

Minutes of meeting

New Acland Community Reference Group

CRG meeting number: 3

Date: 4 February 2013

Time: 3.00pm

Location: Oakey State School (Primary)

Apologies: Helen Montgomery – Lifeline Darling Downs
Nancy Sommerfield – Toowoomba Regional Council
Sarah Due – AgForce Queensland
Dave Bosworth – Oakey State School

Facilitator: Michael Cuthill – Australian Centre for Sustainable Business and Development, USQ

Attendees: Shane Charles – Toowoomba and Surat Basin Enterprise
Bryan Gray – RDA Darling Downs and SW Qld
Catherine Hull – Downs Group Training
Greg Johnson – Toowoomba Chamber of Commerce
Barry Mason – Local Landholder
Chris McNally – Oakey State High School
Matthew Boyd – Queensland Health
Andrew Langton – Oakey Chamber of Commerce

New Hope Group Representatives: Jim Randell – New Acland General Manager
Helen Braithwaite – Community Liaison Officer
Jennifer Wilson – Secretariat

Agenda item Discussion

Item 1	<p>Michael welcomed the group</p> <p>Greg Johnson informed the group on the Infrastructure & Energy Summit to be held 6-8 March 2013 hosted by Toowoomba Chamber of Commerce & Industry.</p>
Item 2	<p>Safety Share – Jim Randell</p> <p>Jim Randell advised the Group of an employee that had received damage to his house in Burrum Heads from a tornado and the damage that can be caused by flying debris during the storms.</p>
Item 3	<p>Community feedback and input</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Michael Cuthill referred to the email circulated by Helen Montgomery and the issues that have been raised with Lifeline. These include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Perceived negative impact to health. Discussion in the Group saying they felt they understood there was no impact, however, could see that there is still a feeling in parts of the community that coal dust could be harmful. The Group said there was a need for the mine to allay these concerns <p>Jim Randell advised that his personal approach is to have the opportunity to give information from New Hope’s perspective and if organising an independent view would be beneficial, he would do so in some cases.</p> <p>Michael Cuthill suggested that the company respond to Lifeline’s concerns offering to speak with the stakeholders in person if appropriate.</p> <p>The group also requested one page of information regarding coal dust. Helen Braithwaite offered New Hope fact sheets for reference for members.</p> ○ Another point raised by Helen Montgomery was in relation to rehabilitation and promoting this through the community. Barry Mason suggested that New Hope organise an independent group to review current practices and then speak to the community about the rehabilitation ○ Helen Montgomery also suggested extending New Hope social initiatives with particular reference to education and training. Chris McNally spoke about the need for real pathways to careers for the Oakey and surrounding communities. <p>Jim Randell said that New Acland regularly had trainees and apprentices from the local area on site and made genuine attempts to hire locals where ever possible.</p> <p>Chris McNally said that he has had initial discussions with Helen Braithwaite regarding further opportunities in the area and was keen to continue discussing options.</p> <p>Helen Braithwaite advised the group that New Hope is continuing to look at a possible Community Development Fund and this could be used to support some of the bigger projects that are community driven.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Shane Charles advised of the TSBE and TRC visit to New Acland that was warmly received. Discussions on local content are planned with Lisa Backhouse. No feedback from membership base to date. ○ Greg Johnson develops a weekly article in the Chronicle and has received no feedback.
Actions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ HB/CMcN discuss further on a possible process that will offer benefits to both the company and the community ▪ HB - New Hope’s response to Lifeline’s concerns

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ HB- New Hope to review communications on perceived health impacts of coal dust
Item 4	<p>New Hope Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Jim Randell gave an update on New Hope including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ New Acland had no impact from the floods however two shifts were sent home to be with families during the event. The flood did impact the rail and repairs will not be completed until end of February which may impact the stockpiles at Jondaryan and at site. ○ New Acland has replaced air horns on the large trucks with electric horns which have a lower noise impact on surroundings. ○ Rehabilitation of the tailings project will be complete by end of July. ○ Acland Pastoral Company will be working with Agforce to facilitate a feral pest program, involving locals for a combined effort. ○ The veneering project will be completed by the end of March at the Jondaryan Loading facility using a vegetable type veneer to seal. ○ A new trainee has started at Acland Pastoral, with the aim of having two trainees employed. ○ The independent group Outcross is progressing a partnership with USQ to assist APC in trial grazing on rehabilitated land. ○ Neighbour briefings on the Revised New Acland Coal Mine Stage 3 Project proposal have continued. Two community information sessions for the Terms of Reference have been held in Oakey. Further information on the Project is available at the New Hope Community Information Centre in Campbell Street, Oakey.
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Item 5	<p>Jondaryan CRG Member update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Helen Braithwaite updated the group on the application process for the Jondaryan CRG representative. One application has been received – formal offer to be extended before the next meeting. <p>The Amendment to the ToR had been circulated and there was no one with comment or concerns. All members present initialled the ToR amendment to show their support. Helen will now approach the applicant and invite them to the next meeting and a visit to New Acland.</p>
Item 5	<p>CRG Communication</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Helen clarified that the Group is entitled to comment on the ToR and if any member requires information by way of Fact Sheets these are available. Helen provided attending members with a copy of New Hope’s factsheets and gave an overview of places information is available. <p>If CRG members come across stakeholder groups who are looking for more information about the mine or the expansion, New Hope would be more than happy to meet with these groups. CRG members can organise this through Jen or Helen.</p> <p>Media enquiries should be referred to New Hope Senior Communications Advisor Justin Coomber.</p>
Item 6	<p>Housekeeping</p> <p>Topics for future meetings carried over</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic Cropping Land – will await the DDRP release (end February). <p>Suggested topics</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Education ▪ Social Enterprise <p>Jim Randell commended the group on the discussion at the beginning of the meeting and suggested that robust discussion continues to be a focus point of all meetings.</p>
<p>Next meeting</p>	<p>Next meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3.30 pm Monday 25 March 2013 – Oakey State School. • Please note that the meeting time has been pushed back to 3:30pm so as to miss the after school rush.
<p>Meeting close</p>	<p>Meeting closed at: 4.45pm</p>

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