

Bloomfield Colliery Community Consultative Committee

Location: Bloomfield Colliery
Time: 2.10 pm
Date: 22 June 2020

ATTENDEES	
Name	Organisation
Margaret MacDonald-Hill (MMH)	Independent Chairperson
Janet Murray (JMY)	Community Representative
Dennis Thurlow (DT)	Community Representative
Greg Lamb (GL)	Bloomfield Colliery
Brad Donoghue (BD)	Bloomfield Colliery

Apologies – Jack Dwyer (JD)	Community Representative
	Maitland City Council
Geoff Moore (GM)	Bloomfield Colliery

Item	Issue	Action	Date
1	Welcome and Apologies		
	All members welcomed.		
2	Declaration of Interests		
	MMH noted no change to CCC members' previous declarations.		
3	Previous minutes		
	JMY moved to approve minutes and seconded by DT.		
4	Business arising		
	MMH enquired about illegal tree felling on Bloomfield land. GL responded that measures put in place to block access and deter trespassers appear to be working. Some illegal dumping has occurred which was cleaned up by Bloomfield.		
	Daracon Quarry has approached Cessnock Council to provide illegal dumping signage.		

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	MMH enquired about odour issues raised in previous CCC meetings. GL responded that works are completed to extend discharge pipe further away from John Renshaw Drive and no issues have since been raised.		
	JMY enquired as to whether Elliot family was consulted during preparation of the Heritage Conservation Management Plan. GL responded that a draft was emailed to them however no response was received.		
5	Correspondence		
	31/3/20 Email to members disseminating the Bloomfield 2019 Annual Review and provide an online link. 15/4/20 Chair's Annual Report to DPI&E		
6	Reports		
	<p>GL provided presentation covering the following:</p> <p>One community complaint since last meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 11/06/20 Noise (Ashtonfield) from CHPP operations. <p>Site meeting / inspection with EPA conducted 20/11/19. No issues raised.</p> <p>Some dust monitoring exceedances recorded in November / December 2019 due to bushfires.</p> <p>Biannual rehabilitation monitoring conducted in December 2019.</p> <p>Heritage Conservation Management Plan prepared for the Buttai Cemetery (Elliott Family) and Buttai Reservoir submitted to DPI&E for approval.</p> <p>2019 Annual Review Report completed and on website, along with Chair's Annual Report.</p> <p>A further 5 Ha of rehabilitation</p>		

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	expected to be completed in next few months.		
7	General Business		
	BD provided an outline of operations currently and for near future. Due to reduced coal price nightshift will be suspended from 6 July. Nine employees are being transferred to Rixs Creek Mine. Production of saleable coal will reduce from 600K tonnes to 400K tonnes. CHPP operations will average one week per month. Planning work underway to develop plan for capping and rehabilitation of existing tailings dam.		
	JMY commented about noise on the morning of Good Friday.	BD to check operations log.	
8	Meeting Schedule		
	Next meeting scheduled for 19 October 2020 at 1 pm, including a site inspection.		

Meeting closed at 2.35pm.

Acronyms referred to in minutes:

CCC	Community Consultative Committee
CHPP	Coal Handling Preparation Plant
DPI&E	Dept of Planning, Industry & Environment
EPA	Environment Protection Authority