

Minutes & Actions

Western Downs Regional Community Consultative Committee

Meeting Minutes

12 June, 2014

Murilla Room, Dogwood Crossing, Dawson St, Miles 2pm-5pm

Initial	Name	Position / Company	Attend	Apology
MEMBERS				
KB	Kylie Bourne	Chairman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CR	Craig Rutledge	DSDIP	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
GS	Glenn Strandquist	Miles Chamber of Commerce	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
BB	Bill Blake	CCCI	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
BW	Ben Wiltshire	QPS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
AG	Arthur Gearon	AgForce	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
CB	Cecily Brockhurst	Murilla Community Centre	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
DG	Doreen Goldsmid	Chinchilla Family Support Centre	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
JB	Rev Jeff Balnaves	Community Representative	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
KG	Kel Gaske	Community Representative	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
GM	Cr George Moore	WDRC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
CH	Cr Charlene Hall	WDRC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
DD	Deanna Dodd	Centacare	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
KM	Kerry Mulholland	Community	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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SECRETARIATE and SUPPORT STAFF				
RB	Rob Hart	Origin – Regional Manager	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
SB	Scott Bird	Origin – Regional Community Relations Manager	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
KW	Karen Williams	Origin – Community Relations Assistant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
INVITEES and PROXYS				
AT	Amanda Thomas	Gasfield Commission	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
AS	Andrew Smith	WDRC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
DS	Don Stiller	Gasfield Commission	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
KG	Katie Gould	Chinchilla Community Centre	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Item	Time	Item Description	Duration
1.	2:00pm	<p>Meeting opens - KB</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Apologies – George Moore, Charlene Hall, Arthur Gearon, Deanna Dodd, Doreen Goldsmid 2. Resignations – Nil 3. Proxies – Andrew Smith, Katie Gould 4. Introductions of all attendees and welcome 	5 mins
2.	2:05 pm	<p>Safety Moment</p> <p>SB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> We need to be mindful of safety issues involved in keeping adults and children safe in and around the home e.g. BBQs and campfires. Safety to be first and foremost in our minds. 	5 mins
3.	2:10pm	<p>Confirmation of minutes of March meeting – KB</p> <p>Meeting minutes approved and accepted by all</p>	5 mins
4.	2:15pm	<p>Update on actions from March meeting</p> <p>SB and Jess Kibble (MCC) re housing issue</p> <p>Action - SB will talk to CB</p>	5 mins
5.	2:20	<p>Social performance update (Scott Bird)</p> <p>Australia Pacific LNG – overview (Rob Hart)</p> <p>SB –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Currently 31 applications have been received for the Community Skills Scholarship Program which closes on 30 June 2014. Anticipated to reach 150 recipients in 2014 since its inception in 2007. Please contact Karen Williams if you would like to know any further details or see our website www.originenergy.com.au. <input type="checkbox"/> CARS Practical driver training sessions are currently being run in the region. The inclusion of a static display demonstrating the results of unsafe driving has received great feedback. <input type="checkbox"/> Over \$40K awarded to 12 groups during Round 1 of Community Sponsorship and Donation Program. Looking to develop a program of activity for the next 12 months of sponsorship opportunities. <p>Action - SB to share list with group in September to provide feedback and more particularly if we may have missed an opportunity to assist.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Continuing to see a significant decrease in the number of complaints. 1800 number is now reporting to SB. <input type="checkbox"/> Local Content Position \$18.5B (\$520M in the Western Downs) <input type="checkbox"/> Regional Achievement & Community Awards launch was held in Roma on 12 June. OE is patron of the Community Service awards, recognizing the importance of local volunteers. Applications are open until 22 August. SB encouraged members to nominate worthy volunteers. <p>Action – KW to send details of RACA to members</p> <p>BW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> In relation to the UQ research, has there been any feedback? <p>SB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> UQ Business School has produced solid research for us around trust and respect - things we are doing well and what we can improve. 	20 mins

