

Meeting Notes

Meeting Date: 03 December 2009

Time: 6.30pm – 8 pm

Location: Club Menai Banksia Room 2, Menai

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	<p>Welcome and Apologies KP welcomed members to the meeting and members introduced themselves for the benefit of those new to the committee.</p>		
1.	<p>Minutes Last meeting short with site tour. DE's corrections regarding the identification of the original inhabitants of the area were incorporated into the minutes. The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.</p>		
2	<p>Business arising There was no business arising from the previous minutes.</p>		
3	<p>Update on Ecolibrium Mixed Waste Facility JP reported that public exhibition finished on November 2. There was some interest in the exhibition at Menai Marketplace, with questions around traffic and odour. However, no one registered to attend an information session. The Department of Planning has received eight submissions, two being from residents. The two residents' submissions raised concerns with potential odour issues and infrastructure, particularly roads. One suggested that another location would be preferable for the facility due to proximity to residents, and potential issues around noise, odour and traffic. One submission indicated the area was part of the ANSTO exclusion zone. Other submissions were from government departments and other agencies such as RTA, DECCW, Sutherland Shire Council, Sydney Water, Department of Transport and were more to ensure regulations and standards were met. Now submissions have closed, WSN will respond to the submissions. These will be sent to the Minister for Planning, who will decide on approval.</p> <p>Questions and discussion</p> <p>RM responded to the issue of exclusion zone. There is a 1.6 km buffer around the ANSTO facility. The proposed Mixed Waste Facility is within this zone. DE indicated she understood the exclusion zone was for structures such as hospitals. RG would take the question on notice and respond with ANSTO's</p>	<p>ANSTO's position on the exclusion</p>	<p>RG</p>

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	<p>position.</p> <p>DE asked whether a heritage report was done. JP replied there had been a heritage report done in liaison with the Sutherland Council's Aboriginal services department.</p> <p>WSN undertook to keep the group informed of the timing and progress of the lodgement of the WSN submission with the DoP.</p> <p>IK asked whether WSN's response to submissions is a public document. Is the submission for Part 3A approval in the public arena? RM indicated the DA outlines everything, and this is a public document. JP will take the question on notice. She also suggested IK could contact Sarah Hurst for confirmation.</p> <p>GP asked whether the Ecolibrium Mixed Waste Facility is simply another name for a recycling centre, as this was in the original license. Though the location has changed, this was included in the original Hassell Report. RM replied it is more than a recycling facility, as it also includes bio remediation. It is contained within the original DA as a concept, but still requires DA for detail as does the development of other facilities such as moving the mini bike club. Detail includes digesters and other technology which didn't exist when the original DA was lodged.</p>	<p>zone to be provided to CAC</p> <p>WSN to keep CAC informed of progress, including timing for submission to the DoP.</p> <p>WSN to inform CAC as to whether response to submissions is in the public arena</p>	<p>JP</p> <p>JP</p>
4.	<p>Update on Operational and Environmental Matters</p> <p>An update was circulated to the meeting. RM presented the report on operational matters which included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current landfilling operations which were indicated on a map of the site; • Rehabilitation at this stage is mainly maintenance till larger portions of the site are available; • The mini-bike club is almost complete; • Feral animal control was being undertaken with ANSTO and Sutherland Shire Council; • The ADC trial had been conducted and a report was being finalised. It is like spray on paper maché and seemed to be adequate. However, trials will continue at another site. • Gas infrastructure installation is complete, and the main activities are related to repair work. Energy Australia work will result in day time outages, and flaring of gas during outages 		

