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## Hillside Community Voice (working title)

### Inaugural Meeting

**Ardrossan Bowling Club,  
5.30 pm. 10<sup>th</sup> November 2014**

**Facilitator** K Van Schaik

**CCG Attendees** C Redding (community member), L Easther (Port Vincent), C Clift (Pine Point Progress), E Dearlove (Rex Minerals Ltd), R Underwood (Port Julia Progress), S Kennedy (Local Trader), D Kluske (Local Trader), K Wanganeen (Narungga), J Sandercock (Ardrossan Progress Association, T Stock (DCYP), Stewart Lodge (Ag Bureau, Petersville), Stephen Lodge (Ag Bureau, Petersville), D Hosking (Community Member), M Young (Ag Bureau, Petersville), I Haywood (Community Member), KA Saffin (RDA), G Mattchoss (Black Point Progress), B Sleath (Pine Point Progress) J Wundersitz (YPLOG), L Kakoschke (Ag Bureau, South Kilkerran) and P Maguire (James Well/Rogues Point Progress).

**Apologies** M Redding (Community Member), J Buchanan (YP Tourism, RDA), P Koulizos (Community Member)

**Minutes** Written by K Van Arend, reviewed by J Wundersitz prior to distribution.

AGENDA ITEM	Notes	Action ASSIGNED TO /DATE DUE
1. Welcome	<p>Meeting opened at approximately 5:40pm</p> <p>K Van Schaik was endorsed as chair for inaugural meeting. She welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> <p>In opening, she acknowledged:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Peter ('Soxy') Stockings as Chair of the CCG for time and effort under difficult conditions.</li><li>• Members of previous CCG.</li><li>• Sub-committee for distributing the draft charter.</li></ul>	K. Van Schaik to draft letter of thanks to Peter Stocking (by next meeting)
2. Safety Statement	<p>K Van Schaik outlined a proposed safety statement to guide members' participation.</p> <p>She noted that the group will need to come up with a collective way to provide a voice for the community. Everyone will bring their own agenda, ideas, values, beliefs and attitudes which is important because they provide ideas on what we need to consider and will challenge and give us some new thinking. However when attending these meetings we need to ensure that everyone's ideas are open and welcome; that individually we may have different views but as a collective we are here to represent the broader community and to ensure that these views are respected by all.</p> <p>This statement was accepted.</p>	

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<p>3. Members Introduction</p>	<p>Each member introduced themselves, outlining their background, areas of expertise, areas of interest and who they were representing. The purpose of this is to see what each member brings to the table and whether there are any gaps e.g. health. This will allow the group to map the expertise of members and identify any gaps.</p> <p><b>Kate Van Schaik</b></p> <p>Has a background in establishing community services and looking at the implications for education and child care within the region if we have an expanded population. Is also representing Black Point Progress Association.</p> <p><b>Cathy Redding</b></p> <p>The Reddings nominated as a family as they are directly impacted by the Hillside mine, including the future of their family farm and two homes. Malcolm’s perspective comes from a farming background. He is passionate about the farm and is keen to see safeguards in terms of agriculture. Cathy’s background is a retired teacher.</p> <p><b>Len Easther</b></p> <p>Business owner and employer circulating in two communities - both central and southern Yorke Peninsula. Can bring to the group community feelings from the outside community along with business and planning skills.</p> <p><b>Carolyn Clift</b></p> <p>Lives at Pine Point and represents the Pine Point Progress Association. Works in administration at the Ardrossan Area School. Also has a farm close to the mine site both north and south and has a farming background. As a representative of Pine Point she is dealing with people who live within the increased noise and vibration zone, with increased traffic through the town and the day to day impact. Carolyn is the voice for the town, as she believes Pine Point will be negatively impacted by the mine and she would like to have some positive impacts from the mine for Pine Point.</p> <p><b>Erica Dearlove</b></p> <p>Works for Rex Minerals Ltd (Rex). Background is in environmental science majoring in hydrogeology so can bring the environmental side of things to the group. She doesn’t have training in the community area, although learning quickly. Her role is to bring information from Rex and also feed information from the community back to Rex.</p> <p><b>Roger Underwood</b></p> <p>President of the Port Julia Progress Association here at the invitation of J. Wundersitz. Trying to obtain as much information as possible to make sense of the purpose of the group. Believes it is important to do similar to Carolyn and his intent is to bring information back about what is being proposed. If there is an issue, then need to let community know. Background is in education and administration and is a retired business owner.</p> <p><b>Shane Kennedy</b></p> <p>Local business owner in Ardrossan. Talks daily to a lot of people regarding the mine and issues in relation to that. Also on the Ardrossan Progress Association, so he represents a broader group of people. Also has concerns re future staffing of his business should the mine go ahead and ongoing issues.</p>	<p>These statements to be circulated and each member to rewrite or amend their bio. note as required (by next meeting).</p>
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**David Kluske**

Local newsagent. Been here for 25 years. Employs staff from school, giving them a certificate III in retail. Believes hiring and employing locals is very important in small business and promotes this highly. Has a certificate III in tourism, specialising in international travel.

