

## Minutes

Meeting Date: Monday 19 April 2009

Time: 3.30pm – 5.00 pm

Location: Staff Room, Covenant Christian School, Belrose

Item	Issue	Action	By
	<p><b>Welcome</b></p> <p>FH chaired the meeting in the absence of DW. CAC members introduced themselves.</p>		
<b>1</b>	<p><b>Minutes</b></p> <p>1.1 The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 22 February were accepted with the following amendments:</p> <p>1.2 The fifth paragraph in item 3.0.1 to be amended to “CJ noted that assurance had been given by Ken Kanofski that WSN’s commitments will be honoured”.</p> <p>1.3 Insert the words “the site” to the last sentence in 3.0.1 to read “But WSN has to nominate a use for the site as a licence condition.”</p> <p>1.4 Item 4.2 should read “CJ noted that there had been continual requests for the 10 hectare lot to be given to the NPWS” instead of “CJ noted that there had been continual requests for Restrictive Covenant” and DECCW be added to read “On February 2 NPWS and DECCW looked at the site. Steps had been taken towards registering the site with the Biobanking Scheme which would make it attractive to NPWS . . .”</p> <p>1.5 In agenda item 8, Actions, “WSN had been liaising at a regional level.” to be added after “Regarding parliamentary response to CAC, the government hadn’t been aware of the NPWS offer”.</p> <p>1.6 Item 3.6 should be amended to read “A CAC member asked whether a licencing arrangement would be required for off leash dog walking.”</p>		
<b>2</b>	<p><b>Business Arising</b></p> <p>2.1 RP requested an explanation of item 2.1 which stated: “Item 2 from the last meeting requested that points covered in the August meeting be signed by the relevant person in WSN. CJ reported that the offer to put this on WSN letterheads and minuting it covered off the action. It is not signed.”</p> <p>It was understood that this arose from the meeting in December in which members requested a document sent out on 7 November be signed by Ken Kanofski. WSN responded that placing it on a WSN letterhead and minuting it was legally sufficient.</p> <p>RP suggested that he was not happy with this as it related to things that were being offered to the community by WSN, but the CEO was not prepared to sign the document.</p> <p>CP supported this sentiment. She suggested things are often handed out at meetings, but when members refer back to the minutes WSN has responded in the past by saying these things have not been signed. It would be particularly helpful if the CEO who makes offers to the community would sign the offers.</p> <p>CJ noted that the document had been superseded with the enhancement fund increased and changes to the 10 hectare lot.</p>		

2.2	<p>RP responded that the letter stated this is subject to Board approval and the CAC has had no advice regarding what has been approved.  <b>CJ responded she would take this on notice.</b>          There were requests from DC and CP to add the 10 hectare site as an agenda item.</p>		
3.0	<p><b>Future Use Concept Plan</b></p> <p>3.1 FH reported that three written submissions had been received to date on the Future Use Concept Plan from the North Shore Horse and Pony Association; from Ron and Cynthia Patton and Mary Armstrong on behalf of the Belrose Rural Community Association.</p> <p>3.2 MA spoke to the submission emailed from the Belrose Rural Community Association. She reported the association had tried to be dispassionate and even handed regarding needs and problems. There was concern that the least costly solution may be the least suitable solution due to the steep climb up the hill carrying eskies etc with no parking and an exposed picnic area. The unleashed dog arrangement was of concern being adjacent to a national park and with horses and bikes in the area. There was also concern raised about the inconsistency of language around the expanded definition of passive recreation when it includes more active uses. This is inconsistent with WSN stated preference as landowner for passive, not active. Other practical issues were entry and exit gates if some areas are for members only. At sunset will someone be there to lock the gates and who will pay for this? The Community Association feels there also needs to be at least one toilet facility and running water. Precautions and protocols need to be outlined. She noted the possibility of dog attack.</p> <p>SH replied that WSN's preference was for passive rather than active recreation but a variety of options had been included. WSN would prefer passive but had tried to accommodate input from the community in the document and consider all interests such as mountain biking and horse riding.</p> <p>CJ noted that while passive was WSN's preferred option they are only one stakeholder. There are other equal options. The most preferred Future use will be the one that will be progressed to the next stage.</p> <p>JOD noted that till recently the definition of passive included mountain biking and horse riding. For many years there was a less stringent definition of passive recreation. He noted that at one stage more active uses such as netball and soccer were under consideration.</p> <p>FH asked whether MA or the Association had a preferred option. MA thought people would probably like to see both horses and bikes, but there are concerns around noise and dust. She thought the majority may favour bikes as this would provide maximum use of the area. DC suggested the Association's preferred option would be sought at a meeting that night.</p> <p>ACTION: Belrose CAC to clearly state their preferred option for future use.</p> <p>3.3 SW spoke to the submission by North Shore Horse and Pony Association and noted the association had safety concerns. If</p>	Belrose CAC	

