

Bloomfield Colliery Community Consultative Committee

Location: Buttai Barn

Time: 5.00pm

Date: 29 November 2010

ATTENDEES	
Name	Organisation
Margaret MacDonald Hill (MMH)	Independent Chairperson
Janet Murray (JMY)	Community Representative
David Balcomb (DB)	Community Representative
Keren Halliday (KH)	Bloomfield Colliery
Luke Murray (LM)	Bloomfield Colliery
Michael Harkin (MH)	Community Representative
Garry Bailey (GB)	Bloomfield Colliery
Apologies	
Cnr Jeff Maybury (JM)	Cessnock City Council Representative
Simon Grassby (SG)	Bloomfield Colliery

Item	Issue	Action	Date
1	Welcome and Apologies		
	All members welcomed. Garry Bailey introduced as the new Manager of Mining Engineering at Bloomfield. Apologies from Simon Grassby and Jeff Maybury		
2	Declaration of Interests		
	MMH stated that she had been appointed as the Independent Chair of the Bloomfield Coal Mine CCC by the DG of Department of Planning. MMH is also a Member of the Mine Subsidence Board, a Member of the Minister's Arbitration Panel and Chief Executive of the NSW Association of Mining Related Councils.		
3	Previous minutes		
	JMY moved minutes and seconded by DB. JMY asked that more details be provided in minutes. Copy of presentations to be provided to members for reference.	KH	ongoing

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4	Business arising		
	JMY advised that Jenny Jackson from Youth of the Streets (YOTS) had met with her pre school and will be starting a "Supported Playgroup" program next year. YOTS will provide a psychologist once a fortnight to provide parenting support and will be open to any parents.		
	Following up from previous meeting, KH mentioned to the Land and Property Management Authority (formerly Crown Land Office) a study regarding the death of a large number of trees in Kurri area. They were unaware of the study and requested more details. JMY to follow up and advise KH.		
	Regarding the 2 phone numbers advertised, KH advised that the phone number in the white pages reflects an old Telstra number that is diverted to a new phone system. Both numbers are attended during business hours.		
5	Correspondence		
	Correspondence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copy of CCC minutes forwarded to Cessnock Council as requested • CD copy of application to modify project approval was sent to each CCC member • Information regarding potential infrastructure projects sent to each CCC member 		
6	Reports – General Update		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waiting approval of environmental management plans submitted to Director General for endorsement; • regular environmental monitoring undertaken; • 2 complaints received about blasting (1 community and 1 via Pollution Line); • 1 exceedance of EPL License in relation to blast 16/9/10. Incident reported to DECCW and Penalty Notice subsequently issued. The community complaint related to this blast. Internal investigation was undertaken and actions implemented to prevent similar circumstances arising again. 		
	Infrastructure project funding (Community Enhancement Fund)		
	KH gave a presentation on 4 potential infrastructure projects identified by Cessnock		

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	<p>Council. Correspondence sent to all CCC members prior to meeting.</p> <p>The company suggested that a combination of projects could be supported to the value of \$180,000 including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Replacement of playground equipment at Stanford Methyr Park Playground (\$60,000) ➤ New cycleway to link Stanford Methyr and Kurri Kurri at the southern end of Heddon Street (\$64,000) ➤ Upgrade site drainage system at Kurri Kurri skate park (\$15,000) <p>The unallocated remainder (\$41,000) of the fund to be distributed to the playground and cycleway projects. Preference to improvement of a small number of projects rather than risk of budget overruns by including additional project.</p> <p>General discussion of concerns and opportunities. JMY had also provided feedback to KH via email including safety and security considerations for cycleways and skate park, general costing issues, and also suggested providing equipment that is different to that available at the local school. Agreed that comments should be passed onto Council in developing the scope of works for each project.</p> <p>All members of the CCC were supportive of the 3 projects that were highlighted and recommended to move forward with those.</p> <p>Next step is to refer the matter to the Director General of Planning for endorsement and then follow up with Cessnock Council to determine the details.</p>	KH	Next meeting
	Modification to project approval		
	<p>JMY felt that the Modification should have been dealt with in more detail at the CCC meetings and paper copy of documentation provided at start or even prior to exhibition. JMY suggested that some of her questions and concerns that she raised through a submission to DoP may have been addressed if more information provided. MMH agreed with above and KH advised that better efforts will be made to provide information earlier</p>	KH	ongoing

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	to CCC members. KH advised that the company will be responding to DoP in relation to the submissions made regarding the application to modify the project approval. General discussion regarding JMY's concerns about dump heights, rehabilitation, slopes and noise issues.		
7	General Business		
	JMY asked if she could nominate an alternate to represent her at meetings if she is unable to attend. MMH asked her to provide a formal nomination so that it can be passed onto the DoP for approval.	JMY MMH	Next meeting
	Changes to management structure outlined -Garry Bailey has been appointed Head of Mining Engineering, Luke Murray is moving to Rixs Creek as Mine Manager, and Brendan Clements will move into Luke's position as the Deputy Manager at Bloomfield. Changes to commence early 2011.		
	Following on from the presentation at the last CCC meeting, there has been no news on the Stony Pinch Group's application to DoP for the Stony Pinch site to be recognised as state significant. When more details are available they will be provided to the CCC.		
	JMY asked if a brief overview could be provided at each CCC meeting regarding what was planned in the next 3 months. LM outlined that work in Creek Cut and South Cut will alternate and there will be a shut down of most of parts of the mine over the Christmas period.	KH	ongoing
	KH advised that a hazard reduction burn is planned prior to Christmas but subject to weather conditions. Wet weather has prevented RFS undertaking most of their scheduled burns this year.		
8	Meeting schedule		
	Next meeting tentatively scheduled 28 February 2011		

Meeting closed at 6.35pm