

**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**Cowal Gold Operations**  
**Community Environmental Monitoring**  
**and Consultative Committee (CEMCC)**

**Date:** Wednesday 4 March 2020  
**Time:** 9.08 am – 9.52 am EMCC – WCC Condobolin  
**Minutes taken by:** Kathryn Conroy

**Attendees:**

Independent Chairperson: Lisa Andrews (LA)  
Evolution: Greg Walker (GW)  
Danielle Wallace (DW)  
Kathryn Conroy (KC)  
Renee Pettit (RP)  
Community Members: Lucy Buttenshaw (LB), Angus Stitt (AS), Kate Dean (KD) Bruce Dent (BD), Ally Coe (AC)  
Bland Shire Council: Cr Brian Monaghan (BM)  
Forbes Shire Council: Cr Steve Karaitiana (SK)  
Lachlan Shire: Cr Dennis Brady (DB)

**Apologies:** Cr Brian Monaghan (BM), Cr Phyllis Miller OAM (DB), Chris Roylance (CR), Ally Coe (AC)

ITEM	ACTION
<p><b>1. Welcome</b></p> <p>Independent Chair, LA, opened the meeting at 9:08am and thanked all members for coming.</p>	
<p><b>2. Declaration of Interest</b></p> <p>LA advised there were no changes to previous declarations by CEMCC members, nor to hers; Independent Chair of the CEMCC, appointed by the Secretary of the NSW Department of Planning and Environment, and she receives payment via a Trust established by the Bland Shire Council for her work as Chair of the CEMCC.</p> <p>Renee Pettit (RP) completed a declaration statement.</p>	
<p><b>3. Confirmation of Previous Minutes</b></p> <p>Moved by Denis Brady (DB), seconded by Bruce Dent (BD)</p>	
<p><b>4. Business Arising from Previous Minutes</b></p> <p>No changes</p> <p>DW created acronym list and included in presentation.</p>	<p><b>Action 1:</b> DW to review acronyms list and add any additional items required to next presentation.</p>

<p><b>5. Correspondence (as emailed with the meeting notice)</b></p> <p>Near neighbour correspondence – noise and blast concerns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DW advised that Evolution is investigating options to provide noise mitigation to relevant properties. Ongoing but compliant with consent limits.</li> <li>• KC advised consultation between business owners and car parking is continuing. Monitoring to resolve issue with consideration of alternative parking options should complaints continue.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Action 2:</b> DW and RP to continue to respond to concerns raised by near neighbor re blast and close out business owners.</p>
<p><b>6. Reports</b></p> <p>DW provided a detailed account of Cowal Gold Operations (CGO's) Environment Department's activities over the last quarter.</p> <p>KC provided details on the activities undertaken by the Social Responsibility Department in the last quarter.</p> <p>DW provided details on current status of approvals.</p>	<p>See attached presentation for further details.</p> <p><b>Action 3:</b> DW to update CEMCC once WAD CN investigation completed.</p>
<p><b>7. General Business</b></p> <p>Perception Survey, initiative from Evolution, very proactive, interviews starting from Friday 13 March.</p> <p>DB thanked Evolution for financial assistance during current drought conditions.</p> <p>RDA social Media workshop in Condobolin sponsored by Evolution was commended on content. It was expressed that it would be very beneficial to local businesses online presence during tough times.</p> <p>GW Interim GM introduced himself with his background, goals &amp; attraction to Evolution Cowal. GW noted a strong community engagement and will work hard to enhance this relationship with the community.</p> <p>KC informed committee of her resignation due to personal reasons and thanked members for support.</p> <p><b>Meetings for 2020 are as follows:</b></p> <p>3 June- Forbes Shire Council</p>	

26 August – On site  2 December - ECCC	
<b>8. Meeting Closed – 9.52am.</b>	

***Next meeting: Wednesday, 3 June 2020, Forbes Shire Council commencing at 9am.***

**ACTION ITEMS**

ITEM	ISSUE	RESPONSIBILITY
1	Add acronyms to list as they arise	DW
2	DW and RP to respond to concerns raised by near neighbor re blast and close out business owner concerns	DW and RP
3	DW to update CEMCC once WAD CN investigations completed.	DW