

Shire of Irwin

Community Roundtable Workshop

- Notes

Date: 10th May 2017

Time: 6:00pm to 8:00pm

Venue: Irwin Recreation Centre

Attendees:

- Alan Alcock (Community/F.A.I.R)
- Annette Copeland (Community/F.A.I.R)
- Brad Jakowyna (Department of Mines and Petroleum)
- Catrina Scatena (Community/F.A.I.R)
- Diana Lundberg (Community)
- Dianne Horne (Community/F.A.I.R)
- Erin Greaves (Shire of Irwin)
- Gavin Treasure (Mid West Development Commission)
- Jane Aberdeen (AWE)
- Jenny Devereux (Community/MidWest Labour Pool)
- Jim March (Community/F.A.I.R)
- Judie Laurie (Community/F.A.I.R)
- Julie Burr (Community/F.A.I.R)
- Ian West (Shire of Irwin)
- Kris Barnes (Facilitator)
- Lyn Reid (Dept of Mines and Petroleum)
- Lynette Sunderland (Community/F.A.I.R)
- Mark Canny (Dept of Water)
- Maria Brown (Community/F.A.I.R)
- Peter Nunn (Community/Nufab)
- Robyn Watts (Community/F.A.I.R)
- Rod Copeland (Community/F.A.I.R)
- Sally O'Brien (Community)
- Simone Van Hatten (Lock the Gate)
- Steve McCracken (AWE)

Wise use: The information in these notes are intended to reflect the key points discussed at the workshop and should be taken in this spirit.

Purpose: To provide a clear line of communication for upcoming AWE Projects (especially Waitsia Project) in the Mid West between local community members, Traditional Owners, landowners, local business, government, local not-for-profit groups and AWE, as well as each other.

Scene Setting and Agenda

Kris Barnes set the scene for the evening. This included the agenda and outlining ground rules for the workshop.

Workshop notes format

Before proceeding with the workshop, a group of attendees requested spending time discussing how the workshop was written up. Issues raised about the workshop notes included:

- The notes were not detailed enough
- Key questions raised during the workshop were not always captured
- General statements were at times made in the notes that not everyone agreed with
- The questions raised during the workshop are more important than the notes and should be the focus of the minutes
- The meeting should be minuted in a more traditional manner with all conversations captured.

Most workshop attendees preferred the current format of the notes as they felt detailed meetings minutes were not necessary for a conversation based workshop.

The facilitator made the following observations:

- The format of the workshop is designed to promote open conversations with key guest speakers and to ensure that all voices are heard. The format uses a smaller group format rather than traditional public meetings. This format allows a better chance for all voices to be heard
- The notes are intended to reflect the key points discussed at the workshop and should be taken in this spirit
- There were previous concerns raised in the workshops that if detailed minutes were being captured then people would feel less comfortable to speak.

Action

The facilitator agreed to create a hybrid solution to meet the different views of the attendees at the workshop. This includes:

- Checking the content of the notes with presenters before they go out to the broader audience
- Making a better effort to capture all key questions raised in the workshop and include these questions in the Q&A document
- Updating the Q&A document to include the full answers to questions (rather than links to the answers)
- Placing all workshop notes and key documentation online and hardcopies (on request) with the Shire of Irwin
- Avoiding where possible generalised statements in the notes
- Sensitive information discussed in the workshops would not be included in the notes (e.g. some of the discussions about contracts concerning Sally O'Brien)

Unfortunately, the lengthy discussion on the format of workshop notes prevented the group working through all the agenda items. This included having adequate time for a project update from AWE staff in attendance, hearing Question 5 (Monitoring) answered, discussing steering group selections and other key administration discussions for potential future meetings.

Invited Speaker: Sally O'Brien

Question 3: How do land access agreements work in practice?

Kris Barnes thanked Sally O'Brien for volunteering to speak to the group about her landowner access experiences with AWE's Irwin-1 appraisal well.

