

McPhillamys Gold Project

CCC Minutes

Title	McPhillamys Gold Project Community Consultative Committee (CCC) Meeting #12																																					
Meeting Date	3 May 2021 @ 6pm																																					
Venue	Blayney Community Centre- 91 Adelaide St, Blayney																																					
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Next Meeting	26 th July 2021 @ 6.00pm Blayney Community Centre 91 Adelaide Street, Blayney NSW
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MEETING WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS - David Johnson

Meeting opened at 6:04pm

Apologies for the meeting tendered for Bob Bourke, Andrew Wannan, Chris Roach, Rebecca Ryan.

Introduction by David Johnson:

- No declaration of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests to declare.
- Tony introduced Regis representatives from the Perth office. Stuart Gula, Tim Conversi and Tim Kindred.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (1 February) – David Johnson

- The minutes of the last meeting on 1 February 2021 were discussed at length. Some members consider that the minutes are often not being reported accurately, and requested that an independent minute taker be appointed in future.
- Resolved that in future the draft minutes be directly transferred from minute taker to chairperson, who will then edit and distribute them to all CCC members for comment; responses will be considered by the chair before the minutes are issued as final.
- It was resolved that the minutes of the last meeting (1 Feb 2021) be adopted, with two members dissenting (Evan & Daniel). Evan wished to record that in his opinion the minutes do not adequately address the remarks made by one committee member regarding authority for a view on aboriginal occupation in the area of the McPhillamys mine site.

CORRESPONDENCE

- No correspondence (other than emails from members)

REGIS RESOURCES MCPHILLAMYS GOLD PROJECT UPDATE

- PowerPoint presentation by Tony McPaul (copy on McPhillamys website). The key points from the presentation were:
- Regis has taken a 30% interest in Tropicana mine deal.
- Aboriginal Cultural Heritage consultation is ongoing.

- Environmental monitoring work is ongoing..
- Project detailed design is ongoing
- Construction water supply investigations ongoing
- Preparation of draft construction environmental management plans are ongoing.
- 2021 Tree planting program with 8,000 trees being propagated by skillset and landcare for planting.
- Continuing on with community consultation with pop up stalls at Blayney IGA and Milthorpe.
- Community engagement- Donations to St Paul's church Carcoar, local sporting clubs and The Blayney Show.
- Community Information Sheet #14 is scheduled for May 2021.

QUESTIONS ARISING FROM REGIS PRESENTATION

- Daniel Sutton questioned the hold-ups with Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE). Answer provided by Regis.
- Evan Leitch asked how much longer the process would take and noted that Kings Plains residents are impacted. Answer is still unknown.
- Evan Leitch questioned why the Government Agencies do not have deadlines and why they are allowed to provide late submissions. This question is not within Regis' Control.
- Evan Leitch criticised Blayney Council members for the VPA process in that they took no notice of suggestions provided by the community, and Elizabeth Russ noted that the VPA does not specify funding to go to the Kings Plains area, rather than just to Blayney Shire ?
- Elizabeth Russ asked if Regis and Council would be willing to meet with Kings Plains residents to consider ideas and suggestions to improve facilities for Kings Plains residents specifically, using VPA monies in the future. This would depend on the mine gaining approval. Tony McPaul indicated that Regis would agree to the suggestion if Council agreed.
- Daniel Sutton questioned why the construction water bore drilling was delayed. This was answered by Regis and relates to a conservative approach, due to pending section 9 and section 10 applications.
- Evan Leitch asked what the latest newspaper advertisement was in reference to. Answered by Regis explaining it was in relation to possessory (?) title.

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS

- None.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Several members questioned the IPC timing, makeup and format. This was answered by Regis, and is not known at this stage.

