

Gloucester Exploration Project COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (CCC)
MINUTES OF MEETING

Date:	6 th April 2018
Venue:	Gloucester Aero Club Building, Maslen Lane, Gloucester
Present:	<i>Chairperson:</i> Lisa Andrews (LA) <i>Community Reps:</i> Anthony Berecry (AB), Ray Dawes (RD), Steve Robinson (SR) & Trevor Sansom (TS) <i>Advance Gloucester:</i> Bill Williams <i>Gloucester Chamber of Commerce:</i> Stuart Redman (StR) <i>GRL:</i> Brian Clifford (BC) and Bob Corbett (RC) <i>Mid Coast Council delegate:</i> Cr Claire Pontin (CP) <i>arrived at 10.10am</i> <i>Minutes:</i> Suella Hannaford
Apologies:	DRG Representatives: Jaime Flynn & Emma Prince
Invited Guest:	Chris Maslen from Speldon Partnership (<i>arrived at 10.30am and left at 10.50am</i>)

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- 1. Opening of Meeting** LA declared meeting open at 10:07 am.
- LA welcomed all to the Gloucester Exploration Project CCC at the Gloucester Aero Club building and introduced Suella Hannaford as the committee minute secretary, standing in for Melissa Williams.
- The Chair asked each member to complete the attendance sheet and make any relevant changes to their contact details.
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- 2. Apologies** Jaime Flynn (DRG) and Emma Prince (DRG)
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- 3. Declarations:** LA advised that she is an approved Independent Chairperson, appointed by the Minister for Industry to chair this CCC.
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- 4. Confirmation of Previous Minutes** Previous minutes of 2nd February 2018 accepted:
Moved: TS *Seconded: BC*
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- 5. Business Arising** RC advised that the issue with the air quality monitor was back on line, four days after the 2nd February 2018 meeting. – replacement of unit – moisture issues.
- No further issues from Business Arising.
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- 6. Correspondence** • 13/2/18 - Email to members with the draft minutes for review and comment as well as including links to information on the Strategic Release Framework and Operational Allocation Framework that Emma Prince provided.
• 17/2/18 - Email to members advising that the minutes would be uploaded to the project website.
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- 23/3/18 Email to members with the meeting notice and agenda for this meeting. Venue to be confirmed.
- 29/3/18 – Email to members confirming the venue and attaching the air quality monitoring results and summary documentation.
- 30/3/18 – Email from Dr Gerald McCalden regarding Mr Maslen’s attendance at this CCC and requesting a transcript of his presentation.
- 4/4/18 – Response email to Dr McCalden advising that LA will provide a copy of the draft minutes when cleared.

Correspondence accepted:

Moved: LA

Seconded: RD

7. Project Update RC provided the following update:
GRL

Exploration

Over the past two months, preliminary planning work was undertaken to enable low impact geological field mapping and ground magnetic survey work in its exploration licence areas (ELs) on the western side of the Gloucester Basin, SW of Gloucester and SW of Craven. Each program is expected to take about two days but definitely less than a week. The aim of the programs is to assist in the understanding of the geology of the Basin and validate low resolution government mapping. The outcomes will also assist GRL in the validation of its geological model which has been based on the regional mapping and the outcomes of drilling undertaken by others in the 1970s and by GRL in other areas on the western side of the Basin. The planned activities will only be undertaken on properties where GRL has the permission and the full co-operation of the landowners.

Agricultural Activities/ Property Management

Routine activities are continuing on all properties.

RD questioned the presence of Giant Parramatta grass on GRL properties. RC advised that Chris Maslen leases most of GRL’s land and has a program in place to control this grass. The owners of neighboring properties, which are not owned by GRL, have the responsibility to control Giant Parramatta Grass and any other weeds as required by the local council.