	<p>planting trees would break capping then horse activities may also break capping. She reported that the North Shore Horse and Pony Association is happy to share with mountain bikes. The only viable area for horses is at the top. If insurance was to be a licence condition it would be an issue for the association as they don't have insurance. She raised the possibility of council assisting with this. BB noted that while the mountain bike club did have insurance, as the Warringah Council is pushing for more bike and horse activity maybe Council could be approached regarding assistance with insurance. BB would like to see both mountain bikes and horses included in future use. He reported that with bike activity additional capping will be laid.</p> <p>SH noted that additional capping is allowed on the arena area. The issue with trees not being planted is that they would die. There were possibilities for shrubs with root systems parallel to the ground. BB indicated he thought the figures in the Concept Plan didn't add up.</p> <p>ACTION: SH to respond to BB regarding figures in the Concept Plan.</p> <p>SW suggested that unless Council took on the insurance the association couldn't do it. They would like a situation where a person could come in and ride and then go home, but this couldn't be done because of insurance.</p> <p>JD indicated support for the position of the North shore Horse and Pony Association.</p>	WSN (SH)	
3.4	<p>ER reported that the school had met and assessed options. They felt horse riding was already catered for at other venues. The PE department favoured mountain biking as something the school could potentially use. However, there would be issues around insurance and access if the Mountain Bike Club holds the lease. The school didn't see a picnic area as a viable option due it being fairly exposed and lacking trees and therefore unlikely to be a popular picnic area though money would last longer with this option. Of the options proposed, the school favoured the mountain bike option.</p> <p>CN suggested shade cloth could be considered for the picnic area. CJ suggested that if the bike option was popular perhaps access to other grants could be sought.</p> <p>JOD indicated copies of his newsletter to be distributed. He noted debates in parliament and media exposure. He suggested that if a better facility was built the better the chance for regional or state use and the possibility of a better case for state or federal sports dollars. He noted he had spoken in parliament on the issue on three occasions. The Government has indicated its commitment regarding the 10 hectare site and the rehabilitation of the landfill site. It is formally on record. JOD indicated support for mountain bikes as the number one priority as there are no other facilities. He has fought for horse facilities in the St Ives area, but there are existing facilities in the area. If there could be both bikes and horses it would be good, but if not he favours bikes as the priority.</p>		
3.5	<p>A submission was made by RP and CP which indicated options for "Dedicated horse riding and training area" and "Dedicated mountain bike riding tracks" are organised and event driven and not in</p>		