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	<p>would be carried out to avoid odour problems.</p> <p>MK presented the environmental monitoring report which included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Landfill gas and odour monitoring – most odour was associated with gas emissions from existing infrastructure in two areas indicated on the site map. No odours were detected at boundary monitoring points. • There were no odour complaints in September, one in October and none in November. • Groundwater monitoring was consistent with previous monitoring. • No wet weather overflows have occurred since June 25th and monitoring results were consistent with previous results which were within acceptable limits. <p>RM reported this was one of best monitoring results to date.</p> <p>Questions and discussion</p> <p>JR asked whether during the feral animal control program, silencers were used on rifles as there had been sounds of gunfire at night. RM responded that this would be from the gun club who were shooting at night.</p> <p>JR found it surprising that the report indicated dust monitoring results for the 12 months below average with this year's severe dust storm. MK responded that September results were higher. This was when the dust storm occurred. The peaks indicated higher readings across most sites in September. Monitors only record dust that settles in the monitor.</p> <p>DE expressed concerns with accuracy of dust monitoring if during dust storms in which you couldn't see 100 metres ahead didn't register in dust monitoring. Why didn't dust drop into the monitors? RM noted that dust storm impacts brought dust levels up to target levels in September. The weighted average is over the month, so days which recorded no dust brings the monthly average down. He noted that January 09 had similar results to September 09.</p> <p>MK explained that monitors are similar to rain gauges, as dust drops into monitor and sits there.</p> <p>JR also expressed doubts over the accuracy of dust monitoring results.</p> <p>DE requested that in future, maps be used to indicate locations of Dust Gauges.</p> <p>RM noted that this had been done in the past, and could be done in future.</p>	<p>WSN to provide site maps showing location of dust gauges at</p>	<p>RM</p>

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	<p>MP noted that DG 4 seems to be continually over the target level. MK responded that this monitor was on the road leading to the excavation site. Dust suppression such as water spraying is used, but in dry weather conditions it dries quickly. It is expected that when traffic lessens dust results will be less.</p> <p>RM suggested other gauges give an idea of dust around the site generally. The target level is purely a target level, not a requirement. Target level is based on good work practices and industry standards, and the site generally copes well except in that one instance.</p> <p>JR asked whether council is as rigorous with the golf course dust monitoring.</p> <p>GS noted that council hasn't claimed Stage 2 yet.</p> <p>RM replied that WSN would continue to monitor and report here.</p> <p>GP noted that dust monitoring was the initiative of DE and IK early on. If it wasn't for this committee, there probably wouldn't be dust monitoring.</p> <p>IK asked whether flaring would be affected by fire bans, as this may generate some enquiries.</p> <p>RM replied that as he understands it is exempt as it is a contained flare with only gas and no embers, but this needs to be confirmed. At Eastern Creek the local fire brigade had no problems. Normal flare is 60%, but increased flare is 75%.</p>	meetings	
5.	<p>Community Feedback on Odours</p> <p>JR reported odour at Landy Close in the evening this week when it was windy.</p> <p>MP confirmed there was strong odour in Landy Close the following Tuesday morning also.</p>		
6.	<p>Actions</p> <p>JP noted that an action left open was feedback from Susan Crick regarding a survey of members. The survey had been conducted early-mid 2008. She apologised for the time lapse on reporting feedback. Feedback was supportive of the forum. The CAC was thought worthwhile and open membership good. There was some frustration from some that they felt things didn't change. JP indicated the example of the WSN responding with dust monitoring was a positive example of the way in which the CAC could work effectively. Some thought meetings could be more interesting. WSN has tried to do this. Another survey will be done in new year to look at terms of reference and to match the committee to objectives in terms of reference. The action is now closed.</p> <p>JR had wanted closure, as it had created an expectation of being able to do more things, work more collaboratively.</p> <p>DE suggested the best PR exercise for WSN could be to pick up</p>		

