

Bloomfield Colliery Community Consultative Committee

Location: Bloomfield Colliery

Time: 5.00pm

Date: 16 May 2011

ATTENDEES	
Name	Organisation
Margaret MacDonald-Hill (MMH)	Independent Chairperson
Cnr Jeff Maybury (JM)	Cessnock City Council Representative
Janet Murray (JMY)	Community Representative
Keren Halliday (KH)	Bloomfield Colliery
Garry Bailey (GB)	Bloomfield Colliery
Brendon Clements (BC)	Bloomfield Colliery
Simon Grassby (SG)	Bloomfield Colliery

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1	Welcome and Apologies		
	All members welcomed.		
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. JM stated that he is a Member of the Mine Subsidence Board.		
3	Previous minutes		
	JMY moved minutes and seconded by JM.		
4	Business arising		
	MMH advised that DoPI had not yet responded to request for Norma Brooks to be JMY's alternate. MMH anticipates written response soon.	MMH	
	KH emailed a vegetation map following the previous meeting in response to JMY's request.		
	BC explained what had been done on site in response to JMY's noise questions raised during previous meeting. This includes positioning of		

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	night and day dumps and sequencing of work. Additional noise modeling undertaken by Heggies to help identify ways to minimise noise.		
	Resignations from CCC members received from Michael Harkin and David Balcombe. Company will advertise for replacements in local papers. Copy of advertisement will be forwarded to CCC members including Michael and David. Nominations will be forwarded to DOPI.		
5	Correspondence		
	Incoming 4/5 – Resignation received from David Balcombe 31/3 – Resignation received from Michael Harkin Outwards 4/5 and 6/5 – Response to David Balcombe’s resignation 6/5 – Response to Michael Harkin’s resignation		
6	General Business		
	Regular environmental monitoring undertaken Quarterly noise monitoring found exceedance at Location F. Reported to DoPI Three noise complaints received since last meeting Environmental management plans submitted to Director General haven’t been endorsed yet. KH advised that company will amend plans once modification approved to include new project area and submit updated plans for endorsement.		
	S 75w Modification – Company anticipates approval to be given soon. A 40ha parcel of land in the Cessnock LGA adjacent to Watagan State Forest has been identified as the biological offset. In addition a further contribution to be made towards the Stanford Merthyr Crown Reserve rehabilitation project.		
	Infrastructure Projects KH advised that the first payment has been made to Cessnock City Council (\$139,000 + (GST of \$13,900). The unallocated remainder (\$41,000) of the fund to be distributed to the playground and cycleway projects once scope finalised. The 3 infrastructure projects are: ➤ Replacement of playground equipment at		

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	<p>Standford Methyr Park Playground (\$60,000)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ New cycleway to link Standford Merthyr and Kurri Kurri at the southern end of Heddon Street (\$64,000) ➤ Upgrade site drainage system at Kurri Kurri skate park (\$15,000) <p>JMY said there had been some discussions about the RTA and or Council providing a link between Stanford Merthry and Kurri where the cycleway is proposed. JMY concerned that Bloomfield funding could end up paying for something that the RTA might now have agreed to provide. KH to follow up with Council.</p> <p>KH advised that she had passed JMY's comments regarding playground facilities to Council. Unlikely they can provide spinner as will provide inequality between council facilities and normally only provided at regional facilities. JMY would like to see Council to improve the standard of playgrounds. KH to continue discussions with Council about design of playground and commented that the proposed new equipment will result in significant improvements from the current facility.</p> <p>JM commented that he was surprised GST was applicable to a donation as the Kurri Tidy Towns Group has been able to seek refunds for GST.</p> <p>Next step is to follow up with Cessnock Council to determine the details for the projects. Company to arrange the final payment once scope of cycleway and playground determined. Drainage works at Kurri Skate Park will be scheduled for the start of the next financial year when some other similar work is planned.</p>		
	<p>KH advised that the Company is in the process of signing up to Council's Adopt-a-Road Program for the section of Mt Vincent Road between John Renshaw Drive and Louth Park Road. There has been a noticeable increase in illegal dumping of rubbish including mattresses recently. Roadsides will be cleaned 4 times per year.</p>		
	<p>GB asked about meeting schedule and if 4 meetings per year were needed. MMH said the DOPI guidelines for CCs suggests at least 2 times</p>		

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	per year. JMY felt that more than 2 meetings are required to enable issues to be raised. KH suggested considering 3 meetings per year as it may be easier to attract new members as time commitment less. JMY and JM were comfortable with 3 meetings per year. GB commented that if issues arise between meetings we can address them at the time. It was agreed that the advertisement for the replacement CCC membership should say "3 or 4 meetings held per year".		
	JMY commented that the community has some concerns about dust and rainwater tank quality. JMY advised that tanks need to be cleaned every few years. KH mentioned that dust management is a critical issue for all mines and state government focus on improving dust management. The Office of Environment and Heritage will shortly roll out a Pollution Reduction Program (PRP) for each mine. Bloomfield has commenced a review of dust management practices and exploring ways to improve.		
	3 month outlook – BC outlined that the majority of work would be low in the northern pit and southern pit. The excavator will be high this week and include around 3 to 4 weeks of work higher over next 3 months. Will continue work on the dump along John Renshaw Drive.		
	JMY commented on the final landform for the site and mentioned that once mining has finished on the site the local community would like to see the public road re-established that once ran through the mine from John Renshaw Drive to Mt Vincent Road. JM commented that it is unlikely Council would be able to provide and maintain another road. Company advised that this it was beyond control of management but would pass the comments onto the Stony Pinch Group who are considering long term land use options for the site.		
8	Meeting schedule		
	Next meeting tentatively scheduled 12 September 2011 at 5.00pm		

Meeting closed at 6.35pm