**Klynton Wanganeen**

Has a thorough knowledge of the former Point Pearce Aboriginal mission station which is now an Aboriginal community. Thorough knowledge of the Narungga history. Employment and training background for the last 25 years in TAFE, 15 years in management. A lot of knowledge about aspirations of the Narungga people.

**John Sandercock**

Officially representing the Ardrossan Progress Association. Also business owner for 31 years in Ardrossan, with very much a community hat on and hopefully a conduit between the community and the company.

**Tania Stock**

Officially representing the Yorke Peninsula Council. The Council plays a role in making assessments in these sorts of projects to see how they fit into the community and the impacts they have in terms of other services they provide, such as health, police, education, transport and all those issues that affect the local area. Believes it is important that information from this group is fed back to the Council for further discussion and from there back to the community. The Council has had their own challenges in recent years with their communication to the community. That is one thing they will be working on over the next four years and Hillside is one subject that would be relevant for Council to keep involved in to ensure there is stronger communication back to the community. Personally, Tania is a farmer with a farm at Sandilands and is close to the wider infrastructure associated with the mine proposal. She is a passionate farmer and has an interest in ensuring that any proposal that goes forward is managed re the impacts to agricultural land.

**Stephen Lodge**

Representing Petersville Ag Bureau. He will be taking concerns of the farmers to the committee. Semi-retired farmer and has a fair amount of background re what's been happening beforehand with Hillside. So he will be able to help and have input.

**Stewart Lodge**

Representing Petersville Ag Bureau. His background is a farmer, an electrician and has worked in various mines. He would like to keep track of what is going on with the mine as Petersville has members who are right in the thick of it and need to keep abreast of what's going on.

**Don Hosking**

Lived on the Peninsula all of his life. He comes as a community representative. He is fascinated as to how a group like this is going to do a job that suits the community he is involved in. He hasn't been a passionate opponent to the mine. Can contribute to getting some structure that actually works and doesn't just suit a legal purpose. Believes that Ardrossan in particular has a lot to gain and a lot to avoid by the mine starting that close to

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town. Steps that have to be taken need to be pretty careful so that we can get as much as we can out of it and avoid as much negative stuff as possible. Thinks it's a big challenge and is interested in the structure of it all.

#### **Max Young**

Has been in the farming industry for 30 years and is a proxy for the Petersville Ag Bureau. Is here at the first meeting just to listen.

#### **Ian Haywood**

Community member and has lived in Yorketown all his life. Owned a business, 'Yorketown Motors', which was an agricultural workshop that has been closed for 18 months. Declared that he was a former security officer for Rex. Because this could pose a conflict of interest he wanted this to be out in the open. Extremely interested to see what happens because, in 23 years of running the business in Yorketown, our farming community is nearly quartered by the number of people. The farms are still running but the number of people have dropped off so our country towns are dying. This is not just Yorke Peninsula but he is passionate about Yorke Peninsula. He has been involved in many groups over the years helping as much as he can in his area. Was a volunteer ambulance officer for 14 years and is still a current CFS member and has been for 39 years. Hopes he can contribute to this meeting and believes that he has learnt a few things over the years.

#### **Kelly-Anne Saffin**

Acting as a proxy this evening for Jo Buchanan. Is the CEO of RDA. Jo will wear two hats - as the RDA representative and as the deputy chair of YP Tourism. Kelly-Anne is keen that;

- Jo understands exactly what the widely diverse views of the community are and take that back to the two respective groups and
- That, because they are early in their planning around making sure that if the mine does go ahead, they maximise the potential and have the skills and infrastructure planning, work planning, education and training and business development.

#### **Graham Matchoss**

Is a resident of Sandilands. Has been in the area for 38 years and has land not far from Hillside. Is semi-retired at Black Point and is representing the Black Point Progress Association, along with Kate Van Schaik. Will also fill in for the South Kilkerran Ag Bureau on occasions. Comes as someone who is passionate about the area. He is very passionate about the environmental impact from the mine in his area and there are certainly a lot of questions that still to be answered and for Rex to be accountable for leaving us with something that we can deal with in the future.

