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Meeting **Community Liaison Committee (CLC)**

Meeting No. 45
Date Monday 22 February 2021
Time 4.00 pm
Location Online videoconference

Attendees

Chair

Ian Colley

Community Members

Jenny Maddocks
Louise Symonds

City of Canterbury

Graham Humphrys –Bankstown

Strathfield Council

Yvonne Yun

Office of Jodi McKay Member for Strathfield

Jacqui Thorburn

Minute Taker

Judith Maude

NSW Ports

Alison Wedgwood, Environment & Sustainability Coordinator
Trevor Brown, HSC & Risk
Vida Cheeseman, Corporate Affairs
Sarah Downey, Corporate Affairs
Adri Pienaar, Site Coordinator
James Leggett, Property Manager
Adriane Whiley, Planning Officer

Linx

Robyn Simpson
Frank Adriano
Luke McNamara
Shauna Straney

Swift

Geoff DeSantis

Apologies

Ben Milner - Goodman
Sam Shaw, Strathfield Council
Clara Kovac, Community Member
Maryanne Duggan, Office of Jodi McKay Member for Strathfield
Miguel Rivera, Strathfield Council

General Business

1. Welcome, Apologies and introductions

The Chair declared the meeting open at 4.03pm. The Chair acknowledged the traditional owners of the lands on which the meeting was being held.

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2. Minutes of last meeting

The Committee RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting held 16 November 2020 as an accurate record of the matters discussed.

[Moved Geoff DeSantis; Seconded Adri Pienaar; Motion carried]

3. Matters Arising

There was one matter arising from the previous meeting, being a report on the 29 September chemical spill.

The Committee was informed that the incident did not occur within the Enfield Intermodal Logistics Centre and that an incident report had been provided by Pacific National, which identified that the container that was carrying ammonium nitrate was in poor condition which led to the minor chemical spill.

There had been a discussion at the 16 November 2020 meeting about communication. T Brown confirmed that any communication with surrounding community (e.g. evacuation information) would be the responsibility of emergency services, and that this is the approach at all sites that are managed by NSW Ports.

NSW Ports Business Update

4. Excellence in Construction awards

S Downey confirmed that two precincts within the Enfield Intermodal Logistics Centre were recently awarded the NSW Master Builders Association 'Excellence in Construction' Award for Industrial Buildings. This award-winning logistics hub consists of two precincts offering industrial warehousing, office space and work areas, all connected by direct freight rail to Port Botany.

The Committee noted their congratulations on the Award.

5. Corporate Affairs update

Enfield CLC Membership Survey 2021

V Cheeseman and S Downey presented the outcomes of the Enfield Community Liaison Committee Membership Survey.

The Committee discussed the feedback that had been received about the frequency of meetings, noting the following comments from Committee members:

- Meetings should be at least quarterly to ensure that issues don't get missed or overlooked
- Six monthly is too infrequent
- Occasionally there is little to discuss at quarterly meetings, however it is better to have a light meeting than to miss key issues by holding meetings less frequently
- Quarterly meetings are useful to maintain relationships

Following discussion amongst the group, V Cheeseman confirmed that the frequency would remain quarterly.

V Cheeseman also noted that overall members reported that they are satisfied with how the forum is being

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run. Next steps will be to focus the Committee's agendas on the issues identified through the surveys.

The Committee was informed that proactive updates will be provided via new community channels, including social media, and new campaigns will be introduced to support community engagement. Committee members will be given further information about those campaigns.

Grants Program

The inaugural NSW Ports Community Care Grants Program will be launched in March 2021. The program will deliver one-off grants of up to \$10,000 to support local projects and initiatives that deliver social, economic or environmental benefits for the communities in which we operate. Members of this group will receive email communication once the program is launched and we welcome information from membership about worthy community groups that might qualify for funding, in line with the program's terms and conditions.

Enfield Development Project Update

6. Construction program

A Whiley provided an update on the construction program. The Committee was informed that there was no new warehouse precinct development scheduled at this stage, and a timeline has not been identified for construction of the next precinct.

