

Minutes & Actions

Western Downs Regional Community Consultative Committee

Meeting Minutes

11 September, 2014

Chinchilla RSL, Chinchilla 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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	WDRRC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CH	Cr Charlene Hall	WDRRC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
DD	Deanna Dodd	Centacare	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
KM	Kerry Mulholland	Community	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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"/>
TW	Sarah Parkinson	Origin – Local Government & Community Relations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
SP	Trudi Webster	Origin – Local Government & Community Relations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
INVITEES and PROXYS				
AT	Amanda Thomas	Gasfield Commission	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
KG	Jennifer Davies	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 – Kerry Mulholland, Craig Rutledge, Doreen Goldsmid 2. Resignations – Nil 3. Proxies – Jennifer Davies for Doreen Goldsmid 4. Introductions of all attendees – Welcome back Sarah Parkinson from maternity leave. SB also introduced Trudi Webster. 	5 mins
2.	2:05 pm	<p>Safety Moment RH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Staff have recently returned from Cape York where team members were completing a leadership development exercise which included remote first aid and the search for a rare turtle thought to be extinct. Our safety moment – discussed the importance of people speaking up for safety, wherever the situation calls for it. 	5 mins
3.	2:10pm	<p>Confirmation of minutes June meeting – KB Meeting minutes approved and accepted by all</p>	5 mins
4.	2:15pm	<p>Update on actions from June meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ <i>SB to talk to CB re: housing issue.</i> Completed. □ <i>SB to share sponsorship and donations program list.</i> To be addressed in today's agenda. □ <i>KW to send details of RACA to members.</i> Not completed and Regional Awards have now passed. □ <i>SB to present research findings at next meeting.</i> To be addressed in today's agenda. 	5 mins
5.	2:20pm	<p>Research findings update - SB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Discussed the perceptions of Origin within the community and how trusted and respected the company is. □ Presented research findings, completed approximately 3 months ago. □ It is an opportunity for Origin to reflect on what we have done well and identify areas for improvement. □ This research is about validating Origin's understanding of the community that can be used for ongoing investment and engagement opportunities □ Next steps include developing a social impact assessment. Our SIMP investment finishes at the end of the construction phase. We are planning for our social investment and impact mitigation activities for 2015+. 	20 mins
6.	3:00pm	Afternoon Tea	15 mins
7.	3:15pm	<p>Project Update – RH Full year results announced</p>	15 mins

Results summary

- Statutory Profit increased 40%
- Group Operating Cash Flow After Tax increased 79%
- 23% improvement in our safety performance with our total recordable injury frequency rate down from 6.5 to 5.0

LNG

- The Australia Pacific LNG project is on track to deliver first LNG in mid-2015.
- Estimated project costs to complete are in line with budget
- As at 30 June, the Upstream component of the project was 76% complete and Downstream was 75% complete.

Q: Do you expect the TRIFR to go down as you change from the construction phase to operation?

A: Yes.

Q: Has the pipeline been commissioned?

A: Hydro testing on the mainline has been completed. The lateral pipeline is still being tested.

Q: As soon as they start exporting, are the domestic prices going to increase? What is the basis for that?

A: It is a world market price. At the moment the international prices are higher than our domestic price. It will depend on supply and demand.

Successes

- In July WDRC and APLNG executed our \$36M Road Infrastructure Agreement
- A group of LNG employees has helped to locate the rare Jardine River Painted Turtle, not documented for 25 years, while training with Cape York Rangers on far northern Cape York Peninsula.
- In late August we produced the first clean (permeate) water from the Condabri Water Treatment Facility (WTF) eight days ahead of schedule.

Q: Can you store gas in the pipeline to Gladstone?

A: Yes, it acts as one big storage facility however once it is full that's it.

Q: What are all the flares? Are they Origin?

A: Flares are typically used for pilot wells. Gas is flared to test production as it is not connected. It depends on the location of the flare as to whether it is Origin or another proponent.

Q: Queried road infrastructure agreement and when road work is to be completed?

