

Bloomfield Colliery Community Consultative Committee

Location: Bloomfield Colliery
Time: 2.17 pm
Date: 28 October 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. A site tour was held for members prior to the meeting. DT said it would be helpful to have a locational map for future inspections	GL/BD to provide map for future inspections	As required
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 mining lease land. GL responded that earth bunds have been put in place to block access and deter trespassers.		

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	MMH enquired about odour issues raised at last CCC meetings. GL responded that works are completed to extend discharge pipe further away from John Renshaw Drive.		
	MMH enquired about controlled burns raised at last CCC meetings. GL responded that a planned RFS controlled burn was scheduled in August however it was postponed due windy conditions. Hazard burns are still on the agenda and hopefully will be undertaken next winter.		
	MMH enquired about dog baiting program raised at the last CCC meeting. GL responded that baiting was conducted during October and now completed. 29 out of 30 baits were taken.		
	JMY enquired about the previous complaint about CHPP noise and whether the noise model was updated to include CHPP. GL responded that the noise model has been updated to include CHPP. Where possible Bloomfield avoids night-time washing, however for operational reasons sometimes this is not possible. The noise model and forecast weather conditions are utilised to determine when night-time washing is scheduled.		
5	Correspondence		
	None		
6	Reports		
	<p>GL provided presentation covering the following:</p> <p>Three community complaints since last meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 7/08/19 Odour (Black Hill) from pit operations. ○ 17/10/19 Noise (Black Hill) from pit operations. ○ 17/10/19 Blast (via EPA re blast on 16/10/19) <p>BD provided overview on spon management works just completed.</p>		

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	<p>JMY commented that residents in Buttai / Black Hill area heard the blast on 16/10/19. GL responded that blast monitoring was within limits and was provided to the EPA as requested.</p> <p>2018-2019 NGERS and NPI reports completed and submitted.</p> <p>Dog baiting program conducted in October 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> <p>Biannual rehabilitation monitoring planned for November.</p> <p>Bloomfield has been approached by Hunter Wildlife Rescue to release animals back into the wild.</p>		
	General Business		
	<p>BD provided an outline of operations currently and for near future. Mining operations currently digging and dumping in Creek Cut areas. Existing tailings dam expected to be in use for about 6 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.</p>		
	<p>JMY commented about noise on 18/10/19 around 7:30-9:30 pm.</p>		
	<p>JMY asked if a link could be provided to the Bloomfield website once minutes are posted for circulation to broader community.</p>	<p>MMH to send link once minutes are finalised</p>	<p>After every meeting</p>
8	Meeting Schedule		
	<p>Next meeting scheduled for 23 March at</p>		

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	2 pm. Further meetings for 2020: June 22, October 19		

Meeting closed at 2.59pm.

Acronyms referred to in minutes:

CCC	Community Consultative Committee
CHPP	Coal Handling Preparation Plant
RFS	Rural Fire Service
LLS	Local Land Services