

Port Augusta Community Reference Working Group Meeting Notes

Meeting Number	1
Date	Tuesday, 11 April, 7pm, The Standpipe Hotel, Afghan Cameleers Room
Attendees	Chris Kennett (Housing SA), Jenni Rowbottom (County Health SA Local Health Network), Brian Reichelt, Brett Prentis, Michelle Coles, Tracey Freeman (for Dan van Holst Pellekaan), Brad Williams (Flinders Power), Steve Dangerfield (communicate), Felicity Jukes (communicate)
Apologies	Dan van Holst Pellekaan, Penny Archer, Dennis Bailey, Ros McCrae, Aaron Stewart

Note: Invitations have been extended to other individuals and organisations but in the absence of no response received to date they have not been included in the list above. These invitations remain open and will be followed up during May.

1. Welcome

Steve opened the meeting at 7pm, welcomed all community reference group members and outlined the purpose of the workshop, the proposed format and structure and detailed the agenda.

Steve explained the suggestion for a community reference group emerged as a concept from the Community Information Day held in February 2017.

2. communicate engagement scope

Steve explained communicate has been engaged by Flinders Power to facilitate the community reference group and provide administrative support. Steve outlined his role was to ensure a conduit between community leaders and the community groups and Flinders Power to test methodologies, provide information transfer and exchange, identify key issues and review broader communication initiatives, ideas and trust.

Steve also explained that communicate will be involved in managing community queries, advising on communication initiatives, strategy and activities and delivering communications materials.

3. Introductions

Steve asked reference group members to introduce themselves and outline their expectations. The group detailed areas of interest and expectations including:

- The need to establish trust between the parties
- To open the lines of communication and be transparent in providing information about the Ash Storage Area rehabilitation and Power Station demolition
- To provide the facts thereby resolving myths
- To provide accurate information supported by research on the Ash Storage Area rehabilitation process and methodology.

During the introductions, the group agreed they would like a senior technical representative from the EPA present at all future meetings. (Action)

4. Reference group – purpose, objectives, terms of reference, membership, contacts, protocols, meeting structure going forward, future topics

Steve presented an overview of the draft terms of reference to the group. He asked members to consider them over the next few weeks and provide any feedback or comments. (Action)

The group was asked to comment regarding membership of the group and if there were additional members to be invited. The group provided the following suggestions:

- Louise Absalom (Business Port Augusta)
- Debbi Nicholls or Robin Sharp (Port Augusta Coastal Homes)
- Robin Harkin (Regional DECDS)
- John Miller (CFS)
- Darren McNamee (MFS)
- Margaret Stewart (Dept Child Protection)
- Emily Alchin (HVACC)
- Mark Kuhn
- Ken Brodie

Steve spoke about contact details and privacy in relation to the draft terms of reference. Steve asked members whether they were comfortable in making the community aware of names of members and the minutes of the group publicly available to provide community transparency. The group agreed to making their names publicly available. Where the individual represents a Department or Organisation the name should be stated. Phone numbers however should not be released.

The group determined the best day and time for future meetings was Thursday nights commencing at approximately 4.30pm.

Steve outlined the approach for conflict resolution within the group and asked for respect with regard to differences of opinion. In most cases, a facilitated response will be sought but acknowledged this may not be possible in every circumstance.

The group discussed the terms of reference with regard to media liaison and agreed to not represent or speak on behalf of the entire community reference group (unless the group agreed to appoint a group spokesperson for a particular issue). Steve stressed this did not negate individual rights for members to represent personal opinions to the media.

5. Journey map

Steve presented the journey map for both the power station demolition and the Ash Storage Area rehabilitation.

Brad indicated the timelines are currently subject to change due to the complexity of the project. As a result, the boiler and central bunker charge felling dates are yet to be determined.

The timeline will be kept updated based on information to hand and will carry a note advising it is subject to change.