7. EILC Audit update

A Wedgwood provided an update on the outcomes of environmental audit. She confirmed that the audit had been completed, that no issues of non-compliance had been identified, and overall the audit outcome was positive. The auditor made some minor observations relating to conformances with the Operational Environmental Management Plan.

The Audit Report has been submitted to the Department and has been published on the NSW Ports website.

8. Green & Golden Bell Frogs habitat upgrade

A Wedgwood provided an update on the frog habitat upgrade and works undertaken to ensure the ponds receive adequate water during periods of low rainfall. Five water tanks have been installed, which are connected to the detention basin. These tanks are now operational and will be used to maintain the water levels in the frog ponds, and to provide backup irrigation for the plantings on Mt Enfield.

The Committee was informed that there are a number of frogs in the habitat, but no evidence yet of Green and Gold Bell Frogs.

Y Yun noted that Strathfield Council are working to have the Council pond site adjacent to the rail transport corridor cleared of the weeds. This work will be undertaken in March, after which new frog ponds will be installed. A breeding colony of frogs will be imported.

Committee Member Updates

9. Tenant developments

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J Leggett confirmed that the development site at the southern end of Enfield will be developed by Flower Power into a garden centre, consisting of a nursery and ancillary retail. While the Development Application has been approved, a commencement date for construction has not been announced.

Linx

F Adriano provided an update on Linx's operations. He noted that the site is busy and there are increasing rail movements from the Port.

R Simpson informed the Committee that the Environmental Protection Agency determined in 2020 that rolling stock operators (such as Linx) and rail infrastructure managers are required to hold separate environmental protection licences. She confirmed that Linx has a current licence that is available to the public on the company's website, which includes a Pollution Incident Response Management Plan.

Swift

G DeSantis confirmed that business was progressing well. Swift has obtained extra space from Linx for containers, noting that they had experienced some difficulties moving material off the wharf due to the impacts of COVID-19.

G DeSantis raised a concern about the increased traffic between Wentworth Street and Cosgrove Road, and the number of trucks continuing to park on Wentworth Street. This is causing traffic congestion, and poses a risk to safety.

Action: G DeSantis to forward information about traffic issues in Wentworth Street to Y Yun for referral within Council, and to A Wedgwood to refer to the RTCG.

Community representatives noted that many local residents believe that the road through the facility is a public road. A Wedgwood confirmed that it is a private road. Committee members noted that there is also significantly increased traffic from other local businesses who use the road.

Action: A Wedgwood to arrange for signage about public access to be reviewed.

10. Council Updates

Strathfield Council

Y Yun informed the Committee that Strathfield Council is launching a 'Greening of Industrial Precincts' research program in conjunction with Macquarie University relating to planting and nurturing street trees. The project reflects a concern that street trees that are currently being planted may not survive in rising global temperatures. New species for planting will be identified, and control groups outside established in Cooke Park to measure how tolerant the trees are to heat, as well as how much particulate matter they remove from the atmosphere. Planting will commence in about April.

Council will be making a press release in relation to the project, and information will be available on Council's website in the next 3 to 4 weeks.

Canterbury-Bankstown Council

G Humphrys informed the Committee that Canterbury-Bankstown Council will be putting a number of strategic documents and master plans on exhibition shortly. A number of projects have been accelerated so that construction can start in 2021.

G Humphrys further noted that over December and January, Council undertook a comprehensive communication and engagement exercise regarding rate harmonisation. A proposal has been prepared for a special rate variation, which has been approved by Council and will be submitted to IPART. A further round of community engagement will be undertaken in due course.

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HSE Update

11. Summary of complaints/incidents

T Brown confirmed that no complaints have been received since the last meeting.

A minor incident was reported relating to small grass fires on Mt Enfield. The fires had caused some damage to the landscape plantings along the walkways. This will be investigated and any affected plants will be replaced.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Next Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 5.00 pm.

The next meeting will be held on 24 May 2021.

These minutes have been endorsed by the Chair, Ian Colley.