Rocky Hill Coal Project

AB asked what would happen with the appeal in the Land and Environment Court if approval was given to proceed with the project. GRL advised that if approval was granted, there are several further steps prior to commencement of construction of the mine e.g. receipt of mining lease(s) and Environment Protection Licence; approval of a mining operations plan; preparation and approval of various management plans/monitoring programs as specified in the development consent; and more detailed planning and design work for roadworks, bridgework (approval required from MidCoast Council), access roads. Commencement of some activities (including the internal road to Stratford)

and external road upgrading works may be possible before the mining lease(s) are granted but for others, granting of the MLs is a pre-requisite.

The Land and Environment Court hearing is set down for mid-August for 3 weeks, however, a decision from the Court may take several months.

SR enquired why GRL had not supported Groundswell Gloucester (GG) in joining the proceedings. BC advised that there was no objection to GG as a group, however, are interested in staying on topic and therefore wish to keep the appeal process factual and on topic.

Monitoring programs which started in 2010 - 2011 are continuing.

8. Presentation by Speldon Partnership

Chris Maslen (CM) spoke about the long-term co-existence arrangement between the Speldon Partnership and GRL. CM advised that Speldon Partnership has had an agreement with GRL for five years now which has allowed their enterprise to grow to milking some 730 cows and an annual milk production of 6 Million Litres, as well as running 300 beef cattle. The consolidation of many previous 'hobby farms' into a single working dairy farm has been a great benefit.

Speldon now has 18 employees with the flow-on benefits of that employment spreading through the local community/economy. CM stated that the agreement with GRL has provided both him and his wife with the security to grow their enterprise. If the Rocky Hill Mine is approved, rehabilitated mined land will be utilised for agricultural grazing purposes.

CM also explained how, with current technology, he is able to maintain records of chemical applications, workplace safety and supplies information as required under the Speldon EMS.

Due to the security afforded by the co-existence agreement with GRL, Speldon has spent \$350,000.00 this year on property improvements with confidence that it will result in increased its yield/cow and financial return.

CM spoke about his control of Giant Parramatta Grass and advised that spraying is required two years "in a row", with the best spraying time late July/August at a cost of \$50.00-\$54.00/hectare. CM is also trying a powder to hopefully eradicate this grass and that GRL's, ex Rosebaum property, is a work in progress.

9. General Business

BC spoke about tours of the Speldon properties and proposed mine site, which has received positive feedback from the community and visitors.

StR asked if the airstrip could be lengthened another 200m so that it would be able to be used by the Rural Fire Service. He is aware that it is proposed to be re-orientated 15 degrees and considered that the additional works could be included as part of that. GRL

advised that if approval is granted for the Rocky Hill project, they would have no objection to increasing the length of the runway, subject to the outcomes of feasibility/practicability investigations and the extension receiving any relevant approvals.

SR stated that as the opportunity had been given to Speldon Partnership to provide a briefing today, could the same opportunity be given to those opposing the project. LA advised that following the discussions at the last meeting, the committee agreed to invite Chris Maslen present to this meeting. Should a committee member wish to put forward an alternate presenter on the same topic (agricultural interactions), then this matter would be considered by the committee.

TS enquired that if the Rocky Hill Project is not approval, what would be the outcome for Speldon Partnership. GRL advised that the agreement would stand and the farming operations would continue.

AB enquired whether other neighbouring properties would be able to benefit by a similar partnership arrangement. GRL advised all its land is currently leased. However, if there was land available in the future, they would be happy to explore leasing that land to others than Speldon.

TS asked if the project does not receive approval, what would happen to the land holdings owned by GRL. BC stated that, as said at the February CCC meeting, the disposal or otherwise of the landholdings would be a Board decision.

TS asked if GRL would consider mining in other areas, with BC confirming that GRL is concentrating all on the Rocky Hill Project at this time.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 11.10 am with all attendees invited to tour the site of the proposed Rocky Hill Project. The chair thanked all CCC members for their attendance and members (except for Cr Pontin who had a prior engagement) travelled in four vehicles around the properties.

GRL representatives explained the location of the proposed buildings, infrastructure, stockpiles, access roads, etc throughout the tour. Questions were asked and answered during the inspection.

The tour finished at 12.35pm.

NEXT MEETING: 1st June 2018 at Gloucester School of Arts, commencing at 10am.
