

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GLOUCESTER EXPLORATION
PROJECT, COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE,
HELD AT SCHOOL OF SCHOOL OF ARTS
DENISON STREET, GLOUCESTER
ON 10 FEBRUARY 2012**

PRESENT: Mr Terrence Healey, CHAIRMAN
Mr Grant Polwarth, GLOUCESTER RESOURCES LIMITED
Mr Bob Corbett, GLOUCESTER RESOURCES LIMITED
Mr Graham Holley, GLOUCESTER RESOURCES LIMITED
Dr Steve Robinson
Julie Moloney, DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES
Dr Gerald McCalden
Mr Graham Gardner, GLOUCESTER SHIRE COUNCIL
Mrs Terry Hardwick
Cr Karen Hutchinson, GREAT LAKES COUNCIL
Cr Jim Henderson
Trevor Sansom
Mr Ray Dawes

APOLOGIES: Nil

OPENING OF MEETING: Mr Healey declared the meeting open at 10.05 am

Mr Healey advised the meeting that he had received a telephone call from Mr Keith Ross advising he had resigned as the Chairperson of GRL Limited. Mr Grant Polwarth is now Chairman of GRL Limited.

**CONFIRMATION
OF MINUTES OF**

LAST MEETING: A discussion took place in relation to the amendment to the Minutes by Mr Grant Polwarth which was incorporated in same. All members are in favour of the addition post-meeting.

Moved: Mr Ray Dawes
Seconded: Dr Steve Robinson

**BUSINESS
ARISING FROM
THE MINUTES:** Nil

CORRESPONDENCE: Incoming:

Letter from Dr Steve Robinson dated 12 November 2011.

Email from Terry Hardwick 24 November 2011

PROJECT UPDATE BY GRANT POLWARTH

Grant Polwarth replied to Terry Hardwick's email of 24 November 2011 as follows:

- 1 Q: The number of acres GRL currently owns?
A: Approximately 1700 hectares including the two (2) properties at Woods Road.
- 2 Q: Requesting a copy of the map?
A: A copy of the map was circulated to the meeting (Document 1).
- 3 Q: Terry Hardwick believed the map was out of date?
A: The base plan that has been used to derive the map is from the Land and Information Centre and is a standard plan. GRL are not the owners of the plan but has shaded the properties GRL own in purple.
- 4 Two (2) properties at Woods Road were not able to be part of the plan due the zooming of the plan and loss of resolution of the plan. However, the two (2) properties owned at the time of the REF at Woods Road has those two (2) properties.
- 5 Q: Has GRL meeting with Council recently?
A: Yes with Graham Gardner, Alan Young, the Mayor and Deputy Mayor to give an update.
- 6 Q: Were we aware of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor meeting with the Minister for Resources Mr Chris Hartcher?
A: Yes GRL are aware of meeting through the media and are disappointed by the stance the Council has taken.
- 7 Q: Are GRL aware of Survey and results of Survey?
A: Yes GRL are aware of results of Survey. GRL will be conducting an independent Social and Economic Impact Assessment in relation to

GRL's activities. GRL believe this will provide a conduit for feelings and issues in the community both positive and negative to be borne out in relation to GRL directly.

- 8 Q: Do GRL plan to renew Exploration Licences?
 A: Yes. As part of the renewal process GRL have been listening to this committee and people in the community who have expressed concerns about the extent of EL's. GRL have made clear in the meetings that the activities to date have been focused in the south eastern corner of EL6523. As part of the renewal process GRL are investigating relinquishment of areas that are of concern and have environmental constraint around them. Unfortunately GRL don't have any further information as the EL's are the property of the State and there is a process to go through for renewal and relinquishment. Grant confirmed that GRL are actively investigating relinquishment of parts of our ELs.
- 9 Q: Which of GRL's properties are agricultural properties and has there been any loss of productivity?
 A: The vast majority of GRL properties are continuing to be run as agricultural properties. There is in the order of 500 heads of cattle grazing on properties owned by GRL. There are also a number of properties that the residents have stayed on and are continuing to operate properties for cattle grazing.
- 10 Q: The number of resident owners that have been displaced and are the properties cared for to the same level?
 A: Numerous properties have been acquired due to commitments made by previous owners and Keith and Graham had a moral obligation to meet those obligations. Some of previous owners have agreements in place to continue to stay in properties and stay and farm the land

GRL have a farm management team with local people involved. GRL stand by their record as how the individuals have been treated and how the property transactions have occurred.