Early Days

- Sally's family came to the area in the 1930's
- There had been some "cowboy" oil and gas companies come through the region in the past and undertook seismic surveys. Companies approached farmers individually.
- In the early days, Sally felt that there wasn't much that her family could do about oil and gas companies coming onto their land. This had caused her concern because she felt the integrity of her products and family was important
- Sally expressed to the workshop that her family cared deeply for the land and wanted to hand it over to the next generation in even a better condition than how they received it.

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- Origin, with AWE as a minor shareholder, approached Irwin landholders regarding conducting bar far the most intensive seismic survey ever to be conducted in the region
- All landholders initially worried about what work they wanted to do
- Sally was also concerned that companies were approaching farmers individually rather than as a collective. Local landholders joined together to collectively negotiate access agreement and compensation rates. Successful outcome.

2014 - today

- AWE sought regulatory approval for Irwin-1 appraisal well and approached our business to negotiate an access and compensation agreement
- We had a family discussion on what this meant to us. We believe that we are consumers of energy and that it would be hypocritical of us if we didn't do it. Having it on our land gives us the opportunity to influence how the process is conducted and managed for all. Developed what we felt was a fair access and compensation agreement with AWE representatives over a period of nearly 12 months
- The families experiences from many years of dealing with oil and gas companies assisted in the development of a land user access agreement template, a joint initiative of farming groups and industry
- We had good input into appropriate site access (i.e. avoiding direct access in some circumstances and getting a good new road where we wanted it)
- We will get a new agreement if the company chooses to go into production phase. We feel our agreements give us some control
- We are always looking out for new technology with oil and gas so that things can be done better
- It is always best to keep communicating and trying to find common ground and agreement; all the while getting you the best outcome. This was a key theme of Sally's conversation.

Questions

Do you have a sunset clause?

ANS: Yes

Does AWE have a right to purchase the farm if gas comes in?

Ans: No

What happens to compensation if something happens onsite or offsite?

Ans: AWE is responsible for operating within the approvals granted and would have to clean-up any contamination caused as a result of its activities (i.e. on or off-site).

If I don't have a baseline study am I protected?

Ans: Yes, however, baseline studies help to show cause and effect.

Have you had any abandoned wells on your property?

Ans: Yes. Two exploration wells but these have been rehabilitated.

Comment: Jane Aberdeen. When you take on exploration you take on decommissioning.

Has your family had baseline health checks as there could be health issues associated with this industry?

Ans: No

Facilitator comments: There were also some Q&A related to the commercial interests of Sally O'Brien. The facilitator does not believe that it is appropriate that these conversations are recorded in these notes. It is recommended to contact Sally directly on these questions and answers as they are of a personal nature.

Invited Speaker: Jane Aberdeen

Activities update and Question 5: What monitoring is in place - Baseline, Air and Water, CSIRO Project?

Due to the unscheduled discussion on the administration of the community roundtable, there was insufficient time for the AWE guest speakers to answer the Question 5 and provide a detailed Project update. Jane Aberdeen provided a quick summary: explaining that the appraisal well drilling (Waitsia-3 and Waitsia-4) described at previous meetings was scheduled to begin in May and planning of the Waitsia Gas Project – Stage 2 production facility (planned to be located near the Mondara Gas Facility) was progressing. She also reminded people about the well decommissioning activities being undertaken at a disused production well located near the river and visible from the road so it was not mistaken for well drilling activity.

Actions

Actions	Who	When
Facilitator to write-up notes from Workshop 5 with suggested changes to format and send to participants and those people that were not able to attend.	Kris Barnes	30 June 2017
Return comments about notes to Facilitator.	Attendees	31 July 2017
Confirm next workshop details (e.g. interest in more workshops, potential timing, agenda).	Kris Barnes	31 July 2017
Meeting room to be booked for next workshop (if required).	Jenny Devereux	31 August 2017