

Bloomfield Colliery Community Consultative Committee

Location: Bloomfield Colliery

Time: 5.50pm

Date: 19 September 2011

ATTENDEES	
Name	Organisation
Margaret MacDonald-Hill (MMH)	Independent Chairperson
Cnr Jeff Maybury (JM)	Cessnock City Council Representative
Janet Murray (JMY)	Community Representative
Greg Lamb (GL)	Bloomfield Colliery
Brendon Clements (BC)	Bloomfield Colliery
Simon Grassby (SG)	Bloomfield Colliery

Apologies	
Name	Organisation
Garry Bailey (GB)	Bloomfield Colliery

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1	Welcome and Apologies		
	All members welcomed. Greg Lamb introduced and welcomed as new Bloomfield Environmental Officer replacing Keren Halliday..		
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, the Chief Executive of the NSW Association of Mining Related Councils and the Independent Responsible Person for the Bloomfield Charitable Foundation. JM 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 has approved request for		

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	Norma Brooks to be JMY's alternate. MMH advised that Norma Brooks has been notified.		
	Bloomfield has advertised for replacement CCC members in local papers. No nominations from the community have yet been received. MMH stated that as the CCC is part of the consent conditions the CCC needs to keep searching for additional members.		
5	Correspondence		
	<p>Incoming: 18/5 – Letter from DoPI approving Norma Brooks 6/6 – Email from Norma Brooks acknowledging receipt of DoPI approval</p> <p>Outwards: 18/5 – Email advising Norma Brooks of approval as alternate to JMY 30/5 – Follow-up letter to Norma Brooks advising DoPI approval</p>		
6	General Business		
	<p>Regular environmental monitoring undertaken.</p> <p>The 2010-2011 Annual Environmental Management Report was completed and submitted to CCC, DoPI and DTIRIS.</p> <p>Two noise complaints and one blast complaint received since last meeting.</p> <p>Environmental management plans submitted to Director General have not been endorsed yet. GL advised that company is amending plans due to modification approved to include new project area and submit updated plans for endorsement.</p>		
	<p>S 75w Modification – Approval received from DoPI in May. The 40ha parcel of land in the Cessnock LGA adjacent to Watagan State Forest has been accepted as the biological offset. Bloomfield now waiting on subdivision of land by Cessnock City Council to continue with establishment of offset.</p>		

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	<p>Infrastructure Projects</p> <p>Progress updates on the 3 infrastructure projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Replacement of playground equipment at Stanford Methyr Park Playground is almost complete. Remaining works involve landscaping which is expected to be completed in October. ➤ Design of the new cycleway to link Stanford Merthyr and Kurri Kurri is to commence immediately. Cessnock City Council is to incorporate the cycleway into design and construction of upgrade of Heddon Street. Construction expected in the next 6 months. ➤ Upgrade site drainage system at Kurri Kurri skate park to be incorporated into an overall Master Plan for the skate park. Expected timing for works 2012. <p>JMY enquired as to whether a plan can be obtained for the cycleway / road works. GL to follow up with Council.</p> <p>The unallocated remainder (\$41,000) of the fund to be distributed for improvements to the playground and cycleway projects or a new project depending on CCC decisions.</p>	GL	Next meeting
	<p>BC explained what had been done on site in response to the 3 complaints received since last meeting.</p> <p>This includes positioning of new blast monitor to the north of site in direction of the blast complaint. Also commenced development of blast modeling to simulate blast impacts and incorporate data into blast designs.</p> <p>BC has gone to Lings Rd at night to listen to noise emissions and has altered night operations in response to his own monitoring. BC has been conducting own monitoring under various weather conditions to get better understanding noise emissions. Bloomfield also has established direct real-time mobile phone link to site weather station to obtain wind direction data.</p>		
	<p>JMY raised the issue of noise complaints that she has received from Lings Rd residents. These noise complaints concerning mining operations were</p>	GL to include in Complaints Register	13/4/12

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	passed onto her to be raised at the CCC meeting.		
	3 month outlook – BC outlined that the majority of work would be in between the northern pit and southern pit. Will continue work on completing the dump along John Renshaw Drive in preparation for rehabilitation in October / November.		
8	Meeting schedule		
	Next meeting tentatively scheduled 19 March 2012 at 5.00pm		

Meeting closed at 6.30pm