

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GLOUCESTER EXPLORATION  
PROJECT, COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE,  
HELD AT SCHOOL OF SCHOOL OF ARTS  
DENISON STREET, GLOUCESTER  
ON 7 NOVEMBER 2014**

**PRESENT:** Mr Terrence Healey, CHAIRMAN  
Mr Grant Polwarth, GLOUCESTER RESOURCES LIMITED  
Mr Bob Corbett, GLOUCESTER RESOURCES LIMITED  
Ms Julie Moloney, NSW TRADE & INVESTMENT (DIVISION  
OF RESOURCES AND ENERGY)  
Mr Tony Tersteeg.  
Dr Steve Robinson.  
Mr Ian Jackson  
Mrs Karen Hutchinson, GREAT LAKES COUNCIL  
Ms Rebecca Connor, GLOUCESTER COUNCIL  
Mr Ray Dawes.  
Mr Trevor Sansom  
Mr Anthony Berecry

**APOLOGIES:** Nil.

**NON-  
ATTENDANCE:** Nil.

**OPENING OF  
MEETING:** Mr Healey declared the meeting open at 10.05 am and welcomed  
new members to the Committee, Rebecca Connor from  
Gloucester Council and Anthony Berecry.

Mr Healey noted Dr Gerald McCalden's contribution to the  
Committee and thanked Dr McCalden for this.

**CONFIRMATION  
OF MINUTES OF  
LAST MEETING:**

Moved: Bob Corbett  
Seconded: Trevor Sansom

**BUSINESS  
ARISING FROM  
THE MINUTES:**

Steve Robinson referred to 3 cored holes and one open hole in  
the Minutes. What is an open hole?

Grant Polwarth advised an open hole is a small diameter hole  
drilled all the way down to depth until it gets to the anticipated  
seams targeted. Cuttings from the hole comes out in chips  
which are collected in metre increments by the geologists. A  
geophysical tool is run down the holes which measures density.

A cored hole is where core sets are used which cores out continuous sticks of earth. Typically an open hole may take 1 - 2 days. A cored hole may take one week.

Bob Corbett responded to questions asked at the last meeting which have been attended to:

- (a) Dr Gerald McCalden asked regarding the Response to Submissions document and the availability of it. Steve Robinson was the only person who took a CD copy of the document offered;
- (b) Dr Gerald McCalden asked for details of the properties that are owned by GRL. This has been provided to Gerald McCalden.
- (c) Tony Tersteeg's question regarding providing information to Council for part of the regional water study. That has been provided to Council.

Ray Dawes asked the long term plans for the property near the railway? Grant Polwarth confirmed they inherited the property from the previous owners of GRL. It is of no use to GRL and are seeking expressions of interest to sell the land.

Trevor Sansom asked regarding boundaries of land near the railway?

Grant Polwarth advised he didn't have a plan with him but it is on the left hand side as you go over the railway bridge, (heading east). There is a plan on the GRL website.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Email from Gerald McCalden dated 23 July 2014 to Terry Healey together with Terry Healey's reply dated 23 November 2014.

Email from Anthony Berecny dated 6 August 2014 to Terry Healey together with Terry Healey's report dated 7 August 2014.

Email from Bob Corbett to Lara Mitchell dated 8 August 2014.

Email from Lara Mitchell to Committee Members dated 18 August 2014.

Email from Lara Mitchell to Committee Members dated 2 September 2014 forwarding an email from Bob Corbett.

Letter from Gloucester Resources Ltd to Committee Members dated 29 August 2014;

Email from Ray Dawes to Lara Mitchell dated 22 September 2014, forwarded to Grant Polwarth.

Email from Lara Mitchell to Committee Members dated 23 September 2014.

Email from Lara Mitchell to Committee Members dated 29 October 2014

Email from Rebecca Connor to Lara Mitchell dated 30 October 2014;

Email from Graham Gardner to Lara Mitchell dated 6 November 2014.

### **PROJECT UPDATE BY GRANT POLWARTH**

#### **Exploration – South West**

- 1 A Surface Disturbance Notice was lodged with the Department of Resources and Energy (DRE) which has been approved. Lodged letters to respective Shire Councils in relation to the program and notified neighbours, updated website with the plan and reinvigorated community contact hotline.
- 2 Following Access Agreements being established one open hole and three cored holes were completed. In the process of finalising an additional re-drill hole. The rehabilitation is occurring progressively.
- 3 The program in the south west is just about completed with the intent of gathering more resource information. Anticipate will be finished that program in its current and approved form in about one week, subject to no rain.

