



**Tomingley Gold Operations – Community Consultation Committee Meeting**

Date: 18<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Time: 6:00pm

Location: TGO Meeting Room

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| <b>Meeting Opened: 6:10pm.</b>  |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Apologies:</b> Gavin Dart (GD), Barbara Dunn (BD), James Craft (JC)</li> </ul> <p><b>Committee Members Present:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>James Hamilton (JH) - CCC Independent Chairperson</li> <li>Ken Bermingham (KB)– TGO representative</li> <li>Tony Ellis (TE)</li> <li>Sallie McGaw (SM)</li> <li>Paul Brydon (PB)</li> </ul> <p><b>Observers Present:</b> Susan Benedyka (SB) - The Regional Development Company via Teams<br/>David Pritchard (DP) TGO</p>   |  |
| <b>Declaration of Interest:</b> Paul Brydon performs work for TGO contract spraying   |  |
| <b>Minutes from Previous Meeting:</b> Approved (SM, PB).  |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Correspondence:</b> Nil</li> </ul>  |  |
| <p><b>Business arising from previous minutes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SM asked what the white material was on top of the waste dump.</li> <li>Discussions around water tank money 35k left over SM asked whether money could be used for another project. JC said that the money had gone in as a restricted fund, JC indicated for funds to be used for a different project it would need to be discussed at the Tomingley Advancement committee. JC indicated that money could potentially go back in to the community contribution fund.</li> <li>Also raised that NSC didn't supply the dollar value for the roads fund which would be a significant value.</li> <li>JC discussed what the 140k environmental fund and what will that money be used for, money traditionally used for monitoring of the environment by NSC. Money was previously used for Associated Council of Mines. Council no longer a member. SB asked whether funds could be used for something else. JC Indicated that it was a restricted fund. JH said it would be better to create the vision and then ask for the funding. JC said that it could be argued that the funding could be extended to softening of the streetscape, tree plantings etc...</li> </ul> | <p>DP provided a response detailing that the white material is stockpiled clay material for use on site.</p> |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SB has asked the council what road funding was being spent on, Dianne Gibbs will be looking at this closely.</li> <li>• JC discussed that council probably thought the mine would have been finished by now.</li> <li>• Roads money should be spent on maintaining roads around mine catchment area, and roads that have been impacted by the mine.</li> <li>• SM discussed that harvest has increased road traffic particularly the long wait in other areas has caused trucks to redirect to Tomingley Silos, and this was unfair to use the VPA roads money for this. She also indicated that she recalls that Alkane had indicated that they would be happy to spend the money on the parks and rest areas. JC indicated that it is how it is defined in the VPA.</li> <li>• TE asked about races prize money and whether it could be converted into other works. KB indicated that the money couldn't be converted. JC indicated that it would need to be a new application.</li> <li>• Committee make-up discussed with respect to SM resignation from committee</li> </ul>  |        |
| <p><b>Operations update provided by KB:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KB provided a mine update via power point presentation – attached to minutes.</li> <li>• Development of ventilation drive to portal in the Caloma 1 pit with break through anticipated in April.</li> <li>• Eastern cut back development is progressing with removal of waste and employment of 4 additional casual truck drivers.</li> <li>• Processing of low-grade underground ore.</li> <li>• DP provided update on TGO Project Approval Modification no.5 progress.</li> <li>• The Mod 5 application is to obtain approval from the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) to allow the construction of stages 1 and 2 of a new Residue Storage Facility (RSF) to the immediate south of the existing RSF.</li> <li>• The advertising period closed at the end of January and all the submissions received were from NSW Government agencies. No submissions were received from local residents.</li> <li>• RW Corkery &amp; Co are preparing the response to submissions which will be returned to the NSW DPIE.</li> <li>• If approved NSW DPIE may alter or add new conditions to the approval. Specific site management plans and the Mining Operations will need to be reviewed and resubmitted or approval for the Government.</li> <li>• Preparation of the 2020 Annual Review is underway to enable submission to the DPIE.</li> <li>• The site will be subject to a Independent Environmental Audit (IEA) which occurs every three years, this is scheduled to take place in March -April 2021 and is undertaken by a consulting firm that is selected by TGO and approved by DPIE.</li> <li>• No exceedances recorded from site monitoring.</li> <li>• Gundong Creek has been flowing periodically with water samples taken as required when the Creek flows.</li> </ul> |        |