<p>3.6</p> <p>3.7</p>	<p>accordance with the expanded passive recreation definition. They suggest that the intensity of the development of the site should not exceed the proposals outlined in Option 1. Combined passive use. The submission was tabled and RP asked that it be taken into consideration.</p> <p>DC noted the amazing view at the top of the hill and suggested that regarding the problem with exposure of the site, a less expensive option may be to approach TAFE students to build shelters as part of workshopping. Shelters in Forest Way and Linden Ave had been provided this way.</p> <p>BB cited the example of Mt Stromlo which caters for walk in/walk out. He suggested it was a great facility which has produced world cups and championships, with bikes, equestrian and picnic areas.</p> <p>CP said she doesn't want world cups. WSN has indicated no event type things.</p> <p>RP noted the expanded definition of passive recreation included in the Draft Plan does not include events. Expanding the definition has gone beyond what was first indicated. He asked that if anything does proceed could copies of draft agreements be provided to CAC members for perusal and assessment of impacts on the community.</p> <p>CJ noted that there have been three formal responses so far. She encouraged the mountain bikers to respond formally. WSN is getting different opinions and they are keen for groups to name what they want. WSN is part of the decision making process but needs to formally get strong sense of what the community wants. She also asked that the school provide a formal response.</p> <p>SH noted that Warringah Council hasn't formerly responded, though the executive has walked through the site.</p> <p>ER asked whether WSN was asking for a strong indication from the community for one option.</p> <p>CJ replied they weren't seeking one view, but strong views.</p> <p>JOD indicated he thought there was more of a consensus for mountain biking.</p> <p>MA suggested that bikes make maximum use of site. She attended a day on mountain biking which showed it is multi faceted and provides for a variety of activities. The BRCA has identified it as a major need.</p> <p>RP noted that the Draft Plan has indicated a maximum number of people for the site of 80. Looking at car parking, if both bikes and horses are allowed on site, would the maximum number be divided between those two activities or would scheduling be looked at? He noted a BMX track has also been suggested.</p> <p>SH noted that p 44 of the Draft Plan is a summary of feedback, of what has been asked for. The suggestion for a BMX track would be viewed as a long term option on the flat section.</p> <p>CP opposes a BMX facility as one already exists nearby.</p> <p>ACTION: Formal submissions regarding Future Use Concept Plan to be provided to WSN within 2 weeks.</p>	<p>CAC members/ community</p>	
<p>4</p> <p>4.1</p>	<p><b>Positive Covenant/Restrictive Covenant Update</b></p> <p>RS reported that on March 23<sup>rd</sup> Warringah Council passed the PPC over the landfill. It then goes to Council for the General Manager's signature and then to the Land and Property Management Authority</p>		

4.2	<p>to change the land title of the landfill, at which point council becomes the prescriptive authority.</p> <p>MA understands there is provision in the PPC for a bund for noise protection. RS replied it is one of the environmental protection measures. CN noted it will be in place while additional tons are going to landfill, but not after the final profile is reached. While filling is in process the bund is to provide visual and noise attenuation. RP suggested that it wasn't understood the bund would eventually go. If future uses proceed for the expanded passive recreation, a bund would be essential to protect residents from noise and dust. DC asked what the thickness of the bund was. CN replied it was a couple of metres in height.</p> <p>ACTION: WSN to take on notice consideration of the retention of the bund for future use of the site.</p>	WSN	
4.3	<p>RP requested that members be able to get a copy of the PPC when finally signed, before it goes to the Land and Property Management Authority. It was not on the website as council's legal section was still dealing with it. CH noted that it hadn't been distributed to members.</p> <p>ACTION: WSN to provide members with a copy of the PPC when signed by Council before it goes to the Land and Property Management Authority.</p>	WSN	
4.4	<p><b>The 10 Hectare Site</b></p> <p>RS reported that consultants from Eco Logical Australia were producing a Biobanking Assessment Report. The start was delayed 5 to 6 weeks while awaiting a response from NPWS. The consultant's report was expected by mid May and would then be submitted to DECCW. It was hoped that the process would be complete by September then the land title would change hands. CJ noted that Biobanking would provide a financial package. This was the only condition under which NPWS would take over the site. Eco Logical Australia will be paid by WSN to undertake biobanking assessments. MA asked whether it was federal or state money associated with Biobanking. CJ replied it is state. RS noted positive reports regarding species including the Lace Monitor and the Red Crowned Toadlet.</p>		
5 5.1	<p><b>Update on Operational and Environmental Matters</b></p> <p>CN noted that as DD is on leave following the birth of his daughter, he had committed to circulate an operations report with the minutes. CN reported that the area of activity in Hall Road is looking tidy. He offered to take people around. The Hall Road construction would eventually result in a 1:20 grade. There would be a mower on site on March 29<sup>th</sup> as part of the Bushfire Management Plan. Mowing is occurring more frequently after a grass fire a couple years ago. The last mow was about a month ago (TBC). Tonnage at the transfer station had been high owing to the need to</p>	WSN	ASAP

