

Bloomfield Colliery Community Consultative Committee

Location: Bloomfield Colliery

Time: 5.00 pm

Date: 27 April 2015

ATTENDEES	
Name	Organisation
Margaret MacDonald-Hill (MMH)	Independent Chairperson
Jack Dwyer (JD)	Community Representative
Janet Murray (JMY)	Community Representative
Greg Lamb (GL)	Bloomfield Colliery
Brendon Clements (BC)	Bloomfield Colliery
Garry Bailey (GB)	Bloomfield Colliery

Apologies -	
Simon Grassby (SG)	Bloomfield Colliery
Jeff Maybury (JM)	Cessnock City Council Representative

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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 Secretary of DP&E for the Bloomfield CCC and Member of the Mine Subsidence Board and the Independent Responsible Person for the Bloomfield Charitable Foundation. MMH did not re-apply to be a member of the Ministers' Arbitration Panel. MMH is paid by Bloomfield to co-ordinate and chair the CCC.		
3	Previous minutes		
	JMY moved to approve minutes and seconded by BC.		

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	JMY suggested future minutes limit the use of abbreviations. MMH suggested acronym list as addendum to each copy of minutes	MMH/GL	Each meeting
4	Business arising		
	MMH enquired about progress exploration holes. GB responded that under the present climate the Board has postponed any exploration work on the Mining Lease. GB commented that existing resource within approval area will require a consent modification to extend the time allowed for mining. The approved disturbance footprint will not change.		
	MMH enquired about whether there has been any response from the EPA regarding the recycle water spill. GL replied that there has been no further response from the EPA to date.		
	MMH enquired about train noise complaints. BC responded that Bloomfield has been working with Pacific National since complaints received to reduce noise by trains entering and departing. Measures include remove need to stop before proceeding through level crossing, reduce use of horn to emergency use only, new signal lighting installed at vehicle crossing. No complaints have been received since the original complaints.		
5	Correspondence		
	Nil		
6	Reports		
	<p>GL provided PowerPoint presentation covering the following:</p> <p>In the week prior to the meeting Bloomfield received 425 mm rain. 360 mm in the first 36 hours.</p> <p>The 2014AEMR completed and submitted. Copy of report on Bloomfield website and copy provided to CCC members.</p> <p>Three complaints were received since last meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 26/11/14 – Blasting (Buchanan) • 13/01/15 – Blasting (Black Hill) • 3/03/15 – Noise (Buttai) 		

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	<p>Environmental incident reported to EPA in May 2014. Incident involved recycle water spill. No response from EPA received.</p> <p>Additional 2 Ha rehabilitation since last meeting.</p> <p>Site meeting/inspection to be held with DRE to review 2014 AEMR in near future.</p> <p>An EPA site audit was carried out in March. Audit results to be used as part of new risk based licencing system.</p> <p>Noise monitoring in March indicated exceedance at Buttai residence at night (ie after 10pm). Exceedance due to trucks being parked on top dump at end of afternoon shift. Noise monitoring coincided with start of night shift.</p> <p>Wild dog baiting program to commence soon.</p>		
	<p>Infrastructure Projects</p> <p>All projects completed.</p>		
	General Business		
	<p>JMY stated that a Buttai resident commented to her that a lighting tower was left on overnight on the top dump recently.</p> <p>BC responded that that must have been an oversight. He will discuss siting of towers with OCE's.</p>		
	<p>JMY enquired as to who checks on noise modeling. BC responded that he has spent time at night monitoring noise in the Buttai area. Bloomfield is purchasing a new noise meter that focuses on low frequency mine noise and staff will be trained to use it. The predictive noise modeling tool being developed at Rix's Creek mine is showing promise and it's hoped to be rolled out at Bloomfield.</p>		
	<p>JMY stated that a Buttai resident commented to her that an odour was noticeable about a month ago. BC responded that clay has been used to cover any areas of spontaneous combustion if they arise.</p>		
8	Meeting Schedule		
	Next meeting scheduled for July 27 at 5.00pm		

Meeting closed at 5.41pm

Acronyms referred to in minutes:

CCC	Community Consultative Committee
DP&E	Department of Planning & Environment
EPA	Environment Protection Authority
AEMR	Annual Environmental Management Report
DRE	Division of Resources & Energy
OCE's	Open Cut Examiner