

Bloomfield Colliery Community Consultative Committee

Location: Bloomfield Colliery

Time: 5.17 pm

Date: 30 November 2015

ATTENDEES	
Name	Organisation
Margaret MacDonald-Hill (MMH)	Independent Chairperson
Janet Murray (JMY)	Community Representative
Jack Dwyer (JD)	Community Representative
Rod Doherty (RD)	Cessnock City Council Representative
Greg Lamb (GL)	Bloomfield Colliery
Brendon Clements (BC)	Bloomfield Colliery

Apologies -	
Simon Grassby (SG)	Bloomfield Colliery
Garry Bailey (GB)	Bloomfield Colliery

Item	Issue	Action	Date
1	Welcome and Apologies		
	<p>All members welcomed.</p> <p>A site tour was held for all members prior to the meeting.</p> <p>Committee acknowledged and welcomed new member Rod Doherty representing Cessnock Council.</p>		
2	Declaration of Interests		
	<p>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.</p> <p>MMH is paid by Bloomfield to co-ordinate and chair the CCC.</p>		

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3	Previous minutes		
	JMY moved to approve minutes and seconded by BC.		
4	Business arising		
	JMY acknowledged Bloomfield's clean up of rubbish dumped along Old Buttai Road and the benefit of the long awaited hazard reduction burn in reducing cover for illegal dumpers.		
	JMY stated that there have been no further comments from residents about lighting towers angled toward Buttai area.		
	RD commented on the appearance of the spoil dump from Kurri Kurri area. BC provided an outline of dump design to reduce the visual impact as viewed from Kurri Kurri area. The current proposal is to add 25m high dome like area on top of the dump to break up the straight line effect and make it appear a more natural shape.		
5	Correspondence		
	Incoming: 26/10/15 - Letter from Cessnock Council advising of election of Clr Rod Doherty as Council's representative. Outgoing: 28/7/15 - Email to Cessnock Council regarding Councillor representative. 9/11/15 – Email to Rod Doherty advising of meeting schedule.		
6	Reports		
	GL provided PowerPoint presentation covering the following: Three community complaints received since last CCC meeting. Site meeting and inspection was held with DPE in September to review 2014 AEMR and inspect rehabilitation and general areas. Independent Environmental Audit conducted in November. Final report expected in December. The 2014-2015 NPI and NGERS reports completed and submitted. Wild dog baiting program completed in July/August.		

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	Cattle introduced to 50 Ha of rehabilitated areas known as K-Cut. Further rehabilitation to commence this week.		
	Infrastructure Projects All projects completed.		
	General Business		
	BC provided an outline of mining operations for the near future. Mining is to concentrate in the south west corner of the pit and dumping on the south east side of the pit.		
	BC stated that in the second half of 2016 Bloomfield will prepare a modification to the consent to extend the mining operation date of the consent. Operations will remain within the existing approved disturbance area. The modification will include rolling out the use of predictive models for blast fume and dust dispersion, adverse weather, and operational noise.		
	JMY commented that replacing coal trucks with dump trucks will be a good result from a noise perspective.		
	RD enquired about dust suppression methods ie spray booms, citrus based suppressants etc. BC responded that Bloomfield has more water than we require therefore only water is used for dust control.		
	RD provided an outline of the Stanford Merthyr Crown Reserve. Offered to provide a presentation at of the Masterplan at the next CCC meeting.	Presentation - RD	Next Meeting
	JMY enquired about progress of DustTrak units. GL replied that units are in place NW and SE of pit. As yet no information from EPA regarding their expected use. BC offered to demonstrate blast planning software at next CCC meeting	Presentation - BC	Next Meeting
8	Meeting Schedule		
	Next meeting scheduled for 18 April at 5.00pm. Future meetings for 2016: 25 July, 28 November		

Meeting closed at 6.20pm

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
NPI	National Pollution Inventory
NGERS	National Greenhouse Emissions Reporting Scheme