

Bloomfield Colliery Community Consultative Committee

Location: Bloomfield Colliery

Time: 10.01 am

Date: 20 March 2023

ATTENDEES	
Name	Organisation
Lisa Andrews (LA)	Independent Chairperson
Dennis Thurlow (DT)	Community Representative
Michael Jacobs	Community Representative Nominee (Observer)
Jack Dwyer (JD)	Community Representative
Greg Lamb (GL)	Bloomfield Colliery
Brad Donoghue (BD)	Bloomfield Colliery
Steve Vickers (SV)	Bloomfield Colliery

Apologies	
Janet Murray (JMY)	Community Representative
Sarah Hyatt (SH)	Cessnock City Council
Marc Hope (MH)	Cessnock City Council (alternate)
Geoff Moore (GM)	Bloomfield Colliery

Item	Issue	Action						
1	Welcome and Introductions							
	The Chair opened the CCC meeting at 10:01am and welcomed members to the meeting. Michael Jacobs was introduced as an observer on behalf of the community.							
2	Apologies							
	Janet Murray, Sarah Hyatt, Marc Hope & Geoff Moore							
3	Declaration of Interests							
	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.							
4	Business Arising from Previous Minutes							
	Last meeting held on 17/10/22. The minutes from that meeting were finalised and sent 28/10/22, There were four action items from that meeting:							
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	(Complete except for tour of biodiversity offset area)	biodiversity offset area	
2	SV to provide water flow table with minutes. (Complete)		SV
3	Provide feedback and response draft excel tracker with minutes. (Complete)		SV
4	Provide dimensions of final void. (Complete - Refer Figure 5.1 & 5.2 of RMP)		SV
	DT acknowledged action item 4 and requested dimensions in metres.	Action: GL to provide dimensions	
	DT enquired as to the progress on upgrading culverts on Mt Vincent Road. SV commented that initial discussions have occurred with Maitland Council. This would progress closer to closure when tailings dam landform design finalised.		
5	Correspondence		
	<p>As sent out with the meeting notice on 8/03/22:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20/10/22 – Email to members with the draft minutes for review. • 28/10/22 - Email to members with the finalised minutes, water table document & rehabilitation criteria spreadsheet. • 28/10/22 – Email from Maitland Council advising of new delegates on this CCC. • 4/11/22 – Email from GM regarding Bloomfield Mine update. Forwarded through to members. • 15/11/22 – Email to interested community representative with nomination form for this CCC. • 15/11/22 – Email to JD asking if he would be willing to join via video-conferencing? • 30/11/22 – Email with nomination to join this CCC. Acknowledged. • 8/3/23 - Email to members with the Meeting Notice & Agenda for this meeting • 8/3/23 – Email to potential CCC member inviting to attend as an observer. <p>DT asked to resend email dated 4/11/22</p>	Action: LA to resend email.	
6	Reports		
	<p>SV provided a presentation on mine closure work already commenced / completed and outlined in last CCC meeting. The presentation covered updates on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rehabilitation Management Plan & Project Risk Assessment • Contamination assessment • Geochemical 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Erosion Design Geotechnical and landform stability assessment Ecological assessment Historical UG mining and entry seals Water (ground water, surface water, large dams) Tailings Storage Facilities <p>DT enquired about end of mine life. BD responded that the Board is yet to make a decision on a possible mine extension. The CCC will be notified when the decision is made. All outcomes of the studies will be implemented regardless of end of mine date.</p>	
	<p>GL provided an update covering the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There were no community complaints since last meeting. 6 Ha of rehabilitation underway and expected to be completed before end of May 2023. Annual Review reporting period is moving from a calendar year to financial year (April – March). The next Annual Review will cover 15 months ie all of 2022 and January – March 2023. NSW EPA conducted site inspection in November 2022. No issues raised. Resource Regulator conducted rehabilitation inspection and were provided with a mine closure update in March 2023. 	
7	General Business	
	GL advised of the Bloomfield Family Day held on Sunday 19 March 2023 at the Rix's Creek site. Despite the hot weather it was a great success, with approximately 650 people attending.	
8	Meeting Schedule	
	<p>Next meeting scheduled for 19 June at 11 am.</p> <p>Further meetings for 2023: 16 October at 11 am.</p>	<p>Discussions regarding start time due to traffic congestion. Agreed to move to 11am start.</p>

Meeting closed at 11.08 am with LA thanking all for their participation.

ACTION ITEM:

ITEM	ISSUE	RESPONSIBILITY
1	Organise site tour of biodiversity offset area for DT and JM in next few weeks.	GL
2	Organise site meeting for interested parties to inspect the culvert under Buchanan Road (and Mount Vincent Road).	GL
3	Provide dimensions of final void	GL
4	Resend email dated 4/11/22	LA

Acronyms referred to in minutes:

CCC	Community Consultative Committee
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