

Bloomfield Colliery Community Consultative Committee

Location: Bloomfield Colliery

Time: 2.08 pm

Date: 24 June 2019

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
David Simms (DS)	Maitland City Council
Geoff Moore (GM)	Bloomfield Colliery

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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		
	GL advised that planned site tour postponed to later date due to wet weather.		
	MMH enquired about illegal tree felling on Bloomfield controlled land. GL responded that boulders, earth bunds and signage have been put in		

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	<p>place to deter trespassers and the area is patrolled by Bloomfield every few days to inspect and remove any rubbish. There does not appear to have been any activity recently.</p> <p>DT commented that some trees have been felled near Mt Vincent Rd at least six months ago.</p> <p>GL responded that the planned site tour can include an inspection of the area.</p>		
	<p>MMH enquired about odour issues raised at last CCC meetings.</p> <p>GL responded that works are ongoing to extend discharge pipe further away from John Renshaw Drive, although BD hasn't ruled out spon com being the cause.</p> <p>General discussion on spontaneous combustion issues and progressing the recommendations in the IEA in relation to spon com management.</p>		
	<p>MMH enquired about controlled burns raised at last CCC meetings.</p> <p>GL responded that planned RFS controlled burns were still on the agenda and hopefully will be undertaken this winter.</p>		
	<p>JMY enquired about the preparation of the Buttai Cemetery Heritage Management Plan and if it would include consultation with Elliott family. Mark Elliott's contact details will be provided.</p> <p>GL responded that Bloomfield will follow up with consultants preparing the Plan and provide contact details if necessary.</p>		
5	Correspondence		
	<p>Incoming:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 22/3/19 – GL email on Bloomfield 2018 Annual Review to CCC members <p>Outgoing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 28/3/19 - MMH email to DPE on 	<p>https://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/-/media/Files/DPE/Reports/CCC-annual-reports/bloomfield-coal-2018-annual-report-2019-04-02.pdf?la=en</p>	complete

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	CCC Annual Report (link to be included in minutes)		
6	Reports		
	<p>GL provided presentation covering the following:</p> <p>Independent Environmental Audit accepted by regulators.</p> <p>Three community complaints since last meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 8/4/19 Noise (Black Hill) from pit operations. o 11/4/19 Noise (Ashtonfield – two complainants) from washery operations. <p>General discussion on noise issues particularly concerning the washery operations.</p> <p>2018 Annual Review submitted to regulators and CCC members and is on website.</p> <p>Fencing work completed on 12 Ha of established rehabilitation areas for grazing purposes and 38 weaners sold on 24/6/19.</p> <p>Dog baiting program to be conducted in August in conjunction with LLS and other landowners.</p> <p>Heritage Conservation Management Plan being prepared for the Buttai Cemetery (Elliott Family) and Buttai Reservoir.</p> <p>A further 5 Ha of rehabilitation expected to be completed in next few months.</p>		
	General Business		
	General discussion on potential return of Abel Mine operations, given current status, unlikely to occur in the near future .		
	BD provided an outline of operations currently and for near future. Mining		

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	operations currently digging and dumping in Creek Cut areas. Existing tailings dam expected to be in use for about 12 months then tailing to be disposed of within the mining void. Backfilling operations are preparing an area within the void for future tailings to be deposited.		
8	Meeting Schedule		
	Next meeting scheduled for 28 October at 2 pm.		

Meeting closed at 3.00pm.

Acronyms referred to in minutes:

CCC	Community Consultative Committee
DPE	Department of Planning & Environment
RFS	Rural Fire Service
IEA	Independent Environmental Audit
LLS	Local Land Services