

# Bloomfield Colliery Community Consultative Committee

Location: Bloomfield Colliery

Time: 3.05 pm

Date: 8 November 2021

<b>ATTENDEES</b>	
<b>Name</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
Lisa Andrews (LA)	Independent Chairperson
Janet Murray (JMY)	Community Representative
Sarah Hyatt (SH) [via telephone]	Cessnock City Council
Greg Lamb (GL)	Bloomfield Colliery
Brad Donoghue (BD)	Bloomfield Colliery
Geoff Moore (GM)	Bloomfield Colliery

<b>Apologies</b>	
Jack Dwyer (JD)	Community Representative
Cindy Littlewood (CL)	Maitland City Council
Dennis Thurlow (DT)	Community Representative

<b>Item</b>	<b>Issue</b>	<b>Action</b>						
<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b>							
	LA opened the meeting and welcomed new member, Sarah Hyatt, representing Cessnock City Council, noting that SH was participating via phone link.							
<b>2</b>	<b>Apologies</b>							
	Jack Dwyer, Cindy Littlewood & Dennis Thurlow							
<b>3</b>	<b>Declaration of Interests</b>							
	LA advised that there were no changes to her previous declaration, she is an approved Independent Chairperson with the Department of Planning and Environment, appointed by the Secretary to chair this CCC and engaged by Bloomfield.							
<b>4</b>	<b>Business Arising from Previous Minutes</b>							
	Last meeting held on 21/6/21. The minutes from that meeting were finalised and sent 9/7/21. There were two action items from that meeting:							
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		widely at all stages of the project”; so I would think that includes the mine closure.	
2		Link to Bloomfield Colliery’s Website Environmental Page (complete – sent with draft minutes on 29/6/21)	GL
	The site tour was postponed due to Covid 19 vehicle restrictions.		
	General discussion on trespassers illegally felling trees on land adjacent to the mine. GL has met Police on site, however, it is difficult for them to take action unless people are “caught in the act”. JMY asked if there was a way that Council could investigate people selling firewood to ascertain its source. SH advised that this would be very difficult.		
<b>5</b>	<b>Correspondence</b>		
	<p>As sent out with the meeting notice on 1/11/21 with one additional item:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 29/6/21 – Email to members with the draft minutes for review.</li> <li>• 9/7/21 – Email to members with the finalised minutes.</li> <li>• 13/7/21 – Email to Jennifer Aitchison MP chasing up illegal tree cutting and removal response.</li> <li>• 31/8/21 – Email from Jennifer Aitchison MP regarding illegal tree cutting and removal.</li> <li>• 2/9/21 – Email to CCC members with the MP’s response.</li> <li>• 6/10/21 – Email to CCC members postponing the meeting scheduled for 18/10/21 due to COVID and rescheduling for 8/11/21 (TBC).</li> <li>• 7/10/21 – Email to CCC members advising of IEA &amp; seeking comments for inclusion in audit.</li> <li>• 28/10/21 – Email &amp; letter from Jennifer Aitchison MP and Matt Kean MP, Minister for Energy &amp; Environment regarding LLS issue.</li> <li>• 1/11/21 – Email to members with the meeting notice and agenda for this meeting.</li> <li>• 8/11/21 – Email from Dennis Thurlow providing an apology for non-attendance and comments regarding illegal tree felling. LA read out content of email to attendees for their information.</li> </ul>		
<b>6</b>	<b>Reports</b>		
	<p>GL provided presentation covering the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One community complaint since last meeting, from Ashtonfield on 29/10/21 regarding CHPP operations.</li> <li>• Independent Environmental Audit underway. Final report to be posted on website when complete.</li> <li>• Mine Closure Plan currently being prepared by consultants GHD. Expected mid-2022.</li> <li>• Capping of tailings dam is continuing.</li> <li>• 8 Ha of rehabilitation underway and expected to be completed before Christmas and a further 10 Ha in the new year.</li> <li>• Annual dog baiting program completed in September in consultation with Local Land Services.</li> <li>• Grazing monitoring scheduled to commence in spring.</li> <li>• Biannual rehabilitation monitoring underway.</li> <li>• The 2020-2021 NPI report completed and submitted.</li> </ul>		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The 2020-2021 NGERs report completed and submitted.</li> </ul>	
<b>7</b>	<b>General Business</b>	
	BD provided brief overview of mining operations over the next 6-12 months. JMY enquired about the depth of the mining and current working shifts. BD responded, about 30m below the surface, which will go to 70-80m deep and that the mine was operating day shifts with the occasional night shift in the washery.	
	JMY commented on the difficulty of find the CCC minutes on the Bloomfield website.	LA to provide link with draft minutes email.
<b>8</b>	<b>Meeting Schedule</b>	
	Next meeting scheduled for 21 March at 1 pm, to include site inspection.	
	Further meetings for 2022: 20 June at 2pm and 17 October at 2pm.	

*Meeting closed at 3.30pm with LA thanking all for their participation.*

**ACTION ITEM:**

ITEM	ISSUE	RESPONSIBILITY
1	Provide link to Bloomfield Colliery CCC minutes on project website.	LA

Acronyms referred to in minutes:

CCC	Community Consultative Committee
LLS	Local Land Services
CHPP	Coal Handling Preparation Plant
IEA	Independent Environmental Audit
NPI	National Pollutant Inventory
NGERS	National Greenhouse Emissions Reporting Scheme