

Stockton Community Group Inc Public Meeting Minutes

Date: 8th May 2024

Venue: Stockton Surf Club. Pitt St, Stockton

Chair: Alison Rigby

Minutes: Carolyn Bailey

1. Meeting Opened by Alison Rigby at 7.35 pm with Acknowledgement of Country

Present: Carolyn Bailey, Garry Cullinane, Alan Newbery, Alison Rigby, Willow Forsyth, Ian Taggart, Melanie Taggart, Bill Snow, Rosemarie Walters

Apologies: Keith Craig, Lindy Nisbett, Margaret Raphael, Barbara Witcher, Boyd Allen, Jenny Allen, Jeanette Dib

2. Previous Minutes: Accepted Garry Cullinane and Alan Newberry

Amendment: Minutes documented by Lindy Nisbett

3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest: Nil

4. Guest Speakers: Port Waratah Coal (PWC) – Sustainability Policy

Trudy Lanach (Acting CEO), Karen Markle (Communications), Kane James (Belting Supervisor), Peter Astley (Maintenance Supervisor)

Key issues presented:

2023 Annual Report and Sustainability Reports, available at <https://sustainability.pwcs.com.au/our-performance/>

Discussion on reduction in coal shipment per annum, reportable environmental incidents, 95.3% waste diverted from landfill, renewable energy contract, community consultation processes. Presentation on use of drones for maintenance and belt maintenance strategies. Focus on noise reduction, safety and recyclability, Discussion on Air Quality and Dust Management, actions include:

New dust monitoring in dump shed, earlier weather warning system, sealing program for traffic areas and belts, increased dust inspections, preventable maintenance, watering at point of belt loading, improved staff escalation capacity. Discussion on future of PWC, the facility exists for the coal industry. Diversification will be dependant on future direction of coal companies. Site visits can be arranged on request

Community members can lodge any concerns and feedback via:

Phone: 49072280 or Website: <https://pwcs.com.au/contact>

5. Outstanding/New Actions

5.1. Hunter Advisory Group – held over

5.2. North Stockton Telecommunications Issues (Bill Snow): Bill advised that he had received responses about issues across both north and south Stockton. He has had limited response from Minister for Communications Michelle Rowland and has submitted a formal request to meet with Sharyn Claydon, Member for Newcastle. Primary concern is ability to call 000.

5.3 Stockton Beach/Taskforce Update – held over

6. Standing Items

6.1 Treasurer's Report: (Lindy Nisbett unable to attend meeting this month). Alison Rigby reported current balance is \$3,774

6.2 Working Parties (if meetings held) – no reports tabled

7. Correspondence list available on request

8. General Business/Business Without Notice:

Willow Forsythe raised concern about lack of progress on instigation of scope of work/procurement of Storm Surge Inundation Modelling. There is currently no hazard rating, SES action plan or triggers in place.

Meeting closed: 8.30 pm

Next Meeting to be held: 7.30 pm, 14th August 2024, at Stockton SLSC

Topic: Newcastle Ward 1 Election Candidates – Q&A Session