#### **Bob Sleath**

Representing the residents of Pine Point, including the shack owners. He is also on the Progress Association, reporting back to a subcommittee of the progress association. He was involved in mining camps for over 40 years in four states, heading this up for the companies that he worked for. Concerned and passionate about the environment, the dust and water tanks and here to be part of what's happening. Brother in law that is a metallurgist and is a chef by trade and has done food chemistry.

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	<p><b>Joy Wundersitz</b></p> <p>Representing the Yorke Peninsula Land Owners Group. Although not a farmer, this reflects the diversity of the members of YPLOG. Like everyone around the table she is very passionate about this issue. At a personal level, has had a house at Rogues Point for 60 years which has been very much part of her life. This group will be premised on the assumption that the mine will go ahead. In this context, issues that have already been raised include making sure that the benefits are there for the community and making sure that there are no negative effects on the environment or agriculture. She believes there will be a lot of common ground within the group. In terms of what she can bring to the group on a personal level, she has analytical research skills, having been a researcher in academia, government and parliament for 40 years. Now retired, she has the time devote to this particular issue.</p> <p><b>Lauren Kakoschke</b></p> <p>Is a fourth generation farmer's daughter from the Eyre Peninsula and is married to a local fourth generation farmer. Representing the South Kilkerran Ag Bureau. Wants to bring the farming issues back to Rex and make sure that they are aware of what the farmers are dealing with and what their issues are. Has a background in allied health, currently running her own business.</p> <p><b>Pat Maguire</b></p> <p>Representing the James Well/Rogues Point Progress Association. Has an interest in mining and was an opal miner in the far north for seven years. Here to represent the community and voice their concerns and issues.</p>	
4. Mapping member expertise and working groups	<p>K Van Schaik noted that there is significant diversity within the group in terms of technical knowledge and expertise which we need to capitalise on. Agriculture, progress associations, several different arms of business and regional/economic development are represented. Also have people with some mining experience and personal perspectives. A number of members with background experience know there are a lot of concerns and some unanswered questions. But there are also people who support the concept but who have been quite silent and absent. We need to represent the whole community and be open to look at the opportunities as well as the problems.</p> <p>We also need to focus on the concept of sustainability. Whether it be in terms of the impact on the land, on service provision or on roads, decisions must be sustainable in the long term. We have the opportunity to do this right and have a say.</p> <p>C Clift asked whether there are enough representatives from people who see the more positive aspects of the mine, and how are to get those people to join us.</p> <p>In response, K Van Schaik noted it is about looking at aspects that will be impacted. Some of this has already been done in the CCG Issues Register. The next phase is the planning for the Program for Environmental Protection and Rehabilitation (PEPR) of the mine when a series of management plans need to be shaped. The previous CCG looked at two very broad areas – environment and social issues. But these can be broken down into, for example, housing, employment, roads, infrastructure, utilities, impact on marine environment, and impact on agriculture and land owners. She suggested we structure the group and communication strategies according to specific areas of work. For example,</p>	

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	<p>members with expertise in employment and small business could focus on what to do with the business sector. They could use their business networks to engage others in that sector in the discussions, including those who are keen to promote their services and businesses, as well as those with concerns. We need members from this group to lead particular working groups to make sure we have all the networks needed.</p> <p>E Dearlove suggested compiling a group list and their areas of expertise and interest. It was agreed that this be attached to the minutes.</p> <p>It was agreed that working groups were the way forward. J Wundersitz noted that working groups would give a wider range of people the opportunity to be part of the process without needing to be part of the committee. Each working group could recruit individuals who are interested and have particular expertise but who don't need to sit in on meetings. This gives greater opportunity for community ownership of the whole process.</p> <p>K. Van Schaik stated that if each of the members was just trying to represent his/her particular group then our communication network would be limited. This was one concern re the last CCG. It is important for each member to have conversations with professionals in his/her area of expertise rather than trying to get across all the issues for the entire project.</p> <p>D Kluske advised that the Kanmantoo Mine committee does something similar regarding working groups and its chair is willing to come over and talk to this meeting. They have ongoing diaries for each area which are kept up to date with issues and outcomes.</p> <p>B Sleath asked E Dearlove how the workers for construction and mining will be accommodated. E Dearlove gave a summary of the discussions and work that has been completed on this topic to date but stated that nothing has been locked in at this stage. J Sandercock confirmed this was discussed at length with the previous CCG and the clear preference from the community was that it was more practical to keep the construction workforce, which is short term, on site. But with regards to the mining workforce during operations, it was very much the community's wish that they be integrated as far as possible and not have a camp site situation.</p>	
5. Structure, communication, funding	<p>J Sandercock reiterated that the 'Issues Register' is a living document that will continue. New issues will need to be added and other issues will drop off as circumstances change.</p> <p>K Van Schaik asked all members to familiarise themselves with the issues register and do some background reading on other documentation e.g. Rex's response document, Mining Lease conditions etc. Role of this group is to make sure the Management Plans have a community voice considered in these. Emphasis should be on 'do with', not 'do to' in developing these plans.</p> <p>C Clift suggested that the issues register have links where applicable to the 99 lease conditions to gain a better understanding.</p> <p>K Van Schaik stated it was important to have a clear understanding of what our structure is going to be e.g. how we meet, when we meet, who is going to facilitate things moving ahead and what working groups we have.</p> <p>The Department of State Development (DSD) have offered to come and go through all of</p>	E Dearlove to distribute the Issues Register to all members

