

# Hillside Mine Community Voice Minutes (HMCV)

7<sup>th</sup> December 2020

**Chairperson** P Tyler

**HMCV Attendees** B Sleath (Pine Point PA), D Hosking (Community Member), M & C Redding (Community Member), M Young (Ag Bureau, Petersville), L Kakoschke (Ag Bureau, South Kilkerran), G Hall (Rex Minerals), Stewart Lodge (Ag Bureau, Petersville), G Dodd (Community Member), D Kluske (Local Trader), D Bradshaw (James Well/Rogues Point PA), J Sandercock (Ardrossan PA), K Van Schaik (IPC), S Kennedy (Local Trader), P Kolizos (Community Member)

**HMCV Via Teams** J Buchanan (YP Tourism & RDA)

**Visitors** R Laufmann (Rex Minerals)

**Apologies** J Wundersitz (YPLOG), Stephen Lodge (YPLOG), T Stock (YPC)

**Minute Taker** K Thompson (Rex Minerals)

AGENDA ITEM	Notes	ASSIGNED TO/DATE DUE
<p><b>1. Welcome &amp; Introductions</b></p>	<p>Meeting opened at 6.32pm P Tyler</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>welcomed everybody to the meeting</li> <li>Reiterated applicable COVID requirements to meeting attendees</li> </ul> <p><b>Record keeper for this meeting /recording</b> – K Thompson Safety Statement as per the agenda acknowledged <b>Apologies</b> – noted above</p>	
<p><b>2. Endorsement of Minutes</b></p>	<p><u>September 7<sup>th</sup> 2020 Minutes:</u> P Tyler thanked L Kakoschke for checking the September minutes.</p> <p><b>Moved</b> B Sleath – <b>Seconded</b> K Van Schaik</p> <p>HMCV member to check minutes for this meeting: Shane Kennedy Welcomed R Laufmann back to the meeting</p>	<p>K Thompson to send endorsed minutes to the HMCV members for distribution.</p>
<p><b>3. Business Arising (Actions)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>K Thompson to send endorsed minutes (March 2020) to HMCV members for distribution to their communication networks</li> <li>K Thompson to circulate draft minutes from this meeting (September 2020) to HMCV members for confirmation to post on the website</li> </ul>	<p>COMPLETE</p> <p>COMPLETE</p>
<p><b>4. Update by Chair</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Received a request from a HMCV member for a transcript of the DEM Q &amp; A section of the September meeting. Liaised with DEM for their approval on this which was granted on the proviso it was not to be made a public document. Also spoke to Rex and members who had spoken at this meeting to seek their support.</li> <li>At the previous HMCV meeting there was a discussion around what HMCV should look like going forward now that the PEPR has been approved. P Tyler has had discussions with both Richard and Greg from Rex Minerals as well as some HMCV members. From the discussions it has been proposed to do a quick independent review on HMCV inclusive of group direction and general makeup. A scope for the proposed review will be drafted and sent to members prior to the next HMCV meeting</li> <li>The scope would also provide guidance on how the HMCV work with Rex Minerals on the next steps for the Hillside Project. Someone independent of Rex Minerals and the HMCV would carry out this review.</li> </ul>	<p>P Tyler and G Hall draw up a draft scope of the review and circulate to members prior to the next meeting for feedback and input.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Following a discussion it was agreed by members that P Tyler and G Hall draw up a draft scope of the review and circulate to members prior to the next meeting for feedback and input.</li> </ul> <p>Following comments on the PEPR/management plans and the community's continuing involvement G Hall reiterated what has been stated at previous HMCV meetings.</p> <p>The management plans are operational documents (procedures) that Rex will maintain, use, review, and update on a regular basis. Management plans are based on the more extensive detail within the PEPR. All feedback received from the community meetings during PEPR engagement meeting with regards to draft management plans was fed back into the PEPR.</p> <p>Now that the PEPR is approved, the management plans will be reviewed and updated on a regular basis.</p> <p>The management plans could not be included as part of formal PEPR as the PEPR cannot be changed once approved.</p> <p>The Social Management Plan (SMP) is an overall guiding plan, submitted to the DEM by Rex separate to the PEPR setting out the structures of integrating with the community e.g. business, employment, emergency services, etc. As an overarching plan it does not necessarily contain all specific details of actions etc. Further detailed plans will need to be developed associated with the SMP, containing the specifics. These will be drafted by Rex in due course and as needed, with input sought from HMCV.</p> <p>The Community Engagement Plan (CEP) is a live document and subject to change in line with company activities. It is redrafted with each stage of the mine. The first draft covered the detailed engagement that Rex would follow during the PEPR development process. It is a company document that needs to be redrafted by Rex for the construction and commissioning stage of Hillside, again with input sought from the HMCV.</p> <p>The PEPR is the operational plan for the Hillside Mine, and forms the basis for the ongoing management plans which the company will use on a day to day basis. The PEPR and associated documents (Management plans, SMP, CEP) are in place and are followed by the company to ensure that the mine is operated within compliance of the lease conditions, and the various other safety and mining acts. The lease conditions for the Hillside Mine have not and will not change.</p> <p>Rex is planning to engage in due course a Sustainability Manger whose area of expertise will include developing all required plans, processes and procedures and identify the areas requiring the communities' input.</p> <p>G Hall noted that this work is dependent on funding and timing</p>	
<b>5. Update from Rex</b>	<p>G Hall &amp; S Germein met with Rural Business Support's (RBS) Landowner Information Service Officer Brett Klau. RBS is a free service provider of agribusiness services and independent support advice for farmers and rural-related business owners. The Landowner Information Service Officer is a new position within the RBS and is in place to provide information and support to landowners dealing with exploration. The officer has a broad background in Agriculture and Agribusiness. The officer has been trained in the latest</p>	

