

PROPOSED N21 (R300) CAPE TOWN RING ROAD
MINUTES OF FOCUS GROUP MEETING: WESTERN CAPE MICROLIGHT
CLUB (WCMC)

DATE: 21 July 2003
TIME: 15h30 – 16h30
VENUE: Century City
FACILITATOR: S Chand

1. ATTENDANCE: WRMC

NAME	ORGANISATION
Stephan Moser	Western Cape Microlight Club
Sean Curran	Secretary: Western Cape Microlight Club
Charl Starke	Western Cape Microlight Club
Glyn Hall	Western Cape Microlight Club
Glen Mansfield	Chairman: Western Cape Microlight Club
Louis van Wyk	Western Cape Microlight Club

2. ATTENDANCE: PROJECT TEAM

NAME	ORGANISATION
S Chand	Chand Ecosense JV
E Herschell	Chand Ecosense JV
T van Schalkwyk	Goba Moahloli Keeve Steyn

S Chand introduced the project team and provided a brief history of the proposed project and the recent development of the 'Farmer's Alternative', (Sector 3).

3. DISCUSSION

After noting the level of understanding all had with regards to the project, S Chand opened the floor for discussion.

COMMENTATOR	COMMENT	RESPONDENT	RESPONSE
G Hall	The alignment prior to this one did not affect us in anyway. When was the proposed farmer's alternative completed?	S Chand	Towards the end of 2002 and the beginning of 2003.
G Hall	We need to understand the way forward in terms of timing?	S Chand	From our side, need a basic understanding of the microlight club – how many members there are and so on.

C Starke	This is currently the only area that the club uses. We applied for the land. It is zoned as 'outspan', which means for recreational use only. We have a five year lease with an option of renewal for a further five years.	S Chand	Noted.
S Moser	We cleared the ground and took out Port Jackson, we created a runway and access road. It used to be under the Public Works Department's control, but has been transferred to the City of Cape Town (CCT). We have been here for ten years.	S Chand	How did you learn about the road?
C Starke	We farm next door and this proposed road has always been an issue.	S Chand	Noted.
L van Wyk	Note that the club consists of over 200 active members. There are approximately 60 students and the club continues to grow. We are the largest club in South Africa.	S Chand	Noted. What are your plans for the future, do you want to buy the land?
L van Wyk	We need a safe airfield. To build a hanger costs around R100 000.		

C Starke	We hope to possibly buy it and develop it for the club's purposes. As a club we would like to know if there is any possibility of the proposed road being re-aligned?	T van Schalkwyk	This is the furthest that we can move it. If we moved it further north, it will impact upon the Morningstar residents.
C Starke	Noted and understood.	S Chand	What issues/impacts can you envisage occurring on the property as a result of this re-alignment?
C Starke	It removes about half of the runway in the north (approximately 50m is cut off). We would have to remove gum trees to extend the runway further to the south. The intersection may cause a problem. We need to fly/land both ways as this depends on the direction of the wind I think that we must try to live with this proposal. Perhaps we can get help with removing trees.	S Chand	From this discussion, I see your issues being that a hanger or two may be taken out, the northern runway would need to be removed and thus would need to be extended further south, which would require vegetation clearance. There are also regulations as to flight paths/heights over cloverleaf intersection. Assuming this proposal goes ahead, what can be done to accommodate the club?
G Mansfield	The most pertinent point is when will this road go ahead? We need to plan ahead now, we need to upgrade and make the runway safe for use and we need	S Chand	There is no clarity when this road will be built as yet since we are in the EIA Phase. Should it get approved, there would be a tender and detailed design phase prior to construction. The question of the lease

	to make a decision in the next 6 months.		needs to be resolved with the CCT.
G Mansfield	We have requested a lease of ten years. We do not want to do anything until we have security of tenure.	S Chand	In summary then, you have reapplied for a ten year lease and are awaiting the reply. If the reply is positive, the road becomes issue. If not, you would require a new property anyway. I think it is also a question of co-existence. Penway might be able to help assist in vegetation clearing – what about the relocation of the hangers?
C Stake	Probably not the hangers. The club would assist this process. The runway and vegetation clearance, yes.	T van Schalkwyk	Note that whatever Penway agrees to, unless they get awarded the tender by SANRAL, they may or may not be able to help.
G Mansfield	What is the timing on the building of the cloverleaf?	S Chand	What are the regulations for flying over a clover leaf?
G Mansfield	I think we can only look at precedent.		
C Starke	I believe it is 60m at Malmesbury, from the road reserve. I am not sure about flying over the N7. I think the engineers should investigate this.	S Chand	Noted. If the project is approved, it could be built within the next five years.
S Curran	Are there any issues which may stop the road from being built?	S Chand	There are one or two, with regards to certain vegetation types in places.
G Mansfield	Some approximate numbers to be	T van Schalkwyk	Noted.

	<p>recorded: We have more than 3000m² built up; this cost R8.5 million without building the runway. The access road is about 400m long. Area cleared of alien vegetation was about 240 000m². The runway is about 800m long (650m is usable). The average cost to extend the runway might be R180 000 and the removal of trees may be as much as R500 000.</p>		
G Mansfield	<p>Surely there is a heritage aspect to this road? Did you know that there are many 'ladies of the night' on Van Schoorsdrift Road?</p>	S Chand	<p>Noted. There may be an issue with the gum trees. Our heritage specialist will investigate this.</p>

4. CONCLUSION

S Chand thanked all those present for attending and closed the meeting at 16h30.