

Meeting Minutes

Meeting **Community Liaison Committee (CLC)**

Meeting No. 43
Date Monday 24 August 2020
Time 4.00 pm
Location Online videoconference

Attendees

Chair

Ian Colley

Community Members

Jenny Maddocks

City of Canterbury Bankstown

Graham Humphrys

Strathfield Council

Whitney May-Lever

Office of Jodi McKay Member for Strathfield

Jacqui Thornburn

Minute Taker

Judith Maude

NSW Ports

Alison Wedgwood, Enviro & Sustainability

Trevor Brown, HSE & Risk

Tim Arkell, Senior Project Manager

James Leggett, Property Manager

Vida Cheeseman, Corporate Affairs

Sarah Downey, Corporate Affairs

Marika Calfas, CEO NSW Ports

Linx

Robyn Simpson

Frank Adriano

Apologies

Louise Symonds – Community

Yvonne Yun – Strathfield Council

Sam Shaw, Strathfield Council

Ben Milner - Goodman

Geoff DeSantis, Swift

General Business

1. Welcome, Apologies and introductions

The Chair declared the meeting open at 4.04 pm.

2. VALE – Bill Thompson

The Committee noted the sad passing of Committee member Bill Thompson and recognised his valuable contribution to the Committee as a Community Representative.

3. Minutes of last meeting (community report feedback in lieu of previous meeting)

There were no minutes to consider and approve. The minutes from the February meeting had been approved by the Committee by an electronic voting mechanism. In lieu of a meeting in May, NSW Ports had prepared a Community Report.

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Actions arising from previous minutes

4. New community committee members

The Committee noted the ongoing contribution of J Maddocks and L Symonds as Community representatives. An additional Community Member will be appointed to fill the vacancy created by B Thompson's passing. The Committee discussed the use of social media to engage with community groups, and the potential inclusion of a representative from the local business community.

Action: V Cheeseman to consult with G Humphrys regarding community consultation, including the use of social media.

NSW Ports Business Update

5. CEO Update – Marika Calfas

The CEO of NSW Ports presented a verbal update on the operations and activities at NSW Ports generally, as well as the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. She informed the Committee that:

- A reduction in the volume of both imports and exports from China, which comprise about 40% and 20% of container movements respectively, had a significant impact on operations at Port Botany
- The shut-down of ports in China A reduction in logistics operations in China had a significant impact on the ability to unload export containers, with refrigerated containers posing a particular challenge.
- Shipping schedules and logistics are starting to return to a new level of normal. Some changes to operations have also presented opportunities to improve systems and processes, and these improvements will be maintained post-COVID.
- Volume of container imports was down marginally compared to the previous financial year, and the contents of containers had changed to reflect the needs arising from COVID-19, being a greater volume of long-life food products, computer equipment, and chemicals such as disinfectants. Aviation fuel imports declined significantly as did unleaded fuel, reflecting the reduced demand for those products due to the impact of COVID on travel.

The CEO expressed the view that the volume of movements in and out of NSW Ports in the future will be linked to the economic conditions and is likely to continue as it currently is in the short term. She noted that there has been a significant impact on the retail industry and residential construction. The Enfield Intermodal Terminal continues to be supported and will not be significantly impacted by any changes in the activities at NSW Ports.

6. Corporate Affairs Update:

V Cheeseman and S Downey provided an update on Corporate Affairs activities. The new NSW Ports website which had been launched the previous week was demonstrated. The site includes:

- An updated menu structure to provide easier access to information
- A dedicated media centre, which includes a photo gallery and a video gallery
- Public access feature on homepage indicating open / closure status of public areas
- Information about community engagement, living locally and sustainability. This will also be where all meeting minutes from Community Liaison Committees are published.
- Easier and clearer ways to contact NSW Ports
- A mechanism to subscribe to a range of notifications from NSW Ports.
- A page dedicated to the Enfield Intermodal Logistics Centre.

The website does not currently provide access to the content in different languages, and this is not an accessibility requirement. That functionality may be considered in a future phase of the website if it is

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needed.

Enfield Development Project Update

7. Construction program

T Arkell provided an update on the construction program and presented the current status of the Enfield Concept Plan. He noted that:

- Precincts C, C1, C2, F and H are fully tenanted and trading well.
- Precinct E has tenants ready to commit. Construction will commence in November or December, with completion expected in about October 2021.
- Negotiations are underway with a large logistics firm for Precinct A which should commence in 2021, and will be linked to the development of Precinct B.
- There has been very little construction progress since the last update, primarily due to the impacts of COVID-19. Construction is expected to restart in the coming months.

The Committee was informed that some changes were being made to Cosgrove Road to prevent vehicles over 6m turning left into Turnout Drive, which is not permitted. A proposal is currently with Council for the construction of traffic islands. Feedback from Council is expected shortly. Construction is expected to commence in the coming months. It will be a short project with little disruption to the area.

8. Frog pond investigations

T Arkell informed the Committee that NSW Ports have identified a method to capture water in the detention basin in order to supply water for the frog ponds. 50 000 litres of that water will be stored to enable the frog ponds to be supplied with water during periods of drought.

Committee Member Updates

9. Tenant developments

Linx

F Adriano noted that an increasing number of vehicles are getting lost on the site and are approaching gatehouse staff for guidance. T Arkell acknowledged that navigating the precinct is difficult and confirmed that NSW Ports is currently working with tenants to ensure that appropriate information is provided to drivers about locating individual tenancies.

10. Council Update

Strathfield Council

W May-Lever provided a brief update on behalf of Strathfield Council. She confirmed that Council was implementing a new Biodiversity strategy, which includes objectives relating to frog ponds in close vicinity to Enfield.

Canterbury Bankstown

G Humphrys provided a brief update on behalf of Canterbury Bankstown Council, noting that the Council has a small number of staff on site and the majority are continuing to operate remotely. Community engagement continues to be active, and staff are exploring opportunities to engage with communities via alternative methods, including using the website and social media.

HSE Update

11. Summary of complaints/incidents

T Brown confirmed that no complaints had been received since the last meeting in February 2020.

He noted that there had been an incident on the Swift site in June, involving a forklift which caught on fire.

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There was no impact of that incident on residents in the area.

A Wedgwood informed the Committee that NSW Ports has been reviewing a range of relevant documentation, including documents relating to landscape management and operational traffic management. The focus on that review is on monitoring and maintenance and addressing some of the recommendations from last years environmental audit. As the documentation is updated, they will be published on the website and any material matters will be brought to the Committee's attention.

Other Business

J Leggett informed the Committee that no changes have been made to the Flower Power plan, and they expect to continue with the development as approved. They have indicated some minor modifications may be made associated with driveways and carpark. Some delays have been experienced associated with COVID, but also due to the sale of the existing Flower Power site in Strathfield. He noted that if any modifications are proposed to the planning approval, this will be communicated to the Committee.

Next Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 5.04 pm.

The next meeting will be held on 16 November.

These minutes have been endorsed by the Chair, Ian Colley