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	<p>the lease conditions with the community. K Van Schaik believes this would be a good way to help the wider community understand and could be done a number of ways e.g. public meetings, presentations etc.</p> <p>The question was asked if the group should have a website. D Kluske advised that the Kanmantoo Committee has their own website and he believes this is very important.</p> <p>K Van Schaik put forward the name “Hillside Community Voice” (HCV) and it was agreed this would be the working title until a final name is agreed upon.</p> <p>There was discussion about different options for the website and it was agreed that T Stock would approach the YPC to see if it is possible to have a sub-section on the Council’s website which they would agree to maintain as part of their support to the committee.</p> <p>J Wundersitz asked whether it would be possible to gain access to the Council’s mail out list or whether it would agree to do mail outs for the group. There are a number of gaps and it is hard to reach members of the community who aren’t involved with progress associations or have access to the internet. To be able to mail information out would link in the entire community and would be ideal if council would agree to it. K Van Schaik advised it is very hard for Council to have an accurate picture as there is a lot of people who may be residents but are not property owners. The website idea was endorsed by committee members.</p> <p>The issue was raised of funding/support required by the committee for experts etc. and what Rex was able to provide. E Dearlove advised it would be highly unlikely to be able to have an allocation system but the committee could put forward a request for various funds as required e.g. an amount for a website, funds to have an expert come and talk to the committee. It was agreed by the committee to work on individual requests as required rather than put any parameters in place. Concerns were raised that Rex could refuse to fund certain speakers and so influence who the committee could ask to talk. Don’t want to be dependent on Rex. J Sandercock stated that if it was a consensus from this group it would be a very brave company to say no. It was requested that Rex reply promptly to any request put forward by the committee and specifically if they were not going to support the request.</p> <p>J Wundersitz suggested the possibility of raising funds from alternative sources. K Van Schaik stated we already have access to a lot of people with expertise for whom we would not be required to pay a significant amount. She also noted we are not a fund raising body. Also need to be aware of the legal ramifications.</p> <p>B Sleath asked with regard to rehabilitation if there has been any contact with owners of other mines to find out what has happened on their sites. K Van Schaik advised that there had been preliminary work done on options for rehabilitation with the previous CCG and Dr Tony Milnes had talked to the group. However, there needs to be a working group from this committee to do a lot of research and leg work in and around this topic to help shape the possibilities. She noted it was still hard to find an equivalent type of mine situation to Hillside. J. Sandercock indicated it was very much an issue he was interested in. The community said ‘make safe’ was not acceptable so we need to consider what is acceptable.</p>	<p>T Stock to approach the YPC re website (by next meeting)</p> <p>E Dearlove to discuss the issue of funding with Rex management (by next meeting).</p>
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6. Moving Forward	<p>Items to be looked at:</p> <p><b>Communication Network</b></p> <p>Need to look at expert/management working groups e.g.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rehabilitation</li><li>• Employment and housing</li><li>• Infrastructure</li></ul> <p>E Dearlove suggested looking at the issues register and basing the working groups on the already-defined areas.</p> <p>K Van Schaik asked in preparation for the next meeting for everyone to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Have a look at the issues register, look at what areas each member would like to work on at this time.</li><li>• Look at who you communicate with and how.</li><li>• Work out who is going to be your buddy/proxy for someone else's group to ensure all groups are kept up to speed.</li></ul> <p>The most suitable time for the meeting was discussed. It was agreed for the next meeting to start at 7.00pm, with this being reassessed for subsequent meetings.</p> <p>There was a discussion about inviting the chair from the Kanmantoo/Callington Community Consultative Committee to attend the next committee meeting for approx. ½ hour. A vote was conducted and it was agreed by majority that D Kluske would contact him.</p> <p>It was agreed that K Van Schaik will facilitate the next meeting</p>	
7. Close of meeting	Meeting closed –7:15pm	
8. Next meeting	<p><b>Date: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2014</b></p> <p><b>Time: 7.00pm</b></p> <p><b>Location: Ardrossan Bowls Club</b></p>	