



Minutes

Howard & Sons Pyrotechnics Pty Ltd Community Liaison Committee Meeting 28 October 2015 3:30 pm

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HOWARD & SONS PYROTECHNICS COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING

ITEM 1 : ATTENDENCE AND APOLOGIES

Present: Deputy Mayor Ray Thompson (Chairperson), Rachel Nicoll, Christian Howard, Barry Dowsett and Owen Mayne

Officers: Jim Nichols, Andrew Muir and Jessica Heath

Apologies: The Mayor - Councillor Maree Statham and David Turnbull

Declaration of Interests: Nil

ITEM 2: ACCEPTING PREVIOUS MINUTES

Call for acceptance of the previous minutes 10 June 2015.

ACTION

THAT the previous minutes 10 June 2015 be noted.

MOVED: Barry Dowsett

SECONDED: Rachel Nicoll

ITEM 3: BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

As the relevant matters were already included on the agenda, there was no business arising from the previous minutes.

ITEM 4: UPDATE ON BUNKER SYSTEM FOR CONTAINER TRUCKS

A verbal report was provided by Howard and Sons in relation to progress on the design of the new bunker system which will allow removal of shipping containers. Following acceptance by Safe Work NSW (WorkCover) a DA modification will be prepared.

ACTION

THAT the update on the bunker system for container trucks be noted.

MOVED: Rachel Nicoll

SECONDED: Ray Thompson

ITEM 5: UPDATE ON BOGAN GATE INCIDENT

Safe Work NSW have come back with an unknown cause of the incident. An improvement plan for the Bogan Gate site is being implemented by Howard and Sons.

ACTION

THAT the update on the Bogan Gate incident be noted.

MOVED: Rachel Nicoll

SECONDED: Ray Thompson

ITEM 6: DAMAGED HEADSTONES – WALLERAWANG CEMETERY

An investigation into damaged headstones at Wallerawang cemetery has been completed as requested by the Committee. The investigation found that no previous reports were made about the headstones being damaged at the time of the major explosion and there is no evidence that links the damage to the explosion. An inspection of the Lithgow cemetery found similar damage for the same type of headstones. Also an inspection of the Wallerawang cemetery, with a long standing cemetery staff member, revealed that he did not recall the damage to the headstones being linked to the incident. Furthermore, works cannot be undertaken to the headstones without consent from the family members which is difficult when the headstones are older. No further action is proposed.

ACTION

THAT the investigation into the damaged headstones at Wallerawang cemetery be noted and no further action take place.

MOVED: Rachel Nicoll

SECONDED: Ray Thompson

ITEM 7: INFORMATION ON EXCESS PAYMENTS IN RELATION TO INSURANCE CLAIMS

Howard and Sons have requested an update on the matter from their insurer which could not be provided before the meeting. The insurers have been requested to provide advice prior to the next meeting.

ACTION

THAT the update in relation to excess payments be noted.

MOVED: Rachel Nicoll

SECONDED: Ray Thompson

ITEM 8: WALLERAWANG WASTE FACILITY

This is an issue between Council and Howards & Sons relating to whether the proposed waste transfer station that will replace the existing landfill will be located on the site of the landfill or another site closer to Pipers Flat Road. A meeting is to be held between Howard and Sons and Council.

ACTION

THAT the information on the possible location of the Wallerawang Waste Transfer station be noted.

MOVED: Owen Mayne

SECONDED: Rachel Nicoll

ITEM 9: GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Alleged Evacuation

An issue was raised by community member, Mr Barry Dowsett, regarding an alleged evacuation of Howard & Sons where Council and residents were not notified. Howard and Sons advised that this was not an evacuation but rather a workplace safety procedure to locate staff to the front office building in the event of an impending electrical storm. Howard and Sons undertook to provide the current guideline/notes from Safe Work NSW in relation to the lightning requirements and standards for storage to a future meeting.

ACTION

THAT Howard and Sons provide the current guideline/notes from Safe Work NSW in relation to the lightning requirements to a future meeting of the committee.

MOVED: Rachel Nicoll

SECONDED: Andrew Muir

2. Fireworks Demonstration/Display

Council representatives indicated that the Mayor had received a complaint that not all residents were notified of the latest fireworks display.

Howard and Sons advised that there was one person that was not notified, however they now have been added to the list to be notified of any events in the future. Howard and Sons indicated that they welcome any feedback and can look at shorter displays of 30 minutes for the next event.

ACTION

THAT the committee note the discussion on trial fireworks displays and proposed actions of Howard & Sons to consider shortening the duration of the next event to 30 minutes.

MOVED: Rachel Nicoll

SECONDED: Andrew Muir

3. Intended Resignation from the Committee

Mr Barry Dowsett advised he would be resigning from the committee. Mr Dowsett advised he will be putting his resignation in writing and requested a copy of the minutes.

It was noted that Council will need to advertise for a new community representative on the committee following receipt of the resignation.

ACTION

THAT the committees noted the verbal advice of Mr Barry Dowsett indicating he will be resigning from the committee and will await his written resignation prior to any further action.

MOVED: Rachel Nicoll

SECONDED: Andrew Muir

ITEM 10: NEXT MEETING:

Next Meeting: Howard & Sons Pyrotechnics Pty Ltd Community Liaison Committee Meeting proposed for 3 February 2016.