

MINUTES OF AGL TORRENS ISLAND COMMUNITY DIALOGUE GROUP MEETING
Held on Tuesday 20th February 2024 (11:00 am – 1:00 pm)
Adelaide Business Hub, 6 Todd Street Port Adelaide

1. Opening and acknowledgement

Chair of the meeting Barbara Chappell opened the meeting at 11:00 am and acknowledged that we were meeting on the lands of the Kaurna people and pay our respects to their elder's past, present and emerging.

Barbara invited everyone to introduce themselves as there were a number of people attending for the first time including Merle Simpson, Jeffrey Newchurch, Kieran O'Dea, Jo Madin and Grant Tubb.

Barbara outlined the purpose of the meeting and expectations around meeting guidelines and asked that discussions be respectful.

2. Attendance and apologies

Present: Barbara Chappell, Merle Simpson, Jeffrey Newchurch, Antony Evans, Kieran O'Dea, Jo Madin, Grant Tubb, Cr Steve Vines, David Russell, Johan Revalk, Alex Hayter, Kevin Taylor, George Karlis, Tony Bazeley, JulieAnn Stoll.

Apologies: Adrian Wotton, Matthew Farmer, Julie La Rosa, Stephen Waites.

3. Previous Minutes

Barbara called for any amendments to the minutes. There being no amendments required, the motion was put "That the minutes of the 13th November 2023 be accepted as a true and accurate record".

Moved: Johan Revalk. Seconded: Antony Evans. Motion carried.

4. Matters Arising

4.1 A question was raised about the listing of names in the Terms of Reference. The Chair explained the non-AGL representatives on the group form the membership and are named in the document. The AGL staff who attend the meeting are not listed as part of the membership and that is why their names are not included in the document.

4.2 Discussion led to a request to set up a web page on the AGL website with contact information for the CDG to access as required and as a space to post information to share with the community. This would include CDG Agenda and Meeting Minutes. Jo Madin to action this request.

4.3 A question was raised about who the group executive was as noted in section 2.8 of the ToR. David confirmed it was the Chair of the group, Barbara Chappell.

4.4 A question was raised about the reference to who can make public statements in section 2.10 of the ToR. The Chair confirmed the reference was in relation to members not making statements to the media on behalf of the group. The role of members as per Section 2.2 is to "*foster a greater community knowledge base about AGL, Torrens Island; and assist in establishing and fostering good working relationships between AGL Torrens Island, the community and other stakeholders*".

4.5 The Chair referred to information that was provided in writing prior to the November meeting on the Bitterbush Blue Butterfly; and public access to Torrens Island. Chair to resend the information with the February minutes.

4.6 An update was requested on arrangements for a visit to Lot 303 to look for Bitterbush Blue Butterflies on the Island. Access to Torrens Island is restricted due to a number of risk factors including conservation and heritage management, industrial site

security, access through the vegetation; and access to properties under different management by lease holders.

- 4.7 Jeffrey Newchurch invited the group to submit a request to the Kaurna Conservation Group to arrange a cultural awareness induction and visit to observe the butterflies on the island. George Karlis to work with Jeffrey and Merle Simpson on this and provide an update on how the visit might be arranged. Does not need to wait until the next meeting.
- 4.8 The Chair asked for feedback on the site tour taken by members of the group in November 2023. Feedback was that the tour was informative, the size of the plant was bigger than expected; and how the design of the plant has progressed and improved over the years.

5. New business: AGL Operational Update

- 5.1 Kevin Taylor provided information on the B Station Outage and the Summer Performance of the plant (see attached PP slides).
- 5.2 A question was asked about further expansion of the battery capacity. AGL has surveyed land that would facilitate expansion for a facility the size of a shipping container. They are looking to increase the stability of the supply of power to the grid.
- 5.3 A question was asked about the distribution of power for interstate use. Kevin advised the percentage was very low.
- 5.4 George Karlis provided a Health Safety and Environmental update (see attached PP slides).
- 5.5 A question was asked about lead contamination. George clarified that the discovery of lead containing dust in the A Station Transition Project prompted work to stop and the regulator to be notified. Changes were made which included developing a working-with-lead procedure, as well as conducting a review to identify tasks which would mitigate any further risks.
- 5.6 A question was asked about whether testing for lead contamination within and beyond the site was taking place. It was explained that the lead exposure event was confined to the A Station works. Water leaving site is tested for lead (and other contaminants). An update to be provided at the next meeting.
- 5.7 Antony Evans provided an update on Torrens A Station Decommissioning and Demolition (see attached PP slides).
- 5.8 A question was asked about low level PFAS Soil/Groundwater contamination risks to the dolphin population in the Torrens River and interest from the Dolphin Sanctuary Action Group. George provided information that the report submitted to EPA found minimal risk of elevated PFAS in the estuary due to Torrens sources. Measures are in place at Torrens such as containment measures, a drain study is being conducted, and an Emergency Response Plan developed.
- 5.9 David Russell advised Jo Madin has taken on the role of Community Relations Manager for AGL and will be the liaison for the group. David will still be involved as Senior Manager Stakeholder Engagement SA & QLD.

6. Open Dialogue

- 6.1 At 12:55 pm the Chair invited everyone to get lunch and stay to continue conversations if they had time.

7. Next meeting

The proposed date for the next meeting was Tuesday 21st May 2024 commencing at 11:00 am in Port Adelaide.