6. Current status – project update

Brad presented the group with an update from Flinders Power regarding:

- The charge felling of the Western and Eastern coal bunkers - dust management and the criteria taken into account in order for the charge felling. Discussion was had regarding the dust generated from the activity, its movement and dissipation.
- Dust monitoring sites and data
- EPA approvals for the Ash Storage Area topsoil spreading and rehabilitation plan
- Rehabilitation progress of the Ash Storage Area – some discussion was had regarding the horticultural plan associated with the rehabilitation. Brad stated that they were pleased with progress. Planting is anticipated to commence in June to take advantage of winter rains.
- Demolition works

7. Key issues – brainstorm and storyboard

The group discussed a 'grieving process' for the loss of significant community icons once the power station stack and boilers were demolished and potential opportunities for commemoration including:

- A public marker
- A living story – history – opportunity to put together a short film incorporating stories of those who worked at the Power Station
- Museum storage
- Historical artefacts

Brad commented that Flinders Power do have access to historical photos which provided a rich source of history of the Power Station and it would be good to identify how all the materials (both in the community and with Flinders Power) could be stored and presented for future community reference.

Health was raised as a key issue that required further clarification. In particular, advice to community regarding what to do if you were experiencing respiratory symptoms as a consequence of dust. It was noted that information had been provided by the Department of Health at the Community Information Day for concerned members of the community to approach their General Practitioner. Following some discussion it was agreed that this advice needed to be reaffirmed in project communications. It may also be appropriate to review any fact sheet or written public information to this effect to ensure this advice is clearly articulated to the community.

A question was also raised with respect to provision of statistics as to the numbers of people presenting to their General Practitioner with issues related to respiratory issues. Concern was raised that this information was not easily accessible with the need to protect confidentiality and would not necessarily provide any clarity over the extent of the issue as there were many factors that may contribute to respiratory health related matters.

Steve said he would speak to Health to ascertain what information had been distributed to the community and what additional information might be available. Information should also be included in the news-sheet to be distributed to community about what to do and who to approach if an individual has health concerns. A specific fact sheet should also be developed

either by accessing anything that Health currently has or developing a fit for purpose communication.

Steve then asked the group for topics and areas of interest to inform the next reference group meeting. The group suggested that discussion should be had if appropriate and subject to timing regarding the following:

- The Coffey site contamination report
- Tonkin's report on Bird Lake – and the opportunity to ask questions (Steve stressed that Flinders Power would be a stakeholder in this discussion)
- Flinders Power's plans and rationale
- The Ash Storage Area rehabilitation – including other examples where similar rehabilitation had occurred. Wish to consider the science behind the rehabilitation especially the horticultural strategy
- Dust monitoring data
- Health information
- Marine environmental health

Consideration will be given to progressing these topics at future Reference Group meetings.

8. Communications

A community newsletter was proposed by Steve and the group's input sought regarding Flinders Power's communication channels.

The group discussed Alert SA, Facebook, feedback portal, TV community event advertising, and school student education as suggested additional communication channels. School education could involve site tours, presentations and involvement in the planting program. The Port Augusta cinema was offered as a venue for future community drop-in sessions. Steve suggested the use of 'opt-in' SMS information.

The Flinders Power website should carry all key documentation and it should be presented in a way that is easy to find. A guide to interpreting the air monitoring graphs should be written.

It was proposed that communication channels be offered to the community via the newsletter and then developed based on interest.

9. Next steps and meeting close

Steve confirmed the notes from the meeting would be circulated to members in the coming weeks and the next meeting date would be arranged for late May (pending availability). An agenda will be circulated in advance. Steve stated additional reference group members would be sought prior to the next meeting.

Steve thanked the group for their attendance and closed the meeting at 10.15pm.

Actions

Item	Action	Who	When
1	Arrange a senior technical representative from the EPA present at all future meetings	Flinders Power	Next meeting
2	Contact additional stakeholders to increase and complement membership of reference group	Flinders Power	Mid May
3	Review draft terms of reference and provide comment	Reference Group Members	Next meeting
4	Modify and update timeline infographic	Flinders Power	Next meeting
5	Prepare community flyer to update on progress and invite to register for more information	Flinders Power	End May