A: The commitment is not to leave a road in any worse condition as a result of the Australia Pacific LNG project. The infrastructure agreement is an overarching document which addresses road use. The majority of the work has already been addressed through early works however money will be spent on the roads for the next 20 years.

Q: How is the Miles Airport going use wise?

A: The Airport is owned and operated by Council. Australia Pacific LNG is currently working with Council regarding the construction of a terminal facility as part of the original commitment with WDRC. Origin is still flying daily and the airport is being well utilised.

Q: Is Qantas coming back?

GM: Discussions are continuing. It is a work in progress and requires significant interest.

Social performance

- The vast majority of the Project's \$25 million allocation for community investment has been committed or is earmarked for investment in identified priorities.
- Status of SIMP initiatives as at June 2014
- 45% of activities were completed;
- 55% of activities were either on track as ongoing activities, in progress towards completion or superseded by other activities.
- The Project also hopes to deliver the following initiatives by the end of 2015:
 - Complete its investment in affordable housing.
 - Establish an Indigenous training partnership.
 - Broaden its support of health and emergency services.
 - Consider opportunities to enhance regional economic development post peak construction.

Q: Social and event donations were listed as having a low impact according to your research. I am concerned about the amount of money invested in this. Is the message not getting across to the public (for example the funds invested in the Chinchilla Kindergarten) about the benefit of these donations?

A: Yes partly, Origin and our funding partners could always improve in promoting these activities.

Community engagement

- Community Skills Scholarship – 25 successful recipients. Total 157 recipients over the life of the program. Community Skills Scholarship Presentation Dinner Thursday 18 September 2014.
- Over \$16,600 awarded to 7 groups during Round 2 of the Community Sponsorship Program
- Local Hands – new alliances with Land Care Brigalow, Condamine Alliance, SES, QAS and ongoing with QFRS
- Community Team restructure in an effort to create greater engagement opportunities

Local employment

- The project is starting to prepare for the production phase and seeking to maximise local employment opportunities. All positions will now be advertised locally.
- We are also investigating establishing a kiosk within the regional offices enabling people to directly access our website, apply on the spot and submit their resume. We are also looking into establishing a recruiter in the region to identify opportunities and meet with people.

Q: How does this group influence the hierarchy to have local recruitment as the preferred policy? It is the preference of this committee that this occur.

A: It should be noted in the minutes. We use the minutes to validate our messages and insights.

8.	3:45pm	<p>Issues Discussion (All)</p> <p>Miles accommodation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Discussed a recent article in the Chinchilla News which addressed concerns that Origin is relocating a significant number of staff from residential housing into camps. This is being driven by a group of Miles business owners. □ Origin explained that in a FIFO environment it is common practice for employers to provide their staff with accommodation. □ Over the past 2 years both qualitative research and community feedback has requested Origin continue to mitigate accommodation impacts on the community in Miles, which Origin has sought to achieve through the construction of 9 units of affordable accommodation and the funding of Rent Connect and Housing Officers through the local community centres. □ In a further effort to lessen the industry’s impact on the community Origin has recently reviewed their policy on accommodation provision. The policy has determined Origin (LNG) staff are to be accommodated in employer provided camps wherever possible. □ The renting of private houses will be considered, on a case by case basis only where exceptional circumstances exist. □ It should also be noted that currently 25% of staff within the Origin Miles office are permanent residents of Miles. <p>Local content</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Origin will launch a regional buy program which is focussed on suppliers within the Maranoa and Western Downs areas. We are looking at getting our supply team out to do a road show to promote this. <p>Miles Priority Living Area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Whilst Origin will enjoy the exemption associated with the Regional Planning Legislation we will not proceed with any development within a PLA without undertaking broad community consultation. We are currently having some initial conversations with landholders, however the broader picture is still being determined. 	30 mins
9.	4.15pm	<p>Update from members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ AG – Agforce had another CSG workshop in Miles two weeks ago which was well attended. These workshops are winding up which had been paid for by APPEA, Qld Government and Agforce. The approach will be changed – ie Advanced CSG information workshops, webinars etc. □ GS – Miles Chamber of Commerce AGM was held recently and the same committee was reappointed. The Miles Community Investment Plan was presented at the AGM. It is now a completed document and will hopefully give an opportunity to obtain funding for the legacy projects detailed. WDRC have 	35 mins

