

**ABC Community Liaison Group Meeting
Held on Monday 20th March 2023
City of Port Adelaide Enfield Council Town Hall 6 pm**

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge and pay respect to the Traditional Owners of the land on which we stand. We pay respect to Elders past and present. We respect their spiritual beliefs and connections to land which are of continuing importance to the living Kurna people of today.

2. OPENING

Meeting opened at 6:06 pm with members in the Town Hall. The meeting was chaired and minutes taken by independent facilitator Barbara Chappell.

3. ATTENDANCE RECORD

Present: Alison Derry, Brett Peterson, Craig Mackenzie, Michael Williams. Allen Gurnett, Tony Bazeley, Bradley Prosser, Johan Revalk, David Vaughan, Barbara Chappell (Independent Facilitator), Warwick Norman (guest attendee).

Barbara welcomed everyone and restated the guidelines for the meeting interactions.

4. APOLOGIES

Cr Peter McGregor, Vanessa Rodeghiero. Barbara noted that Racheal Rankin had resigned from the group due to a relocation.

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Barbara called for any amendments to the minutes of the 5th December 2022. There being none: The motion was put: That the minutes of the 5th December 2022 be accepted as a true and accurate record. Moved: Brett Peterson. Seconded: Alison Derry. Motion carried.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6.1 The group agreed to removing a standing item from December 2020 re “inviting the Minister for the Environment to a meeting” from the agenda as it was no longer relevant.

6.2 Michael provided an update on noise monitoring. He is still keen to see if the technology can do static monitoring of nuisance noise as distinct from background noise. The capital funds for this project have been deferred to 2024 and still yet to be approved. As required by the new licence, a third party is conducting a noise survey this quarter as input to the formulation of a noise management plan including mitigation actions. The new noise monitoring plan is due to commence on the 30th June 2023.

Tony enquired about the inclusion of windspeed and direction in reports. He had not been able to find a reference to this in recent reports. Craig will locate this information and send it to Barbara for distribution to the group.

6.3 David provided an update on the availability of the Victoria Road noise monitoring study conducted 7 years ago. The release of the report was stalled due to changing circumstances in the EPA. David will advise when a summary is available. Jonathan Song to be invited to talk about the report when released.

Michael provided stats on the movement of materials and products from ABC. 90% of raw materials are transported to the Birkenhead site by ship; and two-thirds of the products are shipped out. These stats have remained static for many years and road traffic associated with the plant would have remained relatively constant.

6.4 The key for the noticeboard at the Dog Park was given to Racheal, however as she has resigned, Alison will pick up the key from Racheal and Brett will take on posting of CLG materials on the noticeboard.

At this point, Barbara acknowledged Racheal for her time and efforts on the CLG and asked Alison if she would pass on a certificate of service to the CLG and a small gift of appreciation. Thank you to Johan for organising.

6.5 There was further discussion on the sequencing of the reports from ABC to be aligned with the reporting periods to make the reports are easier to understand. The formatting and sequencing of the quarterly report is aligned to the EPA requirements. What is needed for community consumption is information in community language that tells people about things that are happening at the plant that is relevant to them, like for example, the community announcements Johan has placed on the website when there has been a dust issue.

6.6 Michael provided an update on the alternative fuel use project trial (see attached slide deck). Refuse Derived Fuel (RDF) is used as a fossil fuel (gas) replacement in the calciner vessel. Approximately 50% of fuel is used in the calciner (B-side) and 50% in the kiln (A and B-side). During dry months ABC achieves almost 100% fossil fuel replacement in the calciner but during wetter months it drops to 80% as the moisture content of the RDF increases but the licence has a limit of 25 tph total.

The trial was to determine the operational and environmental impact of running the calciner at 100% RDF using the existing RDF. ABC requested a trial limit of 35 tph to allow us to get to 100%.

This RDF is construction wood waste derived and is classified as a biofuel. The increased use of biofuels to replace fossil fuels is a critical component of our carbon reduction imperative.

The trial was successful in that we were able to achieve 100% substitution at a rate of 32 tph with no negative impacts on emission ground level concentrations.

The next step is to submit a post-trial report to the EPA for review and if the EPA determine that there is not a negative impact to the environmental criteria, the following step is for ABC to submit a licence process change request to increase the upper limit for RDF to 32 tph.

ABC will submit the results of the trial to the EPA for technical approval within the next week. Depending on the results, the EPA may or may not require further community consultation on the use of RDF fuel.

6.7 Canvassing for new CLG community members to be discussed in the member update part of the meeting.

6.8 Table of responses to questions on the December 2022 Quarterly Reports was completed and distributed in December 2022.

6.9 Responses to community member suggestions:

- solar panels on ABC sheds is being considered
- large notice on the fence with the hotline number will not be actioned
- labelling of stacks will not be actioned
- Johan's role update to be included in membership discussion; workshop on program of works for particulate monitoring and report plan design to be organised with Craig for mid-May .

7. STANDARD ITEMS

ABC and EPA Reports

- The reports are distributed to the group 3 weeks before the meeting to allow everyone to go through them and send any questions through to the facilitator for a written response so

the time at the meeting can be used effectively. The reports are on screen during the meetings for reference.

- A question was asked about a response to a general enquiry about whether ABC cleaned solar panels. Craig to send through the updated response.
- Tony asked questions about the wind direction in the Le Fevre Windrose diagram. David confirmed the direction was SW from the Dock 1 direction.
- Bradley advised that Council is dealing with dust complaints from this source.

Community Representatives Update

- The recent resignation by Racheal Rankin due to relocation has brought the community member numbers down to two and one representative from PAREPG.
- Barbara asked the remaining community representatives what they wanted to do about membership. Alison asked for ABC to promote the group to the community and canvas for members. Brett and Tony were in agreement.
- Barbara confirmed with the group that they were okay for ABC to take on this role.
- Michael, Craig, Johan and Allen agreed that more community members were needed on the group.
- Tony suggested organising a speaker on a topic of interest for the community as a way of encouraging people to attend meetings.
- Allen suggested a workshop.
- Johan to continue with announcements on the website.
- Alison suggested a meet and greet session at the Birkenhead Naval Reserve.
- Warwick wants a forum where people are listened to in the community.
- Barbara asked the community members to provide testimonials about their involvement in the group to Johan for inclusion in the draft of a promotional piece for distribution to the community. She will send through a draft of the Communications Plan prepared in December 2022 at the request of the group and put on hold while the ToR were being developed.
- Efforts to increase membership to be revisited in October 2023.
- Time to be made available in the May workshop to get an update on membership promotion activities and get input from the community members.

PAE Update

Nil

8. OTHER MATTERS

Michael commented on the problems with the kiln during the month of February. He was not happy with the kiln tripping out 12 times. His crew is working through the problems to improve the performance of the kiln.

11. NEXT MEETING

Next CLG meeting is on Monday 5th June 2023 at 6:00 pm in the Town Hall Port Adelaide.
The date for the May workshop to be advised at the beginning of May 2023.

12. MEETING CLOSE:

Meeting closed at 8:05 pm.