

McPhillamys Gold Project CCC Minutes

Title	McPhillamys Gold Project Community Consultative Committee (CCC) Meeting #28	
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Meeting Date	6pm, Monday 25 November 2024	
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Venue	Blayney Shire Council Community Centre	
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Meeting Attendees	David Ross (DR)	Independent Chair
	Jeannine Bryant (JB)	Minute Taker

	Elizabeth Russ (ER)	Community Representative
	Miles Hedge (MH)	Community Representative
	Cyril Smith (CS)	ORWSA Representative
	Rosemary Reid (RR)	Community Representative
	Daniel Sutton (DS)	BHPG Representative
	Jordan Butler (JB)	Community Representative
	Jan Steele (JS)	Community Representative

	Bruce Reynolds (BR)	Blayney Council
	Nick Redmond	Orange City Council
	Heather Nicholls	Cabonne Shire Council
	Robert Taylor	Bathurst Regional Council

	Wayne Taylor (WT)	Regis Resources
	Kathryn Logan (KL)	Regis Resources
	Danielle Wallace (DW)	Regis Resources

Observers	Robert (Bob) Russ (RR)	Alternate community representative
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Apologies	Nil	
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Next Meeting	6pm, Monday 24 March 2025	
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Agenda item	Action
Meeting opened	6:00 pm DR welcomed everyone to the meeting.
1. Apologies	Nil
2. Declaration of pecuniary and other interests	DR is paid a fee to chair the meeting. JB is paid a fee to record the minutes of the meeting.
3. Business arising from previous minutes	Correction to BR's representation in previous minutes.
4. Previous minutes	Previous minutes endorsed by CCC members.
5. Correspondence	Nil
6. Update on Project	
7. Next meeting	6pm, Monday 24 November 2024 at Blayney Shire Council Community Centre
8. Meeting closed	7.15 pm

	Action Items	Responsible	Due By
1	Book Blayney Community Centre for Monday 24 March 2025	Kath Logan	24 th February, 2025
2	Draft minutes distributed to members by email (including alternates)	David Ross	3 rd December, 2024
3	Committee members provide any comments on draft November minutes to Chairperson.	All committee members	10 th December, 2024
4	Business arising from previous minutes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correction in previous minutes has been completed by DR. • Approach CCC members concerning the use of their email addresses under the Privacy Act. 	David Ross David Ross	Completed 17 th December
5	Copy of slide presentation to be forwarded to DR for attaching to minutes.	Kath Logan	3 rd December
6	Post on McPhillamys website: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final minutes for September 2024 meeting • Draft minutes and final presentation for November 2024 meeting 	Kath Logan Kath Logan	Complete Monday, 17 th December 2024
7	Invite members to submit questions before March 2025 meeting.	David Ross	10 th March, 2025

4. Business Arising from the Previous Minutes

DR advised he had recently been informed that, to comply with the Privacy Act, emails to members would either need to be:

- Addressed to members as blind carbon copies; or
- Seek approval from each member for their email addresses to be visible to one another.

Action described above to resolve this.

Following the local government elections, Blayney Shire Council has determined that representation on the three CCCs that are of relevance to Council will now come from councillors, rather than staff. DR thanked Mark Dicker for his involvement to date on the committee.

5. Correspondence.

There were no questions raised by committee members in the lead-up to the meeting.

6. Update of Project

DW commenced by stating there has been a lot of discussion and media articles in relation to the Section 10 Declaration at Kings Plains since 16 August 2024, which made the project unviable. The Statement of Reasons was published on 11 October 2024. Since the Declaration was made, Regis has been considering its legal options as well as alternate locations for the tailings storage facility (TSF) not covered by the Section 10. Regis has ruled out a number of potential areas.

DW then talked to the Statement, which had been tabled for members. The claim was made on the basis that:

- The Wiradjuri have a significant spiritual connection to the particular area, including the Blue Banded Bee Dreaming;
- The area sits within an important cultural landscape of the Three Brothers Dreaming, which contains culturally important songlines; and
- The area contains sites of Aboriginal heritage.

DW encouraged members to look at the Statement of Reason. This was proceeded by questions from members as to, for example, whether the declaration has been before the Federal Senate.

Regis has informed the ASX that it had commenced legal proceedings in the Federal Court. Specifically, through a judicial review, Regis is seeking to challenge the Minister's decision and have the Section 10 declaration ruled invalid. Furthermore, through the judicial review, Regis is seeking to have the Section 10 declaration determined by a different Minister.

Further discussion then took place on the implications of the anticipated Federal election. It was observed that a new Minister could overturn the decision; however, DW advised the process must be followed, and it is quite complex.

DW observed that Regis hoped for the Judicial review to be resolved by mid-2025 so that the company has clarity and can move forward with work.

WT reminded members that Regis had been proactively seeking to develop a social impact management plan (SIMP). However, due to the Section 10 declaration, the SIMP has been put on

hold. Nevertheless, he emphasised that Regis is still undertaking baseline environmental monitoring (for example, dust and noise).

WT continued, discussing the options for an alternate area for the tailings dam storage. Logistically, it is difficult to locate an area that will be feasible. Thirty different locations have been considered with 29 of those not feasible due to the declaration. The remaining option is not in an ideal location.

Despite this, WT informed members that it is likely to take six to 12 months to develop a solution to a conceptual level. Furthermore, in response to a question from DR, WT noted that, should an alternate site be determined to be feasible, a comprehensive environmental assessment would need to take place, stretching works out a number of years.

7. General business

ER expressed frustration that the media has ignored the residents of Kings Plain when discussing the mine's situation. She believed that there has been reference in articles to the mine and reference to jobs for local people – but not for the Kings Plain community, who are feeling like they are in limbo. BR assured ER that he has also been referring to Kings Plain when he is interviewed; however, he cannot control what the media does with his responses.

DR opened general business by inviting members to hold group discussions specifically to discuss:

- The current situation;
- 2025 and the frequency of meetings; and
- Any feedback for him on his chairing and what members may require from Regis at future meetings.

Once members reconvened for a committee-wide discussion, KL advised meeting that Regis would not have much to discuss if a February meeting was set. Consequently, members agreed that the first meeting for 2025 should not be held until Monday 24th March, at the same time and venue.

DR thanked everyone for their time and contribution.

Meeting closed at 7.15 pm