbox"/> Participation in Surat Basin Workforce Development Action Plan (35 actions) <input type="checkbox"/> Local Recruitment Officer based in Chinchilla <input type="checkbox"/> Participation in Career/Job Expos <p>SH advised that contractors are required to have a “local content plan.”</p> <p>Local content:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Building Regional Capability Program <input type="checkbox"/> Procurement Information Road Shows <input type="checkbox"/> Local Supplier Liaison Officer – Chinchilla based <input type="checkbox"/> Local and state government working group <input type="checkbox"/> Contractual conditions placed on contractors (minimum value contract \$5m) <p>Land use and land access:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Working Together Program – pilot in progress <input type="checkbox"/> Weed Wash Down facilities (WWDF) <input type="checkbox"/> Landowner Relations – 24 dedicated face to face staff <input type="checkbox"/> Compensation Agreements development <input type="checkbox"/> Rural Residential Code of Conduct (R2C2) in place <input type="checkbox"/> GISERA – longitudinal study <p>Cr Moore provided an update on the Miles WWDF. The successful tender was from Wiley & Co and a design review is currently being conducted due to learnings from the Wandoan facility regarding weed and seed use. Construction to start at the end of the year with completion estimated for March 2013.</p>
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SH to expore contractor clauses and advise which level of contractor must have IVMS.	SH	Dec meeting
APLNG to show draft report	SB	Dec meeting

Item 5	SIMP – Brainstorming exercise (7 pillars)
Discussion	<p>SH, MM and SB invited the community members to brainstorm key issues, priorities and gaps around the 7 pillars including housing and accommodation, indigenous engagement, local content, health and safety, land use and access, community investment and workforce and training.</p> <p>HOUSING AND ACCOMMODATION</p> <p>The members agreed that the highest priority remained housing and accommodation and the issue was compounding.</p> <p>RH advised that there is a 400 man camp for the Gathering team with a 5-8 year life about to be opened. The Leightons camp will be finished in October at Condabri Central and also the Lang O'Rourke 400 man camp is almost finished. There will also be a 130 man permanent camp which has not started construction as yet.</p> <p>RH advised that there will be 1500-1800 people in the area and advised that APLNG is at 60-70% of the height of the workforce already and are nearing the peak.</p> <p>A member queried the staff moving into the camps and the potential impact on the local accommodation. RH advised that the camps will not be 100% occupancy, and more demand is expected to be coming. Construction will be occurring at Condabri for the next few years.</p> <p>A member raised the issue of speed of development approvals through local government and the impact this is having on local development. RH advised that Origin has contributed to the funding of WDRRC town planners.</p> <p>Cr Moore detailed that the issue with approval delays related to developers wanting to turn a rural block into an urban block and that this takes more than 3 months to turn around.</p> <p>SB and SH advised that the houses freed by contractors moving to camps will be managed by Horizon Housing through a subsidised affordable housing plan.</p> <p>The community members raised the importance of wanting people to live in town as opposed to camps, it was discussed that as rents come down it will be more attractive than camps. RH advised that the camp accommodation is predominately for mobile temporary construction workers.</p> <p>RH advised the project has a target of 60% local living staff. A community member believes that this will increase retention rates. RH advised that approximately 90% of the Chinchilla office staff are local and 40% of the Miles office. RH said a new living local incentive has been given to Origin staff.</p> <p>The key comment from the members was the question "how do we attract people to come and live in our towns?"</p> <p>COMMUNITY INVESTMENT</p> <p>A community member highlighted that the sports and recreation facility at Chinchilla is going to be upgraded.</p> <p>The members raised that it is about ensuring the services are there – schools / hospital / childcare – and Origin has a facilitation role to play.</p>

A community member said that they are desperate to enhance the Murilla Childcare.

Members also said that approximately 40 students have left the primary school this year since school started. This is expected to have a flow on affect at the high school. The members also said that this impacts on losing parents as community participants / volunteers and coaches.

A community member queried if it would be possible to sponsor a grant writing position locally to assist local business and community groups to obtain local grants. Cr Moore advised that WDRC community development officers are available to assist community groups however they are not able to write the grant application. The community groups are to maintain ownership of the application process.

Members requested that the Community Skills Scholarship program was expanded to include traineeships and a concerted effort be made to improve the male and female balance.

SH asked members to advise of any jobs that people are aware of that are not able to be filled or where the employers are not able to obtain staff. A member said that the motels and service stations are continually looking for people. A member also said the local agricultural labour had been drained.

Members advised that the community centres have jobs lists and the Chinchilla centre has a Facebook employment list which is well used.

A community member raised the RSLSAA 'swim' program.

Community service requirements including kindergartens, aged care, child care and medical services were discussed.

INDIGENOUS

The members agreed that the indigenous programs need to be targeted at grade 4 (early childhood), before high school. It was also discussed that the indigenous should not be segmented out but rather the programs should be targeted at "kids at risk."

HEALTH AND SAFETY

The members expressed concern about the Miles traffic conditions and incorrect use of the uncontrolled intersections including Main Street and Dawson Street intersection, Leichhardt Highway and the Eleanor Street intersection. It was advised that Chinchilla also has issues including the Warrego Highway/overhead bridge.