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	<p>papers and plastic from the side of road regularly, so it would be visible to the public. She recognises this does occur.</p> <p>RM noted that WSN does the perimeter of the site.</p> <p>GP reported that Waste Services used to pick up rubbish down as far as Alford's Point almost daily and report back on this.</p> <p>RM noted many of the bags etc were from trucks and commercial vehicles.</p> <p>GP reported that previously every truck was also washed before leaving the site to prevent rubbish leaving the site.</p> <p>RM responded that truck washing continues during wet weather to prevent mud from the site leaving the site.</p> <p>IK noted there also used to be fences to capture plastic.</p> <p>JP noted that another action arose after the last meeting.</p> <p>DE explained that at a conference for crematoria and cemeteries methane was identified as an issue for cemeteries. She had suggested that the crematorium could use knowledge from WSN.</p> <p>JP noted that this had been forwarded to Ezio DiGiovanni from WSN and understood there had been contact with a representative from the crematorium.</p> <p>DE requested information be provided on the outcome of this contact.</p>		
7.	<p>General Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on the Mini Bike Site <p>The issue of the Mini Bike Site was covered in the operations report. MP expressed frustration at the site being closed for over one year, leading to a drop in membership and kids riding in the bush. He noted obstacles in getting it up and running. He noted the fencing contractor had said he couldn't touch the site till mid January. He hoped this could be brought forward.</p> <p>RM noted there had been licensing and inspection issues with the width of tracks and jumps. It was a shame the old PCYC site had to shut down due to asbestos contamination. They were looking at full operation in February and maybe partial operation before that.</p> <p>GP noted a lot of frustration came from the meeting with WSN indicating an opening in June.</p> <p>MP indicated a major delay was in obtaining the EPA levy exemption and securing fill at reasonable rates and time.</p> <p>RM noted a lot of delays were associated with PCYC. Legislation regarding the levy for dirt took 6 weeks for approval. His recollection was that the gap between receiving material and it going into fill was not bad as it avoided the need to stockpile and handle twice. WSN had 2 managers working full time to try to push it along. He thought Guy Russell was to be commended on the quality of work delivered. Because it was on landfill, levies were applicable and hard work went</p>		

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	<p>in to getting a charitable organisation exempt.</p> <p>KD asked whether WSN would be affected by the new road going through, the Illawarra Rd/Heathcote Rd work. RM was not aware of any effects on WSN. GS noted there were relocations for electrical services and WSN was aware of these. RM thought it touched only the fringe of the site. There would be a temporary establishment of a work compound on the old irrigation site.</p> <p>DE on behalf of the CAC congratulated the PCYC on placing 3rd in the Rock Eisteddfod.</p> <p>JR asked that following on from the community workshops could the CAC hear more of the history of the committee and its major milestones from people who have been on the committee for a long time. DE reported that at a joint meeting of ANSTO and the Progress Association lobbying began to move the tip from Barden Valley to more suitable land at the existing site which involved working to transfer land from the Commonwealth to the State. This happened on 5/2/1985.</p> <p>The chair suggests the next meeting set aside time to share highlights of the history of the group, as it will be 25 years in February.</p> <p>DE reported a change regarding the weeds committee. The best approach is seen as regionally based. Previously individual groups could get funding. Now it will be on a regional basis for a particular species of weed e.g. Coolatai Grass.</p> <p>GS reported the tender had gone out for the new club house and and recommendations will go to council in January. The new amenities building should be completed for the winter season. There will be a tender for maintenance of the whole Lucas Heights complex including the golf course, fields and irrigation system. The advertisement for tender for the maintenance contract is to go out in January. . MR noted WSN was looking to hand over parts in September 2010 and February 2011, but would bring this forward if possible. GS noted the contractor wouldn't want it in dribs and drabs.</p> <p>Dates for meetings in 2010</p>	<p>Longstanding members of the CAC share highlights of the history of the group at the next meeting. Id Planning to add as agenda item</p>	<p>Id Planning</p>

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	Thursday March 11 th 6.30-8.30pm, Thursday June 10 th 6.30-8.30pm, Saturday September 18 th (site tour) 9.00-11.00am, Thursday December 2 nd 6.30-8.3-pm.		
8.	Meeting Closure The meeting closed at 7.40pm.		

Agenda Item	Action summary		
3.	ANSTO's position on the exclusion zone to be provided to CAC.	RG	11 Mar
	WSN to keep CAC informed of progress of Ecolibrium Mixed Waste Facility, including timing for submission of responses to the DoP.	RM	Ongoing
	WSN to inform CAC as to whether response to submissions is in the public arena.	JP	11 Mar
4.	WSN to provide site maps showing location of dust gauges at meetings.	RM	Ongoing
7.	Longstanding members of the CAC share highlights of the history of the group at the next meeting.	DE/ IK	11 Mar
	This item to be added to the agenda.	Id Planning	11 Mar

Next meeting:	THURSDAY 11 March 6.30-8.30pm
Venue :	Club Menai