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| <p><b>Community Information and feedback:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The next round of VPA funding applications will open on the 1<sup>st</sup> March and close on the 15<sup>th</sup> March.</li> <li>• TGO have made a \$2000 donation to the Narromine Rotary Club to assist with paying registration fees for the Rotary food van and truck used to tow the van. Due to Covid 19 restrictions during 2020 the Rotary Club's income was severely reduced.</li> <li>• Community newsletter is due mid to late March and another special CCC meeting has been proposed for 25<sup>th</sup> March to provide an update on the TGEP. It is planned that Mike Sutherland would attend to provide the update.</li> <li>• Tomingley resident contacted the Community line on New Years eve concerned about fireworks being let off on mine land. KB contacted the processing shift supervisor who undertook an inspection and could only find firework's being let off at the back of the Cross Roads Hotel in Tomingley.</li> <li>• No community complaints.</li> <li>• Discussion relating to advertising of VPA applications now that the Narromine News has stopped being published.</li> <li>• One pre-emptive application from Narromine Lions Club for assistance to send participants to Camp Licola.</li> </ul>  |        |
| <p><b>General Business:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JH raised subject of SM resigning from CCC and finding a suitable replacement.</li> <li>• KB and DP provided the CCC members present with a copy of the NSW Government "<i>Community Consultative Committee Guideline for State Significant Projects January 2019</i>".</li> <li>• SM detailed she has spoken to Amy Dennis who owns the Alpaca farm on the Newell highway north of Tomingley. She is interested in being on the CCC and SM felt she would be an ideal replacement and told her that an Expression of Interest would be advertised in the peak Hill Times sometime in the future.</li> <li>• JH raised issue of number of allowable members on the Committee and the current makeup of the CCC in relation to the DPIE CCC guideline.</li> <li>• DP raised issue of when SM is no longer on the Committee do we wait and call for additional CCC members when / if TGEP commences given the spread further south from the existing operation.</li> <li>• JH indicated a preference to talk with Amy Dennis as from his experience women on Committees help to make an effective Committee.</li> <li>• The issue of non-attendance of CCC members was raised and will be looked at going forward.</li> <li>• JH asked that as well as email could the CCC members also have a follow up phone call to remind them of the meeting and the date.</li> <li>• KB detailed the CCC operation needs to be in accordance with the CCC guideline and that traditionally, certain functions have been undertaken by TGO. To ensure transparency several of these functions should be carried out by the Independent Chair.</li> <li>• JH recommended that all existing and any new CCC members should be provided with and made aware of the NSW CCC Guidelines.</li> <li>• KB and JH discussed potential issues with not following guideline and the best way to address this.</li> </ul> |        |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JH raised the issue of if it might be time for a new Chairperson, DP informed the CCC that should JH resign, NSW DPIE would have to be contacted and they would appoint a new Chairperson.</li> <li>• The CCC members indicated to JH that they would prefer him to continue on and for him to think about it further before making a decision. DP told JH he would make some inquiries with the DPIE as to the process should he decide to resign and he would wait for this information before making a decision.</li> <li>• KB informed the CCC that this would be his last meeting. Internal restructuring has seen the Work Health Safety &amp; Environment functions return to being stand-alone Departments with KB continuing as WH&amp;S Manager and DP taking on the Environment and Community Manager role. DP will now be the TGO representative on the CCC.</li> <li>• JH on behalf of the CCC thanked KB for his service to the CC and welcomed DP in his new role.</li> <li>• As this was SM last meeting, JH made a presentation on behalf of the CCC to SM to thank her for the 8years of service and wished her all the best for the future.</li> <li>• JH asked for it to be recorded in the minutes that SB had been requested to send through some information on villages and visual amenity of town and examples and this had not been done as yet, he is going to follow this up with SB.</li> <li>• The CCC had further discussion about the Tomingley village and how it is presented and that Narromine Shire Council need to be encouraged to be more proactive with spending on projects to help beautify the village.</li> </ul>  | <p>DP to contact DPIE and consult further with JH.</p> <p>JH to follow up with SB.</p> |
| <p><b>Susan Benedyka Updates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Since the last round of community consultation there has only been consultation with one additional resident who had felt she not been consulted and had heard about proposed developments at the hotel in Tomingley. It is apparent that Stew Lamond had spoken with her partner but their discussions were thought to have been a friendly chat rather than actual consultation.</li> <li>• It is evident that with changes to the ore body definition and potential changes to the alignment of Kyalite Road that additional consultation with Kyalite Road users will be important.</li> <li>• Currently two options for Kyalite Road and these should be conveyed to users and they should be asked if they think there are any other options that should be considered.</li> <li>• Areas of concern from Kyalite Road users to date include a suitable road surface, trafficability after rain, trafficability with other vehicles and width for trucks to pass safely and dust.</li> <li>• The latest TGO newsletter will provide an update on the progress of the planning and assessment process for TGEP.</li> <li>• SB asked the Committee members if they had any thoughts on how the consultation process should proceed particularly in relation to options for Kyalite Road. SB suggested having a letter from Mike Sutherland, then one on one meetings followed by a community meeting to discuss the consultation.</li> <li>• SB discussed she is willing to meet with people in the hotel if that suits as well.</li> <li>• SB is keen to continue using the CCC as a “sounding board” to ensure she undertakes the consultation process in a manner that is suitable for the community in and around Tomingley.</li> </ul> |  |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SM suggested having a communal meeting initially, then one on one meetings which could then be followed up by another communal meeting to provide an update. SB thought this would be worthwhile looking into.</li> <li>• JH suggested that people who do bus and mail runs should also be included.</li> <li>• DP suggested SB contact MS to see whether residents along O’Learys Lane should be included in the consultation process.</li> <li>• Both the Social Impact Analysis (SIA) and Business Impact Analysis have been delayed as a result of changes to the definition of the resource. SB is hopeful that her work will be completed around June however this will be dependent on any additional changes to the scoping of the project and the SEARS from the NSW DPIE.</li> </ul> |        |
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| Next meeting – Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> May 2021   |        |
| <p><b>Meeting Dates for 2021</b></p> <p>26<sup>th</sup> August<br/>18<sup>TH</sup> November</p>   |        |
| Meetings commence at 6pm at the TGO offices.  |        |
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| Meeting Closed: 7.24pm  |        |
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