A community member questioned if the CARS program could be offered to the community. SH to investigate and advise.

LAND USE AND ACCESS

A community member expressed concern about the increase in feral animals and the need to have a community approach to solving the issue.

Members raised concern about rural fire brigade cuts and also issues with the local town fire brigade in Miles. Last time there was a fire, the volunteers were all on shift and this needs to be addressed. The fire brigade is stretched as they are being called on as the ambulance is busy or on break. The members queried how the ambulance is coping with the

	<p>growth.</p> <p>A member asked if Origin’s assets could be made available for use across the region. MM Raised the Origin Energy volunteering program.</p> <p>RH advised Origin has trained 20 Talinga staff in fire management and the same has been done at Spring Gully. The Land Access team will also be trained. RH raised that industry-wide support is needed.</p> <p>MM said that it needs to be ensured that this is listed in the response to the gas commission.</p> <p>A member raised that more awareness needs to be raised to obtain more volunteers.</p> <p>RH advised that CSG companies are assistance with medical evacuation service support including a helicopter.</p> <p>A community member raised concern regarding the back filling of the pipeline. RH advised that welding starts next week and at the end of next week clearing / putting in ground (MCJV contractor). RH expressed concern that Origin/APLNG are being tarred with the same brush as QGC. RH advised that all Southern land access has been done and there is some Northern to go.</p> <p><u>LOCAL CONTENT</u></p> <p>A community member emphasised the need for transparency in the supply chain.</p> <p>The need for increased community awareness of the RCCC was discussed. RH would like to promote the RCCC members in the local media. The members said that they are starting to receive community feedback.</p> <p>Cr Hall raised the importance of directly engaging with the youth for ideas and feedback.</p> <p>Cr Hall queried if contractors are required to advertise tenders locally via WDRC/Chambers and the process for this. RH advised that unfortunately local content can not be mandated but only strongly encouraged, and that tenders are currently advertised through the ICN network where work packs are advertised. The members expressed that they did not believe this was working well and a local community strategy needed to be looked at (ICN).</p> <p>SH said that there was a need to build a local list of pre-qualified suppliers and Wilhemena McLean has been recently engaged in this role.</p>
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RH to provide update on feral animal control	RH	Dec 12
SH to provide update on CARS program for community	SH	Dec 12
Publish photo of RCCC Committee in local media	SB/SP	Dec 12

Item 7	Project update
Discussion	<p>The role of the RCCC was discussed including the need to raise awareness of the group and its' purpose. To be further discussed at the next meeting.</p> <p>A member raised that a project update is important to understand the overall progress.</p> <p>The need for two way communication between APLNG and the RCCC was discussed.</p> <p>The original purpose of the group to "foster an open and transparent dialogue between the project and community by providing a mechanism for information exchange" was discussed and if this is still the direction of the group. A potential lobbying role was discussed.</p> <p>A community member requested to know where sponsorships and donations are going within the community.</p> <p>Cr Hall raised the need for WDRC and APLNG to collaborate on community programs.</p> <p>i. Project update and schedule progress (RH)</p> <p>The project is on time and on budget.</p> <p>A community member queried the uniformity across land owners for compensation. RH advised that the new approach will be implemented across all land owners, even those already negotiated, and will be calculated based on the value of the land.</p> <p>A community member queried the issue of dredging and the potential down stream impact.</p> <p>A community member queried the size of Ready Creek. RH advised it is double the size of Talinga.</p> <p>ii. Condamine gas seepage</p> <p>Further investigation has been completed and another two seeps have been located. One has been there 40-50 years as per the land owner. RH discussed that the seeps are in the centre of the river and could be the result of 'scouring' as it is shallow coal. Further research is ongoing. The gas is methane which is escaping. Soil probes have been put along the banks of the river and vegetation is being mapped to see how it changes over time.</p> <p>A member queried the seismic data. Cr Hall queried if there was a relationship between the dewatering of bores and the gas being released. RH advised this is still being investigated. RH advised of those bores tested, every bore had gas in it except one.</p> <p>A member raised the need for coal bores to be capped.</p> <p>iii. Update salt trials and brine processing</p>

	<p>RH advised there are two ways which salt can be handled currently – (1) in brine ponds with liners which are monitored, and (2) it can be taken off lease and put in a manufacturing facility to use commercially. Origin Energy is still in the experimental phase in this regard.</p> <p>RH advised that the Origin Energy brine ponds are not full and salt is currently being disposed of through a licensed waste facility.</p> <p>iv. Miles airport</p> <p>Miles airport is being upgraded to CASA standards. Construction starting shortly – early October.</p>
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Item 8	Community Skills Scholarship Video
Discussion	In closing, the video of the Community Skills Scholarship 2012 recipients and their employers was shown.

Action Item	Person Responsible	Deadline
Role and purpose of RCCC discussion	SB	Next meeting

Meeting closed at 5:00pm

2. Next Meeting

Date	Thursday 6 December 2012
Time	TBA
Venue	TBA
Chairperson	Kerry Mulholland