- Miles Hedge noted that he has lost faith in Regis (but not the local staff) in regard to the Negotiated Agreements. Regis provided a different perspective to that of Miles.
- An independent consultant (W.Giblin) has been appointed by some residents to assist with their Negotiated Agreements with Regis. Regis has declined to pay Giblin for this work on behalf of the residents, but has asked DPIE to recommend a suitable person to act as a facilitator/mediator.
- Daniel Sutton wished to discuss private matters relating to his individual Negotiated Agreement; The Chair stated this was inappropriate within the CCC forum and further discussion was halted.
- Daniel asked whether Regis is serious about signing up the Agreements. Regis confirmed they are keen to get Agreements signed up.
- Elisabeth Russ & others noted that some members of the community have informed her that they did not know that the final pit void would remain after closure of the mine. Regis took note of this.
- Daniel asked if Regis is planning a costing exercise on filling the final void. Regis replied that they are not, as the costs are known to be prohibitively high.
- Daniel Sutton requested an independent minute taker for future CCC meetings. It was resolved that the Chair should attempt to find a suitable independent minute taker for future meetings.
- Evan Leitch confirmed that he was satisfied that his submitted questions had been answered satisfactorily (attached).

ACTIONS

	Action Items	Who	Due By
1	Book Blayney Community Centre for the 26 July 2021 @6pm	Stacey McFawn	6/05/21
2	Draft minutes to be provided to the Chairperson.	Stacey McFawn	10/05/21
3	Draft minutes distributed to members by email Including the alternate representatives	David Johnson	17/05/21
4	Committee members provide comment on minutes to Chairperson	All committee members	30/05/21
5	Minutes finalised & posted on the McPhillamys Website	David Johnson Stacey McFawn	7/06/21
6	Questions and answers from the <u>May</u> CCC meeting to be added to the McPhillamys website.	Stacey McFawn	7/06/21

MEETING CLOSED

Meeting closed at 8.07pm

NEXT MEETING

26th July 2021 at 6pm at the Blayney Community Centre, 91 Adelaide Street, Blayney NSW.

ATTACHMENT 1

Evan Leitch's questions submitted after the CCC Meeting held 3rd May 2021.

1. Several BHPG members have complained that they are waiting too long for responses from Regis to questions/comments that could not be answered on the spot by company representatives. Can this be improved?

The time taken to respond to queries and questions raised by the community is dependent on the specifics of the question being asked, and whether the response requires input from an external party. If external advice is required to inform the response, then the time required to provide an answer may be out of Regis control. Despite this, Regis employees do however try to provide answers as quickly as possible.

2. Can business activities, for example, commercial honey production, be pursued on 'offset' land? Would this conflict with providing a refuge for native bees?

As a gesture of goodwill, Regis has offered local apiarists access to the Regis property, Aziel, which is currently proposed as part of the biodiversity offset package for the Project. The Aziel includes areas of high conservation value, with large numbers of native trees ideal for bee foraging. It may be possible to house bees at the stewardship site, provided that it can be demonstrated that this activity will not have a negative impact on the biodiversity values of the site. This will be explored further as part of the preparation of the Biodiversity Stewardship Agreement and in consultation with local bee keepers.

3. Has it yet been determined if the Mid-Western - mine access road intersection will require night lighting?

The proposed mine site access via a new intersection of the Mid Western Highway has been assessed and it has been determined that no lighting is required.

4. Will Regis attempt to let houses it owns on the McPhillamys Project site even if they are subject to noise and/or dust that exceeds recommended health limits? Will it be monitoring conditions in residences close to major sources of such pollution?

Regis is not proposing to let houses it owns on the Project site or within the Mining Lease boundary.

Monitoring will be undertaken according to the methods approved by NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) (and the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment [DPIE] as required) for the respective noise and air quality management plans. The EPA has approved methods which reference monitoring procedures and relevant Australian Standards. The EPA is currently seeking feedback on the approved methods until 5.00pm Monday 31 May 2021.

All environmental management plans including the specific monitoring requirements, locations, parameters and criteria will be publicly available once approved by the appropriate regulators.