

# Gloucester Exploration Project COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (CCC)

## DRAFT MINUTES OF MEETING

<b>Date:</b>	11 <sup>th</sup> October 2019	
<b>Venue:</b>	Gloucester Arts Centre	
<b>Attendees:</b>	Independent Chairperson	Lisa Andrews (LA)
	Community Representatives	Anthony Berecry (AB), Ray Dawes (RD) and Trevor Sansom (TS)
	DRG Representative	Emma Prince
	GRL Representatives	Bob Corbett (RC) and Warren Bamford (WB)
	Mid Coast Council Delegate:	Cr Claire Pontin (CP)
	Stakeholder Groups:	Advance Gloucester (Bill Williams – BW)
	Independent Minute Secretary:	Suella Hannaford
<b>Apologies:</b>	Stuart Redman (Gloucester Business Chamber)	

<b>1. Welcome &amp; Introduction</b>	LA declared meeting open at 10.01 am and welcomed all members. LA introduced GRL's new Company Secretary, Warren Bamford and invited him to provide some background for the benefit of the CCC.		
<b>2. Apologies</b>	As above. LA advised that Steve Robinson has resigned as a member of the CCC and explained his reasons. LA informed members that she had thanked Dr Robinson for his input and attendance. This item moved to General Business for further discussion.		
<b>3. Declarations</b>	LA declared that she is an Independent Chairperson, appointed by the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy to chair this committee. No changes to members' previous declarations.		
<b>4. Confirmation of Previous Minutes</b>	Previous minutes of 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2019 were accepted: <b>Moved: BW                      Seconded: TS</b>		
<b>5. Business Arising</b>	<b>Action Items from 7/9/19:</b>		
	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>ISSUE</b>	<b>RESPONSIBILITY</b>
	1	Provide larger aerial map of exploration leases (laminated map presented at meeting - complete).	RC
	2	Confirm venue availability for 27/9/19. (Complete.)	RC

	<p>RC provided the committee with a large laminated map, so they could familiarize themselves with the locations of Els 6523, 6524 &amp; 6563.</p> <p>LA reminded the CCC that EP will be undertaking a review of the CCC Charter.</p>
<p><b>6. Correspondence</b></p>	<p>As per what was sent out with the meeting notice on 27/9/19 with <a href="#">one additional item</a>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 24/6/19 – Email to members with the draft minutes for review.</li> <li>• 2/7/19 – Email to members with the final draft of the June minutes &amp; confirmation of the meeting change to 27/9/19.</li> <li>• 5/9/19 - Email to members seeking to postpone the meeting set down on 27/9/19 to 11/10/19.</li> <li>• 6/9/19 – Email from Dr Steve Robinson resigning from the CCC.</li> <li>• 10/9/19 - Email to members confirming new date.</li> <li>• 21/9/19 – Email from RC advising of the proposed exploration activity in the ELs. This information forwarded on to members the same day.</li> <li>• 27/9/19 – Email to members with the meeting notice, correspondence report and agenda for this meeting</li> <li>• <a href="#">9/10/19 – Email to members with a reminder for this meeting.</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>7. Exploration Update/Report</b></p>	<p><b>Exploration Update</b></p> <p>Annual reporting for EL 6563 completed. No exploration activity undertaken. Surface mapping planned to be carried out in the area south west of Gloucester, subject to entering into access agreements with relevant landowners. The work to be undertaken represents an extension of that undertaken in early 2018 and is to be undertaken to assist in the understanding of the geology and ground truth regional geological mapping.</p> <p>The planned work was identified in the work program approved by the Department – Regional Geographical Mapping.</p> <p>To keep people informed, a public notice advising of GRL’s plans was placed in the Gloucester Advocate of 25 September, and approximately 30 letters sent out to adjacent landowners plus Council.</p> <p>The mapping activities are expected to be completed in less than two days and, subject to the timely receipt of the required access agreements, is expected to be complete by the end of 2019.</p> <p>Earlier this year, RC spoke about the lodgement and delayed approval of a groundwater monitoring and modelling plan, the approval of which was required prior to GRL undertaking the previously approved drilling activities in the Woods Road area. RC chased this up and was advised there was a problem with the receipt of documents. Due to the delay in the approval of the GMMP, GRL has submitted an application for an amended drilling program to the Resources Regulator within the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment. The amended program comprises 6 shallow holes as opposed to the 4 deep holes previously</p>

approved. Subject to approval of the application and the attendant GMMP, it is hoped to undertake or commence the program in the latter part of this year.