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Undertaken our own quarterly qualitative research to complement this work <input type="checkbox"/> A great tool to test our assumptions of OE as a business, validate and develop appropriate actions. <p>Action – SB to present findings at next meeting</p> <p>FRIP (Fairy-meadow Road Irrigation Project) presentation – Water (Scott Cawley)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation attached <input type="checkbox"/> CSIRO are interested in talking to landholders in terms of water usage. <input type="checkbox"/> OE meets with landholders on a monthly basis to discuss water allocations. They are also given a 24 month forecast. <input type="checkbox"/> All landholders are only permitted to use the water on site for irrigation and stock water. <input type="checkbox"/> Will be working with landholders to collate data in relation to employment, buying locally. <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly about ¼ of landholders have existing storage facilities which will allow them to catch overland flow. <input type="checkbox"/> All new irrigators have built self contained storage. <input type="checkbox"/> Under BUA (Beneficial Use Agreement) they are not allowed to over irrigate or release large amounts of water with the strict monitoring the government has. We have given them extensive financial incentive to create self storage solutions. <input type="checkbox"/> Landholders have been given profiles of what our water will be. <input type="checkbox"/> Project has been delivered on time and on budget to date. 	
6.	2:40pm	Afternoon Tea	15 mins
7.	2.55pm	<p>Project Update – RH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Australia Pacific LNG is on track to deliver first LNG mid 2015. <input type="checkbox"/> On time, on budget. <input type="checkbox"/> Full production for both trains in 2016. <input type="checkbox"/> Produced water connections between Condabri, Talinga, Orana and QGC Kenya facility completed. <input type="checkbox"/> Treated water connection between Talinga and Condabri completed with Monreagh storage and FRIP (Fairy-meadow Road Irrigation Project) operational. <input type="checkbox"/> Safe start up of Condabri Central with pre start safety review scheduled for this month. <input type="checkbox"/> 977 wells to service first train. <input type="checkbox"/> Brine is concentrated sea water, we extract salt. Salt is being stored in ponds for the moment. <input type="checkbox"/> Brine ponds are currently in each location, ie Talinga, Condabri. <input type="checkbox"/> Gasfield Commission continues to work with all Companies toward solutions for the brine. 	15 mins
8.	3.30	<p>2014 Focus – Ensuring liveable communities in the Western Downs through influencing positive outcomes</p> <p>Discussion</p> <p>Affordable accommodation initiatives including lobbying Australia Pacific LNG to complete their \$10M IHAS (Integrated Housing & Accommodation Strategy) commitment.</p> <p>How do we spend the remaining allocation?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Commit this money to existing houses to provide 	30 mins

		<p>accommodation solutions rather than build more homes?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Proposal with OE at the moment to consider purchasing existing homes off the market. 3. Still a requirement for some form of affordable housing in Miles. 4. How do we feedback to business through these minutes? 5. Demand and supply update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Currently in Miles there are 38 requests for affordable housing, 10 social housing. <p>Recommendation from Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Chinchilla no longer have the need for affordable housing <input type="checkbox"/> Commit this money to purchasing established houses in Miles 	
9.	4.00pm	<p>Update from members</p> <p>Chinchilla Chamber of Commerce and Industry - BB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Currently seeking to install CCTV in mainstreet <input type="checkbox"/> Looking to develop a Town brand. <p>Community – Miles Historical Village – KM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Tourism in area has fallen due to the loss of caravan parks. <input type="checkbox"/> Cost of accommodation in town has influenced also <input type="checkbox"/> Motel vacancies in town are growing which is encouraging for Bus tours. <input type="checkbox"/> Eastwood camp residents are joining as members. Families are coming to region to visit spouses working in field and visiting the village. <p>Gas Commission – DS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Thanked committee for welcoming them to this meeting. Any issue relating to CSG will be raised with them through different channels. <input type="checkbox"/> Amanda is available at the office in Toowoomba if required. <p>Chinchilla Family Support Centre – KG</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Multi tenanted centre will open before December. <input type="checkbox"/> Approval has been given from Dept to include kitchen. <input type="checkbox"/> Huge number of organisations going to centre for bookings. <input type="checkbox"/> Thanks to OE for providing the demountable building. <p>Western Downs Regional Council - AS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Council budget is released tomorrow, has been an interesting process to be involved in. <input type="checkbox"/> Majority of allocated funds will be used in Infrastructure. <p>Miles Chamber of Commerce - GS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> QGC Social Venture Program continuing. <input type="checkbox"/> Community investment plan released in two weeks. Process being developed to investigate funding opportunities. 	35 mins

		<p>Murilla Community Centre - CB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Accommodation and social issues continue to be of a concern. Thanks to OE for grant which assisted Centre to employ staff, to assist with these problems. <input type="checkbox"/> Rural issues, people struggling on properties. Centre-link payments are very slow to be made, for most people. <p>Community - JB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> OE handling of the Asbestos issue - commented how people were pleased with how this issue was dealt with openly and honestly. <p>RH – Update of Asbestos issue</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Proved to be white asbestos, considered to be of less impact on health. Lungs are more able to deal with white variety. Doctor believes there is lower chance of any problems. <input type="checkbox"/> 13000 tests on the ground. <input type="checkbox"/> 160 wells tested, very few wells were affected, however testing is continuing. <input type="checkbox"/> 12 rigs were possibly implicated - 4 rigs had no sign of asbestos at all, 8 rigs demonstrated some signs. <input type="checkbox"/> Potentially testing will need to be done underground. <input type="checkbox"/> All landholders are comfortable with the issue. <p>Miles Police - BW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> New staff member starting in July, replacing transferred officer. <p>Community - KG</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> He believes the social housing in Miles will ease as it has done in Chinchilla. <input type="checkbox"/> Some new homes in Chinchilla are being leased from around \$300 per week, for a long term lease. <p>General Business</p> <p>KB - Does Origin have any deeper insights into Qantaslink's decision to withdraw RPT (regular passenger transport) service from the Miles airport?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Qantaslink advised the 3 month forecast of bookings was less than 50 people with only 1-2 people per flight. <input type="checkbox"/> Was not economically viable to continue to offer this service. 	
10.	4.40 pm	<p>Meeting close</p> <p>Next meeting – Chinchilla, Thursday 11 September, 2014</p>	