	divert from the Ryde site due to concreting activities. With gas generation there has been 1.6 megawatts generated and exported since February 1. The engine is returning 98% reliability.		
5.2	A member asked over what time was that megawatts generated. CN replied it was over 2.5 months.		
5.3	DC reported that he had been trying to see DD for some time as he has concerns regarding the eastern end of the 10 hectare site boundary. There have been some incursions here, recently by bikes by accident. He would like to see a sign or partial fence at the end of Linden Ave to indicate it is WSN land. (Note there is an outstanding action for DD to contact DC)		
	ACTION: CN to provide a phone number for DC to contact DD	WSN (CN)	
5.4	RP asked whether there is a water cart on site permanently and is it used. He also indicated it was unacceptable when high dust readings occurred to simply say "work is being undertaken there". It needs to be stated how this is being addressed. There have been a lot of dust clouds coming from the site which RP doesn't believe are being captured in dust readings, as the site is higher than the location of the dust gauges. CN indicated that the locations of dust gauges could be reviewed.		
	ACTION: CN will forward the issue of dust and location of dust gauges to DD for a response.	WSN (CN and DD)	
5.5	DC reported that there was currently a lot of rubbish at Crozier Rd.		
5.6	The Environment Report and the Complaints Report were distributed to the meeting.  MK noted there are no results for surface water monitoring in March. These would be available by the next meeting. Regarding dust deposition, works occurring near the dust gauge were in relation to a stockpile being used to cover waste. He suggested that relocation of dust monitors could be looked at. Dust levels were over the target limit for February. Odour mapping was the same as for the previous meeting. A new one is scheduled for early May. Gas monitoring included gas, odour and hydrogen sulphide. There were two complaints, one for trucking mud and one for dust and noise due to trucks unloading extra clay. Dust clouds were visible. MK noted that truck washers are open 24/7.		
5.7	CP suggested that whether the complaints reflect one complaint or 51 it still needs to be dealt with. Operational areas require a water cart. MK replied that WSN responded by getting the water cart there.		
5.8	RP noted that trucks were advised they didn't need to use the wheelwash in dry conditions. CP asked whether dust would be spread in dry weather. MK replied that there would be numerous sources of dust generated		

	in dry weather. The wheelwash is open all the time.		
<b>6</b>	<b>Community Feedback</b> Community feedback was given under previous agenda items.		
<b>7</b>	<b>WSN Governance Updates</b>		
7.1	Belrose Enhancement Fund		
7.2	As of March 28 the Enhancement Fund stood at \$2,275,441. CJ reported that the 2008/09 Annual Report was tabled by the Minister on April 9 <sup>th</sup> and is now on the website.		
7.3	Sale of WSN  CJ reported that on March 9 the Treasurer announced the intention to sell WSN. It has since been debated in Parliament and the Opposition has passed it in principle conditional on adequate money being used to provide for management of landfill and assets attached to the landfill. Belrose landfill will stay within government under the Waste Assets Management Corporation. The Transfer Station will be sold to the new business that buys WSN. The sale was expected at the end of 2010. Future plans at Belrose would not be affected by the sale.		
<b>8</b>	<b>Actions</b>		
8.1	Copies of Concept Plan were forwarded to bike and horse associations. The item is closed.		
8.2	A copy of the Concept Plan is now available on the website. The matter is closed.		
8.3	DD is yet to meet DC. The matter is carried over.		
8.4	The item regarding provision of input on the history of the site by WSN to the BRCA remains open. MA will provide CJ with details of the sort of information they are seeking. MA suggested the History Day on May 1 could raise community awareness of the WSN area.		
<b>9</b>	<b>General Business</b>		
9.1	JoD distributed the newsletter article regarding mountain biking and his parliamentary speeches on the issue. <b>The meeting closed at 5.00pm. Next meeting June 21 2010.</b>		

<b>Next meeting:</b>	<b>Monday 21 June 2010 at 3.30pm</b>
<b>Venue :</b>	<b>Covenant Christian School, Belrose</b>

	<b>Action summary</b>		
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	Council before it goes to the Land and Property Management Authority.		
<b>5.1</b>	O&E report to be circulated with draft minutes	<b>WSN (DD)</b>	<b>ASAP</b>
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<b>5.4</b>	CN will forward the issue of dust and location of dust gauges to DD for a response.	<b>WSN (CN and DD)</b>	<b>Done</b>