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	<p>requirements of the Mining Act and Regulations. and how they relate to land and property owners.</p> <p><a href="http://www.ruralbusinesssupport.org.au">www.ruralbusinesssupport.org.au</a></p> <p>J Buchanan noted that she has worked with RBS for many years and highly recommends their support services.</p> <p>G Hall and Jo Buchanan checked and confirmed this is a complimentary service</p> <p>R Laufmann</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interesting point about the copper price – it was \$2.40 per lb during initial stages of COVID and today is worth \$3.50. Copper is one of the most important metals for the future as we look at decarbonising the planet and electrifying the world. There is not enough copper in the world</li> <li>• Now that the PEPR is approved, Rex’s focus is on financing options and raising the money required to build the project. As noted in previous quarterly reports Rex have employed Grant Samuel to investigate potential joint venture partner opportunities but Rex have also developed numerous relationships and are also considering options for self-funding.</li> <li>• Once funding has been secured Rex then need to employ the right people in the right positions so the planning stage can commence, which will include installing the water pipeline, electricity, and road diversion.</li> <li>• HMCV’s journey has changed dramatically since the PEPR has been approved. This is good opportunity to reset and refocus. It’s no longer about fighting for conditions in the PEPR or management plans. The PEPR content has not changed since it was first submitted, just the format, the way it reads and the way it was written has changed. It’s a very long and complex document and Rex need the appropriate specific people in place to articulate and explain it. When Rex have these people in place then we will be in a better position to answer specific questions accurately instead of generalising. HMCV’s role naturally needs to morph with the development of the project.</li> <li>• Rex will need the 30 months granted in the PEPR approval for construction to commence. However once finance is in place things will start to move quickly</li> </ul>	
<b>6. Other Business</b>	<p>There was a discussion around communication to the community and current confusion about the status of the project.</p> <p>The question was raised about what constitutes the start of construction in relation to the 30 months allowed in the PEPR. G Hall stated that funding being in place and approval by the Rex Board to commence is the first stage. Then final design work and putting contracts in place can begin, with a commitment and on-ground activity commencing soon after.</p> <p>P Tyler thanked all members and K Thompson for their support during this difficult year and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.</p>	
<b>7. Confirm actions</b>	<p><b>Agreed actions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• G Hall &amp; P Tyler to draw up a draft scope for a HMCV review and circulate to members prior to the next meeting for feedback.</li> <li>• K Thompson to send endorsed minutes (September 2020) to the HMCV members for distribution.</li> <li>• K Thompson to circulate draft minutes from this meeting (December 20) to HMCV members for confirmation to post on the website.</li> </ul>	

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<b>8. Meeting Close</b>	Meeting was closed 8.02pm Next HMCV meeting date: <b>1<sup>st</sup> March 2020</b> Agenda Items	