### **Land Management**

RC advised that since the last meeting no issues had arisen pertaining to GRL's properties. He also advised that a review is currently being undertaken of all GRL residential and agricultural properties to ensure appropriate leases are in place and there is a single management system for all owned rural and residential properties.

RC & WB advised that as previously stated, no decision has been made or regarding selling properties although GRL is contemplating selling some isolated satellite properties.

DPI Water's request to put in another groundwater bore for monitoring purposes is being held in abeyance, due to budgetary constraints. TS advised of "local knowledge" of an underground river in this area and RD commented that the bore is adjacent to a major sheer zone and the information obtained will assist local farmers.

RD enquired whether the land access agreements referred to were only for mapping purposes. RC responded yes; stating that the agreements were time limited to 12 months, to enable consultants to be engaged, allow for weather and accessibility to geology.

AB advised that ESSO has previously conducted exploration work in this area. RC responded, that they have this information, however, historical data obtained usually only concentrated on the information required at that time. GRL have all data that is publicly available.

AB asked if property owners have to agree to provide access agreements. RC advised that they do not and if not granted there is a protracted procedure for acquiring an arrangement, including court. EP commented that it rarely goes that far. RC advised that GRL would not pursue the issue with property owners who did not want to enter into an agreement as they could map from other properties in the vicinity. GRL wishes to be good corporate citizen.

RD requested that GRL place a letter in the Gloucester Advocate stating their future intentions with regard GRL properties held. LA advised the meeting that the information is contained in the minutes and recommended that CCC representatives should advise the broader community of GRL's resolve.

AB asked if there was a name for this coal project. RC responded that there is no coal project. There is the Woods Road Exploration Project, with

	<p>the proposed drilling program referred to as Stage 3 as it followed the 2010/2011 and 2014 drilling programs undertaken in the same area.</p>
<p><b>8. General Business</b></p>	<p>LA advised that the Department of Planning has changed its name to Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE).</p> <p>LA raised the issue of Dr Robinson’s resignation from the CCC, reading a passage from the Charter stating that up to six community representatives may sit on the committee, including stakeholder groups. It was agreed that there is currently a good cross section of representation on the CCC – five members. Following discussions, the following motion was moved by Bill Williams.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b></p> <p><b>That the CCC reconsider this matter in 6 months.</b></p> <p>CP commented that the motion should be amended, to allow consideration of the matter in the event that there is an increase in GRL’s activities in the area.</p> <p><b>Amended Motion by Bill Williams:</b></p> <p><b>That the CCC consider the recruitment of an additional member or stakeholder group, in six months’ time, or earlier if activities escalate.</b></p> <p><b>AGREED.</b></p> <p>EP advised that she will be going on maternity leave at the end of November and that Kate Kellaheer will be the Minister’s Representative on this CCC for the 12 months during EP’s leave. LA wished EP well with the upcoming birth of her child.</p> <p>EP confirmed that the Charter will be reviewed.</p> <p>RC enquired about Julie Maloney (previous rep); EP advised that Julie has retired from the Department.</p>
<p><b>9. Next Meeting</b></p>	<p><b>Meeting Schedule for 2020</b></p> <p>The next meeting will be held 6<sup>th</sup> December 2019 with quarterly meetings to take place in 2020. It was agreed that the first Friday of the month continues to be suitable.</p> <p>RC to confirm the availability of the meeting room, Gloucester Arts Centre, for 2020 commencing at 10.00am. Firm dates will be provided at the December CCC.</p>

	<b>Next Meeting: Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2019, Gloucester Arts Centre, commencing at 10am.</b>
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*There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.48am with the chair thanking CCC members for their attendance.*

**ACTION ITEMS – Nil.**