



MINUTES OF MEETING

Held on
Tuesday 22 August 2006
2.00pm – 4.00pm
Kwinana Industries Council, 41 Hope Valley Road, Naval Base

Attendees

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

Apologies

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

Guests:

Genevieve Mannin (CSBP)
Scott Olsen (CSBP)
Jo Williams (CSBP)

1. **Welcome and Introductions (Roger Dean, Chair)**

The Chair welcomed attendees to the meeting and members introduced themselves. The chair 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. It was noted that although AFM are not a major noise contributor, as they are listed in the KIC Cumulative Noise Model Update report as a noise emitter, they are included in the schedule of presentations to the NRG.

2. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting Held on 18 July 2006**

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

2.1 **Business Arising**

Letter to Wesfarmers LPG

At the last meeting it was agreed that a letter should be drafted from the NRG thanking

Wesfarmers LPG for their presentation 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. A draft letter was tabled and members were asked to provide any comments to Tonia. It was suggested that the letter include a comment on the flare and the intermittent noise.

Noise from the Pumping Station

Peter McKenzie reported that he had discussed the issue with Peter Knol at the Department of Environment and Conservation, who will take some readings and advise of the outcome.

3. Presentation – CSBP

Genevieve Mannin and Scott Olsen gave a presentation on the noise management plans at CSBP. The presentation included an overview of the CSBP plant, historical noise management and CSBP's commitment to noise management strategies. CSBP are currently pursuing some of the outcomes from the plan including continued commitment to noise minimisation, focussing on the most problematic areas for noise minimisation and a continual improvement approach to environmental issues including noise management.

Allan Gade raised a question on the noise levels at the boundary. Jo Williams, CSBP, agreed to provide the information required and report back to the NRG. Members of the NRG were invited to take a site tour of CSBP and were asked to contact KIC to register their interest.

4. Update on Noise Monitoring

At the last NRG meeting 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. Once the report is finalised, a copy will be placed on the KIC website. Declan Morgan, Dept of Environment and Conservation will make a presentation at the CIF on 3 October 2006.

5. Noise Brochure Update

Following a meeting of the sub-group, a consultant is currently preparing a draft brochure. The draft will be circulated to members, prior to the next meeting.

6. Industrial Noise Issues (update from community members)

Ann Prince requested contact details for the proponent who will install the noise wall barrier if the project receives approval and goes ahead. Tonia to provide contact details.

Allan Gade queried the recent noise from the Power Station.

ACTION:

Peter Christian agreed to investigate and provide further details to the NRG.

7. Review Communications Strategy

Members reviewed the communications strategy previously agreed by the NRG in November 2005. A number of small amendments were suggested and the strategy will be updated to reflect the comments provided.

8. Presentation: Noise Management at Australian Fused Materials

AFM were unable to attend the meeting and will make a presentation at a future meeting.

9. Any Other Business

9.1 Hismelt Noise Monitoring update

The noise monitoring project that is to have the results displayed "live" on the Hismelt web page have encountered unexpected problems that have unfortunately delayed the release date of this project. It is however, still the intention to follow through with the commitments made. The "live" format will most likely be changed to facilitate results being reported in 24hr blocks to allow for interpretation, and if necessary, explanations of the validated data if there are noise exceedances identified from our process.

Several reasons behind this include:

- Issues associated with the monitoring locations being able to effectively receive noise emitted by the Hismelt facility
- Reporting format issues to allow for simplification of the reported data
- The overall complexity of the project as a whole.
- Furthermore, recent vandalism and theft of one of the units has rendered it unservicable.

This project has in practice proven to be a much more difficult assignment than first anticipated, but it is relevant to note that it remains a high priority to the Hismelt Operations team to ensure its success. After several break-ins and thefts at site, upgrading security for the hardware has also now become a consideration due to the exposed nature of the locations.

9.2 New Director General – Dept of Environment and Conservation (DEC)

Declan Morgan (DEC) advised members of the new Director General for the DEC, Kieran McNamara. Kieran will visit Kwinana on 22 August 2006 and take a drive through the KIA. Declan will be accompanying Kieran and will provide a brief on the role of the NRG and KIC.

10. Key Messages for Communication

- NRG to refer issue of transport to the DPI and ask for comment.
- Noise monitoring reports finalised.
- CSBP presented and demonstrated they take the issue seriously.

11. Close – Date and Time of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting is to be confirmed and details circulated to members.



ACTION PLAN

Updated 22 August 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. REVIEWED, UPDATED, AGREED. 	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