

COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE
AGL – CAMDEN GAS COMMITTEE

MEETING NO. 58

Meeting held at Rosalind Park Gas Plant and online via Teams, 7 September 2022

MINUTES

Member/Guest	Attendance Type
Aaron Clifton (AGL) (AC)	Present
Catherine Mooney (AGL) (CM)	Present (online)
David Henry (Wollondilly Shire Council) (DH)	Present (online)
Diane Gordon (DG)	Present
Margaret MacDonald-Hill (MMH) (Chair)	Present
Matt Deeth (Deputy Mayor Wollondilly Shire Council) MD	Present
Mitchell Clark (Campbelltown City Council) (MC)	Present
Pauline Stamedes (PS)	Apology
Rachel Marks (AGL) (RM)	Present
Sally Mayberry (SM) (Minutes)	Present
Shane Bottin (AGL) (SB)	Present
Simon Hennings (SH)	Apology
Troy Platten (TP)	Present
Vanessa Luck (Camden Council) (VL)	Present
William Benson (Barrigal Landcare) (WB)	Present

Meeting opened: 5:05pm

ITEM	ACTION	DUE DATE
<p>1.0 Welcome, Introduction and Apologies MMH – Welcome and Introductions. Apologies as above. MMH passed on the Committee’s deepest sympathy to the Deputy Mayor and people of the Wollondilly Shire on the tragic accident at Buxton which claim the lives of 5 teenagers.</p>		
<p>2.0 Declarations of interest MMH is the independent chair appointed by the Secretary of the Department of Planning and Environment. Chairs several CCC’s and is a paid chair of this meeting. MD noted his interest in regard to Menangle Hall.</p>		
<p>3.0 Confirmation of previous minutes The minutes were: Moved: TP Seconded: DH Note: The previous minutes stated, ‘Meeting 56’, however it was actually meeting 57. This is meeting number 58.</p>	AGL to amend date on website version.	As soon as possible.
<p>4.0 Business arising A long-term legacy concept was raised in previous meetings, regarding Menangle Hall addressed in AGL update.</p>		
<p>Correspondence As included in Meeting Notice and agenda with one addition</p>		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25/8/2022 – MMH response to TREO Environment confirming the CCC have no concerns. 		
<p>5.0 Reports and Presentations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AGL update (CM) • Operations and Environment (RM) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Decommissioning and rehabilitation program (RM) ○ Monitoring and Reporting Compliance (AC) • Community and Stakeholders (CM) 		
<p>6.0 AGL Update</p> <p>FY22 financial results have been released recently. CM advised that AGL’s demerger was called off at the end of May 2022. The business has remained as AGL Energy and no changes for the works associated with Camden.</p> <p>Operations and Environment</p> <p>RM advised that 41 wells are still producing. 98 wells have been fully decommissioned. One well is suspended. Wet weather has delayed civil works at some decommissioning sites. 88 wells have been signed off by EPA as completely rehabilitated. AGL has reviewed existing PPLs and will progressively relinquish areas that have been completely rehabilitated and extend 21-year initial lease period for areas where decommissioning and rehabilitation works are still required. AGL has submitted an application to the Department of Regional NSW to relinquish approx. 80% of PPL1 and over 60% of PPL5.</p> <p>AC advised that monthly, quarterly, and 6-monthly air, surface water and groundwater monitoring has been compliant over the past 12 months. Attended noise monitoring during decommissioning was completed and there were some exceedances of the construction noise criteria. The loudest part of the operation takes about 3 days – AGL try to time the noise monitoring to coincide with this time. AGL takes all reasonable and feasible actions to mitigate site noise and keep surrounding residents informed about the activity.</p> <p>Treo Environment have been approved and have commenced the 2020-2022 Independent Environmental Audit which will assess compliance with each of AGL’s licence and approvals conditions.</p> <p>Three non-compliances were reported in the Annual Return.</p> <p>The EPA has completed several leak checks on AGL’s wells but not detected any leaks.</p> <p>An AHIP was received to relocate artefacts in the Glenlee field.</p> <p>Community update</p> <p>CM reported that AGL has invested more than \$50k this financial year on a range of local community programs including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bargo Men’s Shed • Thirlmere RFS • Pictor Swim Club • OSCA • Macarthur Australasian Native Orchid Society • Buxton Community Association • Buxton RFS • Camden Swim Club • Animal Trust Society • Karitane • Kids of Macarthur • Flood Relief donations 		

<p>Furthermore, AGL would like to engage with CCC to discuss the best ways for AGL to support the local community. Going forward, AGL are reaching out to the CCC and other stakeholders to assist in identifying approximately 1-2 projects per LGA to donate to – there is still capacity to do the smaller projects as well during operational period of the project.</p> <p>General Discussion: about the interest in the local community investment fund and the ability to target the funding support within the immediate community (targeting locals and marketing locally). TP query regarding a ‘legacy’ project and the relevance of the Menangle Hall concept that was raised in previous years. MD noted his conflict of interest with the current large project under discussion. Discussion about the criteria for the annual community fund. Emphasis on incorporating more support for the applications, to help smaller community groups apply with confidence.</p> <p>CM asked if the CCC would be interested in meeting again early next year (before the next 12 month meeting), to discuss the suggestions provided by CCC and other stakeholders in the intervening period.</p> <p>DH notes that it might be good to have council representatives present. Also requesting resumption of regular updates to Local Government. MMH agreed all representatives would be welcome. An online meeting following suggestions from CCC members and local councils would be beneficial in AGL progressing the concept of legacy grants. MMH suggests April 2023 as the next meeting month; date TBD.</p> <p>Question MC: <i>Will the gas plant site be contaminated at all – after the site is deemed rehabilitated?</i> Answer AC: <i>AGL has commenced a site contamination assessment that is being overseen by an independent EPA approved auditor. There is no statutory requirement for the audit, however AGL have taken a conservative approach to ensure that the site is rehabilitated and returned to the landowner without any contamination. There are some buried tanks, pipelines and other infrastructure that will need to be removed before the site is returned to landowner.</i></p> <p>Question MC: <i>Is it possible to get a regular update of the contamination assessment and site rehabilitation steps that are taken as they happen?</i> Answer AC: <i>A copy of the site contamination report will be provided to the landowner. AC will take the query offline (out of the meeting) and discuss an agreed communication method with Council.</i></p> <p>Question DH: <i>Are there any gas wells to the west of the main road (Remembrance Driveway) between Camden and Picton?</i> Answer AC: <i>There is one well remaining on the Loganbrae property, which is visible from the side of the road, plus two sites with four wells on the Kay Park property, which is further south.</i></p> <p>Question MD: <i>Is it possible to circulate a link to a map of the existing well locations and the decommissioning process of those wells over the next few years?</i> Answer RM: <i>It is not possible to give individual well dates – they are being decommissioned within the timeframes, but the timing of each rehabilitation is variable.</i> Answer AC: <i>We can provide a map with all the wells; on that map we can outline the maps we intend to decommission in the next 12 months. We can provide updates each 12-month period going forward.</i> Question MD: <i>Could you provide more details on the PPL relinquishments?</i></p>	<p>AGL to determine regular update method for councils All CCC members to provide comments/suggestions to MMH/CM. MMH to confirm proposed in person/online meeting in April and/or update to CCC members.</p> <p>AC to further discuss offline with MC.</p> <p>AGL to provide maps to CCC.</p> <p>AGL to share relinquishment maps.</p>	<p>As soon as practical.</p> <p>Prior to 2022 end of year.</p> <p>Early 2023.</p> <p>As soon as practical.</p> <p>As soon as practical.</p> <p>At annual meetings.</p>
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