

PQCEG Minutes - Meeting 21
10.000am Tuesday 30 July 2024
Somerville Community House

1. Attendance

Chris DeFreitas	Peninsula Quarries
Alex Murray	Peninsula Quarries
Ken Davis	Clifton – minutes
Robert Smith	Resident
Leah Collins	Resident
David Chalke	Tyabb Ratepayers Business and Environment Group
Rob Gerrand	Chair

2. Apologies

Daniel Peroni	Peninsula Quarries/Bayport
Diane Anderson	Resident
Karyn Spencer (late)	Department of Families, Fairness and Housing.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting

Approved as tabled.

4. Matters arising from the minutes

- a) Meeting discussed workflow with CD reporting that 2024 had shown slight improvement for product demand. But it remained slow. Wet weather had delayed many jobs and therefore demand He discussed growth of capping of fill sites in the region to stop water seepage. Mentioned quarry sites at Lyndhurst, Rosebud, Crib Point and Tyabb. Clay used for capping and extremely effective. Protected water basin from chemical leaching.
- b) DC asked for graph of ;life expectancy of quarry Meeting discussed vagaries of estimates. CD said he would provide graph based on best available knowledge. **Action: CD.**
- c) Meeting discussed current and recent activity at quarry. CD reported on a four week screening trial and application to change Work Permit through application to council. This led to discussion on changing nature of work authority role with possibility council replacing state government in regulatory compliance of quarrying. With four quarries in Mornington Peninsula council area, it is regarded as a possible major change in focus. LC requested that council representative be invited to next meeting. LC to supply contact details to Clifton. **Action LC/Clifton**

- d) Discussion on processing and use of mobile equipment in quarry pit. CD said he was not aware of this occurring. LC said evidence of extended use of mobile equipment had been caught by use of a drone. Chair RG asked for copies of photographs. LC said she would seek to provide. Meeting then discussed how long equipment had been in use, if council had been informed of the works and why residents were not notified. Further discussion on possible changes in regulatory processes including ERR and WorkSafe audits. What is and isn't allowed. LC said that the discussion further emphasised why council should be present at meetings. CD said that Work Authority was loosely written and contradictory. Bayport was seeking clarification from council via VCAT on a number of issues. Hoping to hear back in October.

5. Community grants program

Applications were reviewed and the following were successful:

Somerville Community House.

Installation of permanent watering system in community garden.
\$2473

Somerville Tyabb and District Heritage Society

Purchase of 40 handmade wooden apples (20) and pears (20) for use in machinery museum.
\$1000.

Mornington Community Garden

Building a frog pond in biolinks area
\$2000

St. Joseph's Primary School

Revamp of current running track around oval
\$525 (materials and delivery)

PQ and Clifton to notify successful and unsuccessful applicants. Arrange photograph etc.

6. Site activity update

Recent/Current projects include supplying materials to:

- Narre Warren-Cranbourne Road, Cranbourne – major roads upgrade
- Parks Victoria, Arthurs Seat Mountain Bike Trail – donation to help fix community trails
- North East Link, Bullen – major roads upgrade
- Various locations from Dandenong to Pakenham – industrial drainage works
- Various locations from Frankston to the Peninsula – industrial and residential projects
- Clyde North – residential projects
- Hallam Road Landfill Cell 15, Hampton Park – capping landfill project

Site activity continuing on the lower scale at the moment due to current government and market slowing down, may pick up sporadically through August and onwards.

7. Complaints and compliments register

Only three complaints and all were now closed. RS said any complaints “only fell on deaf ears”. Meeting discussed need for resolution column on complaints page and introduction of an issues register. CD said both could be introduced. **Action: Peninsula Quarries**

8. Water

Meeting discussed water table with CD saying he would not quarry beneath it as non-viable

9. Vegetation

Peninsula Quarries reported that 3000 native trees and shrubs had been planted over a two-week period in early winter. Meeting discussed growth of earlier plantings and also weed management especially when spraying is disallowed. Meeting sought clarification on weed spray used.

Action ; Peninsula Quarries

10. Safety

- a) Pottery Road surface — There was two days of resurfacing using the vibrating roller. Results were extremely satisfying following earlier selection and laying of Pakenham Basalt ahead of the traditional Granite. Basalt produces far less dust and is water resistant the 40 ml size of the Granite rather than the 20 ml Granite is creating vibrations for local motorists. PQ will continue to monitor following additional rolling.

11. Traffic

Levels — generally low levels of traffic at the moment due to current quarry workload.

12. Dust

No problem due to rainfall

13. Noise

Again, there were complaints about noise from the Top paddock stockpile area. LC concerned about bucket noise in particular when cleaning bucket. Meeting discussed alternate methods of cleaning buckets.

a) General Business

Meeting discussed importance of monitoring work authority.

The chair requested that meetings be conducted in a civil and courteous manner

b) Next meeting

Aiming at **10.00am** on **Tuesday November 19** at Somerville Community House. Dependent on availability of council and state government representatives.