Dr McCalden: Requested how many families have actually been displaced as a result of the land acquisition policies?

Grant Polwarth replied: No.

A discussion took place in relation to “displaced families”

11 Q: What access does AGL to GRL properties?

A: It is a condition of GRL’s exploration licence that we co-operate with the overlapping tenement holdings

A discussion took place in relation to this issue. Karen Hutchinson offered to put any questions to the AGL Committee.

Jim Henderson asked Grant Polwarth if he would be prepared to address Council? Grant advised he would advise Jim and Council if he was able to do so.

Exploration Update

- 1 Between the last meeting and now no exploration activities have been conducted.
- 2 GRL have received approval from Trade & Investment, Mineral Resources branch for a small scout program in the southern part of EL 6524 and 6563. The purpose is to drill 5 holes to see if there is coal there. Should take between 3 – 4 weeks to complete drilling as well as rehabilitation. A plan (Document no. 2) was provided to CCC Members as to location. Discussion with Committee Members took place.
- 3 Exploration website will be updated.
- 4 An application for Director General Requirements has been submitted to Department of Planning for an open cut coal mine. A draft newsletter prepared by GRL (Document no. 3) was handed to all committee members and discussed. The application is yet to be processed by the Department so not published on website. Discussion took place in relation processing of the application and confidentiality of Committee Members until the Department has published on the website and Committee Members’ obligations under the Charter.
- 5 Discussion in relation to benefits to the community from GRL and a grants program.

- 6 Mr Healey addressed the Committee in relation to current developments and thanked GRL for the information provided. Committee members confirmed their mutual feelings.
- 7 Ray Dawes asked if the drilling rig 500 NE of crossing of Fairbairns Lane belongs to GRL or AGL? It is an AGL rig.
- 8 Graham Gardner asked for clarification of the boundary outside of the EL. Grant Polwarth explained the mimicking of the plan that GRL were looking to have the overburden emplacement that allows for the final landform topography to come off the existing hill and not create an artificial table top or an artificial valley.
- 9 A newspaper advertisement will be published in Gloucester Advocate when Department of Planning publishes the application to inform the community.
- 10 Terry Hardwick asked for information about any rules for “buy-out” of land. Bob Corbett advised that if the resident wants to be brought out then the Company has to buy them out. Grant Polwarth clarified that can only be done after the full EIS and Impacts have been modelled and understood. GRL not in a position to clarify this as yet.
- 11 Dr Steve Robinson asked in relation to 5km zone on the EPA map from Stratford and Duralie mines and questioned the 5km zone GRL mine covered would come into township. Discussion took place.
- 12 Graham Gardner asked if the generous community program is going to part of the Application? Grant Polwarth advised no details as yet but GRL working on developing the program.
- 13 Terry Hardwick asked how many people they will employ? Bob Corbett advised about 150 people when in full operation.
- 14 Grant Polwarth advised GRL will make available a Social Impact Assessor at a future meeting.
- 15 Karen Hutchinson suggested that the community program be written into the DA. Discussion took place.
- 16 Graham Holley stated GRL are working on a long term commitment.

**GENERAL
BUSINESS:**

Ray Dawes spoke in relation to the burning off in sections to reduce fire hazard. Discussion took place.

Bob Corbett referred to the Confidentiality Agreement that was discussed at last meeting and the fact the terms of the Charter were read out to Committee by Mr Healey. Grant Polwarth noted the disappointment that the confidentiality had not been adhered to.

Next meeting Friday 13 April 2012 at 10.00 am

Meeting closed at 11.30 am