

# Bloomfield Colliery Community Consultative Committee

Location: Bloomfield Colliery

Time: 5.00pm

Date: 30 July 2012

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
Garry Bailey (GB)	Bloomfield Colliery
John Hindmarch (JH)	Bloomfield Colliery (Rixs Creek Mine)

Apologies	
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<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome and Apologies</b>		
	All members welcomed.		
<b>2</b>	<b>Declaration of Interests</b>		
	MMH noted her positions as the Independent Chair appointed by the DG of DoP&I for the Bloomfield CCC and Member of the Mine Subsidence Board & Ministers' Arbitration Panel and the Independent Responsible Person for the Bloomfield Charitable Foundation.  JM is a Member of the Mine Subsidence Board.		
<b>3</b>	<b>Previous minutes</b>		
	JMY enquired as to whether previous minutes amended in accordance with April meeting. GL stated they had and amended version posted on website. JM moved to approve minutes and seconded by JMY.		

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<b>4</b>	<b>Business arising</b>		
	MMH commented that she has been asking around for any interest in joining CCC. As yet no-one has expressed an interest. MMH made enquiries with DP&I about the situation and DP&I responded that the current arrangement is still satisfactory to the Dept and the CCC should continue.		
	JMY acknowledge receipt of 2011-2012 AEMR by CCC members.		
	JMY enquired into progress of blast exceedance reported at last CCC meeting. BC responded consultants still determining cause. JMY commented that community expect to see exceedances investigated. GB provided outline of predictive modeling software being developed at Rix's Creek Mine which is being further enhanced to incorporate Bloomfield. Assists in blast design by simulating impacts utilising daily meteorological data.		
	JMY enquired as to whether redundant blast monitor at McNaughtons has been removed. GL stated old monitor has been removed.		
	JMY enquired as to progress of Upper Hunter biodiversity offset project. JH provided outline and progress update of implementation of OEH's biodiversity offset project for the Upper Hunter. Rixs Creek Mine will be participating in the project.		
<b>5</b>	<b>Correspondence</b>		
	Incoming: 4/4/12 - cc email from GL re Complaints line flyer to neighbours. 4/4/12 - email from GL stating decision applying for EL has not been made. 5/4/12 - email from SG advising decision on EL is to delay application. 9/7/12 - email 2011-2012 AEMR from GL.		
<b>6</b>	<b>General Business</b>		
	GL provided PowerPoint presentation covering the following:  Regular environmental monitoring undertaken.  The 2011-2012 AEMR completed and submitted.  One noise complaint and two blast complaints		

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	<p>received since last meeting. One of the blast complaints attributable to contracture of Hunter Expressway.</p> <p>Mine Closure Plan and Final Void Management Plan completed and submitted to DP&amp;I for approval.</p> <p>Rural Fire Service are planning a hazard reduction on southern side of John Renshaw Drive, west of Lings Road.</p> <p>Bloomfield did not lodge the application for Exploration Licence along John Renshaw Drive. The Board is unlikely to proceed at this time.</p>		
	<p>GB explained one blast complaint received involved damage to a house. The Mine Subsidence Board has inspected the house and are currently preparing a report. Bloomfield has undertaken to have an engineer inspect the house.</p>		
	<p><b>Infrastructure Projects</b></p> <p>Progress updates on the 3 infrastructure projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Replacement of playground equipment at Stanford Methyr Park Playground is complete.</li> <li>➤ Design of the new cycleway to link Stanford Merthyr and Kurri Kurri is complete and construction expected to commence in September 2012. Cessnock City Council has incorporate the cycleway into design and construction of upgrade of Heddon Street.</li> <li>➤ Upgrade site drainage system at Kurri Kurri skate park has been incorporated into an overall Master Plan for the skate park. Master Plan completed and tenders have been issued.</li> </ul>		
	<p>GL commented that Kurri Kurri and District Chamber of Commerce has contacted Bloomfield to seek funding for projects, via CCC infrastructure funding, once Stanford Merthyr Crown Reserve Master Plan completed. GL informed them to contact CCC once Master Plan complete and the CCC may consider funding of projects.</p>		

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	GL stated that \$41000 still unallocated from funding requirements. JMY commented that additional funds could be made available to improve Stanford Merthyr playground area, such as seating, shade and parent exercise equipment.		
	<b>Operations Outlook</b>  BC outlined that the majority of work over the next three years is to mine out the south west corner of the Mining Lease area and then progress north. This will enable south west corner of void to be used as tailings emplacement area when existing facility is full. Most work will be carried out low down in the pit.		
	JMY commented that noise level since last meeting have been good, however last few weeks have been noticeable at night. BC stated that there have been some overtime shifts lately and still winter nights. GB commented that practices have change at the washery recently to limit night time noise in Ashtonfield. This mainly includes limiting coal stockpile height.		
	JMY raised dust results in AEMR, enquiring about EPA limits (4mg/m <sup>2</sup> /mth) and some months exceeding this limit ie D8 in September 2011. GL responded that limits are annual averages and some individual months may exceed this.	GL to review consultants report regard D8 in 09/2011.	Next meeting
	JMY asked if dust PRP submitted to EPA and outcome of study. GL responded that study determined major source of dust is vehicles on haul roads and that modeling determined that existing water carts were sufficient to control emissions. GB outlined trial being undertaken at Rixs Creek mine using glycerol as dust suppressant on haul roads. If trial is successful may be implemented at Bloomfield.		
	A new EPA licence requirement requires preparation of noise assessment by end of October 2012. Study to include noise levels at nearest receivers.		
	MMH noted that complaints reported in AEMR had fallen over the last few years.		

<b>8</b>	<b>Meeting Schedule</b>		
	Next meeting tentatively scheduled 19 November 2012 at 5.00pm		

Meeting closed at 6.40pm