



MINUTES OF MEETING

Held on
Tuesday 18 July 2006
2.00pm – 4.00pm
Kwinana Industries Council, 41 Hope Valley Road, Naval Base

Attendees

Roger Dean (DoIR) – Chair
Declan Morgan (Dept of Environment)
Peter McKenzie (Town of Kwinana)
Craig Watts (City of Cockburn)
Chris Tanner (City of Rockingham)
Peter Christian (Verve Energy)
Cr. Rod Pattinson (Town of Kwinana)
Cr. Anne Prince (City of Rockingham) part
Allan Gade (CIF Community Representative)
Greg Kaeding (Tiwest)
Tonia Swetman (KIC)
Debbie Hoey (KIC)

Apologies

Rod Fielding (City of Rockingham)
Linda Griffiths (BHP Billiton)
Cr. Julie Baker (City of Cockburn)

Guests:

Peter Wilson – Wesfarmers LPG

1. Welcome and Introductions (Roger Dean, Chair)

The Chair welcomed attendees to the meeting and explained that unfortunately representatives from AFM were unable to attend today's meeting and they would make a presentation on their noise management plans at a future meeting.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting Held on 20 June 2006

It was noted that Peter Wilson, Wesfarmers LPG, had attended the last meeting and this should be included in the list of guests in the minutes. With this addition, the minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

2.1 Business Arising

Members were asked to provide feedback on the presentation made at the last meeting by Peter Wilson, Wesfarmers LPG. Comments included:

- Concerns raised that once the organisation was noise compliant, further noise improvements had not been implemented.
- Best practice vs compliance.
- Noise emissions from flare stacks were not included in the data presented. It was

noted that this type of noise was short duration.

It was also acknowledged that the presentation included positive outcomes and that Wesfarmers LPG are clearly addressing noise as detailed in their 5 phase noise management plan.

Action: It was agreed that a letter should be drafted from the NRG thanking Wesfarmers LPG and acknowledging the improvements but emphasising the NRG's objective to encourage all industries to implement any feasible noise emission reduction initiatives beyond simple compliance.

3. Presentation – Australian Fused Materials (AFM)

AFM were unable to attend the meeting and will make a presentation at the next meeting in August.

4. Update on Noise Monitoring

A draft report from the recent noise level monitoring carried out at Chalk Hill by Herring Storer Acoustics, was tabled. Members were asked to provide any comments by 28 July to KIC. The final endorsed report will be placed on the KIC website and will also be incorporated into the presentation at the CIF in October, by Declan Morgan, Dept of Environment & Conservation. It was also agreed that some of the information should be considered for inclusion in the Noise Brochure.

Peter McKenzie, Town of Kwinana, raised an issue with noise from the pumping station. Peter to contact Herring Storer to clarify and report back to the NRG

At the previous NRG meeting, members discussed the option of monitoring at North Rockingham or Medina. At that meeting members felt that the monitoring was not required as the model had proved to be reliable having been verified by results from monitoring carried out by CBH and also the results of stage 1 of the monitoring conducted by Herring Storer for the NRG. . It was agreed that whilst funds are available to carry out the second part of the monitoring, the funds could be used at a later stage, for example as more industries come into the KIA.

Tonia explained that recently Blue Circle Cement and Primary Energy had both accessed the KIC noise model in order to assess cumulative noise impacts if they were to locate within the KIA. Primary Energy have confirmed that they will install a sound barrier wall at a cost of half a million dollars which will lower the cumulative noise levels in the KIA. Members noted that the NRG is having an impact on new industry coming in the KIA as at application stage, they are advised that noise management is an important issue.

Declan Morgan confirmed that the DoIR investment attraction staff routinely introduce potential developers to the local DEC officers, where this message is reinforced.

Members referred to the Terms of Reference of the NRG and the main objective which is to look at the 2005 Cumulative Noise Study to ensure the group remained focussed. It was agreed not to undertake part 2 of the noise monitoring, at this stage.

5. Noise Brochure Update

The working group, Tonia, Linda Griffiths and Peter Knol, met to discuss the content of the noise brochure. A consultant will be engaged to draft the brochure and will be presented at a future NRG meeting for discussion. It was suggested that the brochure include a simple explanation of calculating assigned noise levels.