		<p>committed to funding for the Anzac Park concept development. Beef, Bells & Bottle Tree Festival is currently on. Parade on Saturday.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ GM – Royalties for Region (R4R) is open again and we were looking at a number of projects yesterday. The priority is looking at Chinchilla water and sewerage. The WDRC Housing Trust has opened its houses in Wandoan and Chinchilla is not far from completion. Miles housing is to start construction at the end of the year. There are issues with the use of unregistered gravel pits and sand quarries across the shire, which are not compliant with conditions. This is an issue WDRC are addressing at the present time. The Chinchilla Washdown Bay averaged 12.5 hours per day 7 days a week, August 12.1 hours and September 21 hours for the 10 days to date. There is still a big need. Going forward WDRC are establishing 5 year plans to allow the community certainty. □ CH – R4R discussion yesterday highlights the need for community consultation to ensure that there are shovel ready projects to take advantage of these types of funding when they become available. □ AT – Gasfields Commission attended the Agforce 360 in Biloela, visited the pipeline and landowners to look at rehabilitation. Have also attended a number of events. □ BB – We are working with members towards developing a town brand. Great traction as far as the railway crossing upgrade goes. New relationship with CCIQ – including a website upgrade. Working on Oktoberfest and Christmas Street Party events. □ KG – Rents are continuing to slide as are house prices to a lesser degree in Chinchilla. Housing is becoming more affordable. Particularly the top end of the market has come right down. There are still a few complaints about traffic on the local rural roads. Liquor Accord meetings are going well. The community is generally happy. □ JB – People are looking for certainty. They would like to know what is going on and to be able to plan. □ JD – The multi tenanted building construction has started. The current building is going to be up for lease. The centre is dealing with a 20% increase in foot traffic of people with complex issues since this time last year as the construction winds down. Launch of new website last month. Rentals are available although prices are quite high. Small businesses are feeling the pressure and are laying off staff or reducing casuals. AGM is on 11 Nov at 6pm. □ BW – Word needs to be spread to secure items. Drug offences are increasing, however, that does not mean the problem is necessarily worse, it means we are doing something about it. □ CB – We have had an increase in numbers and contacts through the Centre and having the man power to deal with this is difficult. We still have our housing list and people are still looking for housing. Rents have come down. There is still nothing in Miles that is affordable yet. We have been contacted by landlords looking for tenants. Wandoan units built by the WDRC Housing Trust are great however it is disappointing that no one is in them. AGM to be held on the 7th of October. Looking at trying to utilise the Miles Trade 	
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		<p>Training Centre more potentially as a Men's Shed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ GS – Discussed the regional chamber group which has been building momentum over the last 12 months. Very good presentation from Carbon Energy at Tara recently. Positive outcomes and will be meeting every six weeks. Discussing Council's economic development strategies and also tourism. <p>General Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ BB – Given the Federal Government alerting us to a heightened sense of security, how hard would it be for a person to take a blue shirt and get an Origin logo embroidered? I am sure given the size of the infrastructure project is it worth reviewing security procedures. □ RH – We have 3-4 people in our dedicated security unit. It has increased over the last 18 months. We talk to Queensland Police and share information between companies. We do emergency exercises. We have increased security at our major facilities. We are reviewing our practices. We are aware without being alarmed. □ SB – Would like the RCCC committee to consider the frequency of these meetings going forward. Traditionally we have held four per year and considering the level of consultation fatigue, is this required? Could we address in a different format? <p>ACTION: Format and frequency of the WDRCCC meetings to be considered at the December meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ BB – Will not be attendance at the next meeting. □ Meeting closed 5:00pm. 	
10.	5.00 pm	<p>Meeting close Next meeting – Miles, Thursday 11 December, 2014</p>	