



Minutes

Howard & Sons Pyrotechnics Community Liaison Committee Meeting 11 February 2015 3.30PM

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**HOWARD & SONS PYROTECHNICS COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE
MEETING**



MINUTES - 11.02.2015

ITEM: 1 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

PRESENT: Barry Dowsett, David Turnbull, Christian Howard, Rachel Nicoll and Owen Mayne.

OFFICERS: Andrew Muir & Jessica Heath

APOLOGIES: Jim Nichols and Mayor Maree Statham

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS: Nil

**ITEM: 2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS
MEETING**

Call for acceptance of the previous minutes of 14 May 2014.

COMMITTEE ACTION

THAT the Minutes of the meeting of 14 May 2014 be taken as read and confirmed.

MOVED: Christian Howard

SECONDED: David Turnbull

ITEM: 3 BUSINESS ARISING

SUMMARY Bunker System for loading & unloading.

Christian Howard discussed that a concept has been investigated. It was found that it would not be desirable as it causes more safety issues with percentage or risk and safety distance ratio formulas found to be not appropriate.

Other designs are still being looked at in relation to a loading and unloading facility, however only small amounts are unloaded at this facility.

Barry Dowsett highlighted that the issue was originally raised in relation to the trucks with products being stationary on site over night without surrounding bunker systems and that a mounded area could be looked at.

Christian Howard advised he could look at this and include investigation into lightning and static electricity issues with prime movers. It was noted that the trucks used for transport of explosives are required to meet specifications as per current legislation.

COMMITTEE ACTION

THAT Howard and Sons further investigate the parking bunker facility and provide a progress report to the next meeting.

MOVED: Barry Dowsett

SECONDED: David Turnbull

ITEM: 4 GENERAL BUSINESS

Bogan Gate – Incident.

A question was raised by Barry Dowsett in relation to the Bogan Gate explosion incident.

Christian Howard reported that on 23 November, a magazine at Bogan Gate exploded due to extreme hot and dry winds. There were also fires nearby on the day.

There is no direct witness of the fire or explosion, however there were lightning strikes in the area on the day.

Only one building was involved and Workcover is currently investigating. There was only a black plume due to the magazine containing red smoke canisters and no toxic plume was evident. It was proven that there was no human involvement as all locks and fences were intact with security ongoing.

Howard and Sons will receive a report after Work Cover completes an investigation.

COMMITTEE ACTION

THAT the Committee note the information on the Bogan Gate incident and an update be provided by Howard and Sons to the Committee following the Workcover investigation

MOVED: Rachel Nicoll

SECONDED: Barry Dowsett

Headstones

Barry Dowsett raised the issue that the headstones at Pipers Flat Cemetery have not been fixed as a result of the Howard and Sons explosion. It was requested that Council further investigate the matter.

COMMITTEE ACTION

THAT Council officers provide information on the damaged headstones to the next meeting.

MOVED: David Turnbull

SECONDED: Barry Dowsett

Excess Payments

It was raised by Barry Dowsett that landowners have still not received their promised payments of their excess paid to insurance companies as a result of the Howard and Sons explosion.

Christian Howard advised that due to the case still being open, that no settlement can be completed, however he will enquire as to the particulars.

COMMITTEE ACTION

THAT information on excess payments from Howard and Sons be brought to the next meeting by Howard and Sons.

MOVED: Rachel Nicoll

SECONDED: Barry Dowsett

ITEM: 5 NEXT MEETING

Next Meeting: Howard & Sons Pyrotechnics Pty Ltd Community Liaison Committee Meeting proposed for 13 May 2015 at 3.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 4.15pm