6. Industrial Noise Issues (update from community members)

Ann Prince made comment on the noise issues from tugs in Cockburn Sound. It was suggested that Fremantle Ports be invited to make a presentation at a future NRG to discuss their noise management plans including noise emitted by marine transport.

Cr. Pattinson asked for clarification on new industries coming into the KIA and the impact they may have on the cumulative noise levels. It was explained that during the consultation process industries must address all environmental impacts including noise. During the environmental approval process, proponents are required to demonstrate compliance with all legislation, including noise. They are able to access the KIC cumulative noise model to assess cumulative impact.

7. Presentation – Tiwest (Greg Kaeding)

Greg Kaeding gave a brief overview of the noise management plan at Tiwest, providing information on their primary and secondary noise management objectives..

8. Any Other Business

8.1 Update From Meeting With Minister for the Environment

Tonia reported that KIC representatives had recently met with Minister Mark McGowan. Discussions also included reference to the NRG and Tonia provided a brief overview to the Minister highlighting that the NRG is one of the best initiatives that KIC is involved in. Regular updates will be provided to the Minister.

8.2 Community Awareness of Amendments to the Noise Regulations

Peter McKenzie, Town of Kwinana, questioned if it was the role of the NRG to provide information on the amendments to the noise regulations, to the community. It was agreed that it is not in the Terms of Reference for the NRG. It was suggested that a presentation by the Dept of Environment & Conservation be made at a future NRG.

8.3 Communication Links

Members discussed the current links with community to keep them informed of the progress of the NRG. They included:

- Media Releases
- Communications Strategy (members agreed to review at the next meeting)
- Regular updates at CIF meetings
- Noise Brochure.

8.4 Media Release

A draft media release was circulated to members prior the meeting for comment. Comments and approval have been received and members agreed that the media release was approved to distribute to the local media.

9. Key Messages for Communication

- Information from the media release issued 19 July 2006.
- Progress made by the NRG.
- Presentation by Tiwest on noise management
- A Gade to remain an active participant and supporter of the NRG

10. Close – Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on 22 August 2006, 2.00pm at KIC.



ACTION PLAN

Updated 18 July 2006

Ref	Item	Action	By Whom
1.	Assigned noise levels - verification, understanding and methodology.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Declan Morgan to make a presentation at CIF meeting Feb 2006. COMPLETED. • DoE to present at KIC's EPC meeting on 14 February 2006 and provide a one page summary for distribution. COMPLETED. • Lynton Storer working with the Dept of Environment on the agreed assigned levels. • Declan and Tonia to met with Allan Gade and Ann Prince. COMPLETED. • Declan to make presentation at future CIF meeting on results of BarnOwl monitoring at Chalk Hill. 	DM/LS
2.	Validation program (monitoring)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposal to be circulated to members for discussion. COMPLETED. • It was agreed to proceed with monitoring at one location. COMPLETED. • Lynton to provide an update on the monitoring program. COMPLETED. • Lynton to provide draft written report. COMPLETED. • Report distributed to members, comments to DH by 28 July 2006. • Members to agree if further monitoring is required. AGREED no further monitoring is required at this stage. 	
3.	Road/rail transport and other noise prevailing issues including noise education.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preliminary discussion to be held. COMPLETED. 	

4.	Expert advice - Lynton Storer - Dept of Environment - Industry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advice to be made available as required. ONGOING. 	All
5.	Communications strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft Communications Strategy to be presented. COMPLETED & AGREED. Press release to be prepared. Press release AGREED and DISTRIBUTED. To be reviewed at next meeting in August 2006. 	TS TS
6.	CIF Feedback	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update and key messages to be provided at the CIF on 6 December 2005. COMPLETED. Update and key messages to be provided at the CIF on 7 February 2006. COMPLETED. CBH to present at the CIF on 6 June 2006. ARG representatives to be in attendance. COMPLETED. Declan to provide NRG update including results of monitoring at October CIF meeting. 	RD RD DM
7.	Local Governments representatives to consider contribution towards the NRG.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In-kind support to be provided. 	LG reps
8.	Collation of industry noise reduction activity since 2001.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some information has been received. Tonia to collate and present at a future NRG. Template for future NRG presentations to be established. COMPLETED. All presentations to be collated and a document developed for reference. ONGOING. 	TS