

Bloomfield Colliery Community Consultative Committee

Location: Bloomfield Colliery

Time: 5.15pm

Date: 19 November 2012

ATTENDEES	
Name	Organisation
Margaret MacDonald-Hill (MMH)	Independent Chairperson
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

Apologies - Nil

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1	Welcome and Apologies		
	All members welcomed.		
2	Declaration of Interests		
	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.		
3	Previous minutes		
	JMY moved to approve minutes and seconded by JM.		
4	Business arising		
	JMY enquired into progress of blast exceedance discussed in last CCC meeting. BC responded consultants still determining cause. There has been 73 blasts since and no exceedances. BC provided outline of predictive modeling software being developed at Rix's Creek Mine which is being		

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	further enhanced to incorporate Bloomfield and associated coastal effects. GB commented that video looked good, likely to be some meteorological influences.		
	MMH raised issue of blast damage complaint. GB explained engineers inspection report stated that cause is shrink/swell clays and poor under house ventilation. Report has been provided to complainant. Mine Subsidence Board commented to GB that workings 90m below ground and subsidence not the cause.		
	MMH raised high dust level reported in AEMR. GL stated that consultants report did not indicate contamination. Dust gauge is located on main railway line and result is an anomaly likely caused by track work. 15 year average result is 1.6 mg/m ² /mth.		
	JMY raised progress on Noise PRP for EP Licence. GL explained purpose is to include noise limits in EP Licence. GB stated noise assessment submitted but EPA requested further details on washery operations which operates under the Abel Mine consent. Meeting arranged with noise consultants on 21/11/12.		
	JMY enquired on progress of glycerol dust suppression trial at Rix's Creek mine. GB replied that EPA has only just amended EPL to allow use of glycerol on site. Trial to begin soon.		
5	Correspondence		
	Incoming: - Outgoing: 2/10/12 Letter to Cessnock City Council regarding representative on the committee.		
6	General Business		
	GL provided PowerPoint presentation covering the following: Regular environmental monitoring undertaken. The 2011-2012 NPI and NGERS reports completed and submitted. Noise Assessment report submitted to EPA in accordance with new draft licence condition Three noise complaints and one dust complaint received since last meeting.		

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	Noise attenuating rollers fitted to D11N-1. Monitoring shows quieter than D11N-6 and D10N-4.		
	GB explained two of the noise complaints related to same incident. Involved trains stopping on rail siding in the early hours. Discussions being held with Pacific National, ARTC and HCCC to develop alternate procedure to eliminate stopping on siding between 10pm and 6am..		
	GL explained dust complaint came via EPA hotline but not reported by EPA to Bloomfield until almost week later. Complainant did not leave any information on location, time or contact details.		
	<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 complete. ➤ Design of the new cycleway to link Stanford Merthyr and Kurri Kurri is complete and construction commenced. Design provided to MSB for approval before main construction activities. Expected completion mid 2013. ➤ 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. No further update available from Council. <p>JM stated that skate park works have been completed and is now open.</p>		
	GL commented that Kurri Kurri and District Chamber of Commerce still developing Stanford Merthyr Crown Reserve Master Plan. As stated in previous meeting, GL has informed them to contact CCC once Master Plan complete and the CCC may consider funding of projects.		
	<p>GL stated that \$41000 invoice has been received from Council for additional funding of the cycleway. Informed Council that any payment would need to go through CCC as the Community Enhancement Fund monies are to be allocated in consultation with the CCC.</p> <p>JMY requested further information from Council should be sought before any money released. Would prefer some to be allocated to picnic/shade facilities first.</p> <p>JM commented that he will make own enquiries at</p>	GL to contact Council.	Next meeting

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	Council.		
	<p>Operations Outlook</p> <p>BC commented that operations outlook similar to last meeting. 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.</p>		
	JMY commented that noise level since last meeting have been good.		
	<p>JMY enquired as to whether Mine Closure Plan and Final Void Management Plan approved.</p> <p>GL replied plans submitted in June, no response received to date.</p>		
	JMY raised the issue of dust complaints that she has received from Lings Rd residents. Acknowledged that nearby quarry may have impacts.		
8	Meeting Schedule		
	Next meeting tentatively scheduled 29 April 2013 at 5.00pm		

Meeting closed at 6.10pm