

Bloomfield Colliery Community Consultative Committee

Location: Bloomfield Colliery

Time: 2.08 pm

Date: 22 March 2021

ATTENDEES	
Name	Organisation
Lisa Andrews (LA)	Independent Chairperson
Janet Murray (JMY)	Community Representative
Dennis Thurlow (DT)	Community Representative
Greg Lamb (GL)	Bloomfield Colliery
Brad Donoghue (BD)	Bloomfield Colliery
Geoff Moore (GM)	Bloomfield Colliery

Apologies – Jack Dwyer (JD)	Community Representative
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Absent – Delegate	Maitland City Council
Delegate	Cessnock City Council

Item	Issue	Action	Date
1	Welcome and Introductions		
	LA opened the meeting and welcomed all members to her inaugural meeting as Independent Chairperson, taking over from Margaret Macdonald-Hill. LA introduced herself to DT.	Bloomfield to contact DT to offer private tour since he was unable to attend. (Held over from last CCC.)	
2	Apologies		
	Jack Dwyer		
3	Declaration of Interests		
	LA advised that she is an approved Independent Chairperson, appointed by DPIE and engaged by Bloomfield to chair this meeting. No changes to members' previous declarations.		
4	Previous minutes		
	JMY moved to approve minutes and seconded by BD.		
5	Business arising		
	LA asked whether Maitland City Council provided a delegate for this CCC. GL advised no.	LA to write to Maitland City Council & Cessnock City Council seeking LGA representation on this CCC.	By next meeting.

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	JMY commented that previous issue raised about noise on the morning of Good Friday should be included in complaints register. GL confirmed that complaints register will be updated.	GL to update complaints register	By next meeting.
	General discussion on problem of trespassers entering land to cutting timber for firewood.	LA to follow up LLS regarding previous correspondence from MMH as well as write to local member seeking advice on how to stop illegal practices.	By next meeting.
	JMY enquired about progress on additional dog baiting in Buttai area discussed at last CCC meeting. GL confirmed that the additional baiting was conducted and all baits were taken.		
6	Correspondence		
	As sent out with the meeting notice on 9/3/21, with one additional item : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 27/10/20 – Email from MMH to Hunter Local Land Services regarding illegal tree removal. • Sustainable firewood. JM provided with a copy as well. • 27/10/20 – Email from Hunter LLS acknowledging receipt of the email. • 9/3/21 – Email to members with the meeting notice and agenda for this meeting. • 15/3/21 – Email from Jack Dwyer with an apology for this meeting. • 19/3/21 – Email to members with a reminder for this meeting. 		
7	Reports		
	GL provided presentation covering the following: Two community complaints since last meeting. Both from Ashtonfield on 9/02/21 regarding CHPP operations. 2020 Annual Review Report under preparation. Will be on website before end of March. The 2021-2023 Mining Operations Plan approved by Resources Regulator. Available on Bloomfield website.		

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	Additional dog baiting conducted in Buttai area at request form Local Land Services.		
8	General Business		
	BD provided an outline of operations currently and for near future. Coal mining operations are expected to cease mid-2023. The existing tailings dam will have sufficient capacity without the need to transfer tailings to the mine void. GHD have been appointed to assist in developing and mine closure strategy which will take 12 months to complete.		
	DT commented that he considers that 'rehabilitation' should mean returning the site to native vegetation and not pasture. GL responded that development approval allows for a mix of pasture and native vegetation.		
	JMY commented about future land use on the site, with particular reference to the inadequacy of the existing road network.		
	LA opened up discussion on possible recruitment of additional stakeholder groups and/or community representatives. JMY commented on potential for Bloomfield to provide information for local Facebook community pages (suburbs).		
8	Meeting Schedule		
	Next meeting scheduled for 21 June 2021 at 2 pm.		

Meeting closed at 3.03pm with LA thanking all for their attendance.

ACTION ITEMS:

ITEM	ISSUE	RESPONSIBILITY
1	LA to write to Maitland City Council & Cessnock City Council seeking LGA representation on this CCC.	LA
2	GL to update complaints register	GL
3	LA to follow up LLS regarding previous correspondence from MMH as well as write to local member seeking advice on how to stop illegal practices.	LA

Acronyms referred to in minutes:

CCC	Community Consultative Committee
CHPP	Coal Handling Preparation Plant