#### **Exploration – Woods Road**

- 4 Grant handed the Committee Members a plan with the hole locations. Application submitted for this program was different to that for the south west. The scale and number of holes to be drilled dictates the nature of the approval process and documents submitted.
- 5 Received approval yesterday (6/11/2014) from the Department in relation to the Woods Road program. GRL plan is to conclude the south west program and then relocate equipment and infrastructure sometime after that. Councils have been notified as well as letters distributed to

adjacent landowners, CCC notified and the community contact telephone number has received a few calls. Notification sent to adjacent tenement holders. The website is in the process of being updated with a link with the REF document.

- 6 This program will include 12 holes. Two (2) cored holes and ten (10) open holes for coal quality and resource analysis purposes. You may recall in 2011 there was some works done by GRL in that area and this is building on that base of information. At the end of this program GRL should be far better educated as to the resource and if there is capacity in the future to potentially facilitate a beneficial resource.
- 7 Program duration anticipated to take between 8 – 12 weeks to complete. It is a fairly low impact drilling program. A copy of the plan was distributed to all GCCC members. Discussion took place regarding the plan.

### **Land Management**

- 8 Tree maintenance is ongoing; AGL are working on GRL land.
- 9 Continuing to work with local landowners who are leasing farm land.

### **Rocky Hill Project**

- 10 Response to Submissions documentation went to the Department in April 2014 and GRL are still awaiting further notification as it remains under assessment by the DP&E. GRL will certainly communicate any developments.

Discussion took place regarding the time frame of the Response to Submissions.

### **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

Anthony Berecny asked how GRL intend to handle and wash coal (from the exploration program areas)?

Grant Polwarth advised that until they can understand the nature and size of the resource they are dealing with they can't answer that question.

Ray Dawes asked about long term viability of the Rocky Hill Coal Project, economics etc when it comes to China's position?

Discussion took place and Grant Polwarth confirmed it is an interesting time regarding China.

Ian Jackson noted no community update for some time.

Grant replied they were waiting for more information and for when the PAC Hearing was announced. Not a lot of information to report. Continue to run the website for general enquiries. Happy to give a more broad up-date if that is requested?

Generally agreed that an advertisement be run in the local newspaper directing people to the website.

Rebecca Connor advised the Section 94 Plan is being updated and will be introducing heavy haulage rate. This approval has to go through the Department of Planning.

Julie Moloney spoke to the committee about the restructure the Division of Resources and Energy has gone through.

Ian Jackson asked Julie Moloney for an update as to where things are up to and how far off is a decision?

Julie Moloney advised there won't be a decision before Christmas 2014. Julie explained the next stage in the project is the Department of Planning will refer the project to a Planning Assessment Commission (PAC) for review and they will provide advice back to the Minister and the Department of Planning. The Department of Planning will undertake a final assessment and the expectation is that it will refer the project to another PAC for determination. The expectation is that it will go to two (2) PAC's. Julie would expect that both PAC's would hold public hearings and would expect them to be held in Gloucester. Julie advised we are close to the end of the project but still have some way to go.

General discussion took place regarding time frames, government processes, community angst.

Anthony Berecny spoke regarding letters being sent to landowners. Bob Corbett explained there was a mix up regarding people receiving letters and people not receiving letters.

Anthony Berecny advised Gerald McCalden phoned the contact number for GRL and it was not manned but went to an answering machine. Grant Polwarth confirmed there is an answering machine, Grant was notified there was a message to contact Gerald McCalden. Grant advised GRL's exploration manager phoned Gerald McCalden straight away.

Anthony Berecny asked GRL about their style of Access Agreement.

Grant Polwarth advised the Agreement was prepared in a way that was beneficial to both the land owner and GRL.

Terrence Healey noted the matter between landowners/adjoining landowners and the company is a matter for themselves and trusted GRL had proper legal advice to draw up the Access Agreement.

Next meetings:

Friday 19 December 2014 at 10.00 am (if required)

And

Friday 30 January 2015 at 10.00 am

Meeting closed at 11.00 am