



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

Date: 26<sup>th</sup> Nov 2020

Time: 6:00pm

Location: TGO Meeting Room

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<b>Meeting Opened: 6:17pm.</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Apologies:</b> Ben Rees (BR), Barbara Dunn (BD)</li> </ul> <p><b>Committee Members Present:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>James Hamilton - CCC Independent Chairperson</li> <li>Ken Bermingham (KB)– TGO representative</li> <li>Tony Ellis (TE)</li> <li>Sally McGaw (SM)</li> <li>Paul Brydon (PB)</li> <li>Gavin Dart (GD)</li> <li>James Craft (JC)</li> </ul> <p><b>Observers Present:</b> Susan Benedyka</p>	
<b>Declaration of Interest:</b> Paul Brydon performs work for TGO contract spraying	
<b>Minutes from Previous Meeting:</b> Approved (TE, GD).	
<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>KB advised that Mike Sutherland (GM Alkane NSW) was planning to coordinate a site visit for neighbours directly associated with the Tomingley Gold Expansion Project (TGEP). No date or time has been set as yet.</li> <li>KB detailed that Simon Parsons (General Manager Operations TGO) is not in favour of a community open day at this time given operations are underground and there would be not a lot that could be shown to visitors at this point. He is willing to review this if proposed mine expansion plans go ahead and are approved by the NSW government.</li> </ul>	

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<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>• TE asked about the purpose of the Caloma exploration drive and how far in the drive is.</li> <li>•</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Community Information and feedback:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KB provided a mine update via power point presentation – attached to minutes.</li> <li>• KB discussed concern raised by village resident in relation to blasting vibration. GD indicated that his wife had experienced some vibration as well and asked why blasting was occurring at night. KB indicated that the blasts are occurring in the new portal for the underground and as the mine progresses further underground the issue will no longer occur.</li> <li>• KB provided overview of current exploration program for San Antonio and Roswell deposits. Environmental studies such as groundwater investigation and fauna monitoring along the Newell Highway have commenced. TE indicated that anecdotally, there is very little groundwater in the Tomingley area.</li> <li>• DP explained that the fauna monitoring was being conducted to determine if the Brush Tailed Phascogale, a rat-sized arboreal carnivorous marsupial which is listed as a threatened species in NSW, can be found in the vegetation along the Newell Highway.</li> <li>• KB detailed that an electromagnetic aerial survey was currently being conducted to the east of the existing TGO site as part of Alkanes ongoing exploration program.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>General Business:</b> VPA FUNDING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion around why Spanish names had been chosen for the TGP, KB indicated that he would endeavour to find out. That would include the Gazebo money, so 108k</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> <li>• SB has asked the council what road funding was being spent on, Dianne Gibbs will be looking at this closely.</li> </ul>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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> <li>• SM asked what the White top on the eastern bund was.</li> </ul>	<p>TGO to provide feedback</p>
<p><b>Susan Benedyka Updates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Residents in Tomingley discussions have nearly been finalised</li> <li>• Economic Impact progressing Dianna Gibbs meeting with people, and landowners.</li> <li>• Random interviews in Peak Hill and Narromine, including business owners. Also left brochures in relation to roads.</li> <li>• Focus groups to be conducted at TGO site for workers.</li> <li>• Peak Hill lands council meeting organised.</li> <li>• Discussions regarding Alkane relationship with Peak Hill community. TE was very complimentary regarding what Alkane had done for Peak Hill.</li> <li>• Feedback given in relation to the community focus groups.</li> <li>• Discussion around Aboriginal employment.</li> <li>• Tour of Clontarf and discussions around employment</li> <li>• General mowing and maintenance of the village – not consistent. Increase in level of service.</li> <li>• JH asked whether Susan could send through some information on villages and visual amenity of town and examples.</li>   <li>• Discussion around landscaping plan for the village. Footpath gutter for Eric Woods park. SM asked whether the committee could get access to the landscaping plan for the village.</li> <li>• Tree's for Dicken park 5k in funding.</li> <li>• NSC doing a community strategic plan next year, opportunity to raise things related to Tomingley.</li> <li>• SM indicated that this would be her last meeting. JC invited SM to attend the next meeting as a last meeting. JC asked whether there was now an opening on the committee. Discussed SM talking to the owner of the Alpaca farm regarding interest, for when the position is advertised.</li> <li>• SB indicated that she would like the committee to look over what she has written as a check, and indicated that she would distribute something before the next meeting.</li> </ul>	<p>SB to send through some examples.</p> <p>JC to supply plan.</p> <p>SB to distribute report to committee.</p>

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Next meeting – Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> February 2021	
<b>Meeting Dates for 2021</b>  20 <sup>th</sup> May 26 <sup>th</sup> August 18 <sup>TH</sup> November	
Meetings commence at 6pm at the TGO offices.	
Meeting Closed: 7.48pm	