

# Bloomfield Colliery Community Consultative Committee

Location: Bloomfield Colliery

Time: 5.05pm

Date: 28 July 2014

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

<b>Apologies -</b>	
Garry Bailey (GB)	Bloomfield Colliery

<b>Item</b>	<b>Issue</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Date</b>
<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 DP&E for the Bloomfield CCC and Member of the Mine Subsidence Board & Ministers' Arbitration Panel and the Independent Responsible Person for the Bloomfield Charitable Foundation.  MMH is paid by Bloomfield to co-ordinate and chair the CCC.  JM is a Member of the Mine Subsidence Board.		
<b>3</b>	<b>Previous minutes</b>		
	JM moved to approve minutes and seconded by JD.		

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<b>4</b>	<b>Business arising</b>		
	MMH raised results from DustTrak dust monitoring discussed at previous meeting. GL stated that there have been problems with DustTraks working properly. Both units were returned to Kenelec Scientific for recalibration and cleaning. Ants colonising the units were the cause which has now been addressed. Graphed data was provided to the committee. GL explained the difficulty with two DustTraks and is amalgamating huge volumes of data from two loggers plus adding weather station data. Also there is no dust level criterion for the data produced. BC commented that we will assess the data and try to find a better way to present it in future.		
	JMY enquired about progress on addressing spon com issue. BC responded that it is almost complete. Clay has been used to cover the area of spon com. Cracks in capping does appear as the clay settles which is being addressed as they occur.		
	JMY enquired about results of second haul road dust monitoring required under dust PRP. GL responded that the second round was conducted on 27/2/14 and achieved a control efficiency of 99%.		
	JMY enquired about progress on reversing beeper audit discussed at last meeting. BC commented that Standards state the beepers should be 3 dB louder than loaders. The new loader is quieter than older ones and therefore the beeper can be set slightly quieter. The remaining loaders were compliant.		
	JMY enquired about progress of final mine plan in particular the resource remaining. SG commented that 9M tonnes is present however further work is required to determine if it can be feasibly mined. This may exceed time frame under current consent. Plan hoped to be finalised by the end of this year.		
	JMY enquired about Rathluba underground seam. SG commented that little information is available on the seam. It is planned to undertake some exploration drilling later this year.		
<b>5</b>	<b>Correspondence</b>		
	Incoming: Nil  Outgoing: Nil		

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<b>6</b>	<b>Reports</b>		
	<p>GL provided PowerPoint presentation covering the following:</p> <p>A site meeting held with DRE to review 2013 AEMR and inspect site.</p> <p>One complaint received since last meeting.</p> <p>An application has been made to the EPA to vary the EPL to be able to receive waste under 'resource recovery exemption' on site.</p> <p>Environmental incident reported to EPA in May. Incident involved recycle water spill. No response from EPA received.</p> <p>No additional rehabilitation since last meeting.</p>		
	<p><b>Infrastructure Projects</b></p> <p>All projects completed.</p>		
	<p><b>Operations Outlook</b></p> <p>GB commented that operations outlook similar to last meeting. Outlined that the majority of work over the next two years is to mine out the south west corner of the Mining Lease area and then progress north.</p>		
	<b>General Business</b>		
	<p>BC commented that Bloomfield is working on an idea to reduce dozer track noise, which is the source of many noise complaints. The idea is patentable.</p> <p>JMY stated that Buttai residents have commented on dust settling on dwellings.</p> <p>JMY made a complaint about the noise emissions on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of the last week at around 8-9pm and again later. Another resident has also claimed the mine noise is preventing her sleeping.</p> <p>BC responded that works at the moment are at the base of the pit. July is a difficult time of the year for noise. Noise prediction software is being introduced at Rix's Creek mine and is looking promising. May be rolled</p>	<p>To be entered into complaints register</p>	

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	<p>out at Bloomfield in future.</p> <p>BC encouraged the use of the Bloomfield complaints line. If noise persists we may conduct additional noise monitoring.</p> <p>JD thanked BC for the site tour prior to the meeting.</p>		
<b>8</b>	<b>Meeting Schedule</b>		
	Next meeting tentatively scheduled 24 November 2014 at 5.00pm		

Meeting closed at 6.05pm