

Bloomfield Colliery Community Consultative Committee

Location: Bloomfield Colliery

Time: 5.01 pm

Date: 22 August 2016

ATTENDEES	
Name	Organisation
Margaret MacDonald-Hill (MMH)	Independent Chairperson
Janet Murray (JMY)	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
Jack Dwyer	Community 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 is paid by Bloomfield to co-ordinate and chair the CCC.		
3	Previous minutes		
	RD moved to approve minutes and seconded by JMY		
4	Business arising		
	JMY commented that the odour issue discussed at the last meeting was in fact manure spread on agricultural		

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	land west of Buttai. Cessnock Council and EPA were notified about the odour.		
	MMH commented on the Independent Environmental Audit report provided at the last meeting and noted there was a high degree of compliance with minor non compliances of an administrative nature and matters out of Bloomfield's control.		
	JMY enquired about trees on recently completed rehabilitation area batter facing Black Hill/Buttai area. GL responded that the lower portion of the slope has been seeded with a pasture mix and the upper area is seeded with a native tree mix.		
	JMY commented that Buttai residents have mentioned an odour along John Renshaw Drive. BC responded that one possibility may be spon comb odours. Work has been completed recently to address this issue. BC provided a site tour to one of the Buttai residents. GL commented that the likely source is groundwater pumped to an open drain near John Renshaw Drive which channels the water to the mine water dam. The water has a sulfur odour. BC added to address this issue the pipe will be extended so that the water discharges further away from the road.		
5	Correspondence		
	Incoming: NIL Outgoing: NIL		
6	Reports		
	GL provided PowerPoint presentation covering the following: Two community complaints received since last CCC meeting. 1. 26/5/16 – Odour noticeable when passing mine along John Renshaw Drive (Buttai). 2. 13/7/16 – Odour noticeable when passing mine along John Renshaw Drive (Buttai). During January storm 325 mm of rain was recorded resulting in non-compliant discharge. Reported to EPA. EPA to take no action. The 2015 AEMR was completed and submitted. Site meeting and inspection was held with EPA compliance officer in July.		

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	Noise monitoring exceedance at night recorded at McNaughtons. Noise consultant contacted OCE and offending equipment was shut down. Wild dog baiting program to commence in August.		
	Infrastructure Projects All projects completed.		
	General Business		
	BC provided an outline of operations for the remainder of the year. Coal production will remain the same however overburden production will be reduced slightly by mining lower ratio coal seams. This will result in less night shift work. Coal is now transported to the washery using haul truck fleet (180t) in place of coal truck (50t). This means considerable less vehicle traffic on haul roads. Since Abel Mine is on care and maintenance the washery is no longer working night shift.		
	JMY commented on progress of shaping overburden dump as viewed from Kurri/Neath area. BC replied that rehabilitation using trees will extenuate shaping to help remove flat shape.		
8	Meeting Schedule		
	Next meeting scheduled for 28 November at 5.00pm.		

Meeting closed at 5.28pm

Acronyms referred to in minutes:

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