

Bloomfield Colliery Community Consultative Committee

Location: Bloomfield Colliery

Time: 2.00 pm

Date: 11 March 2019

ATTENDEES	
Name	Organisation
Margaret MacDonald-Hill (MMH)	Independent Chairperson
Janet Murray (JMY)	Community Representative
Jack Dwyer (JD)	Community Representative
Dennis Thurlow (DT)	Community Representative
David Simms (DS)	Maitland City Council
Greg Lamb (GL)	Bloomfield Colliery
Geoff Moore (GM)	Bloomfield Colliery
Brad Donoghue (BD)	Bloomfield Colliery

Apologies – Nil	
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1	Welcome and Apologies		
	All members welcomed. New members welcomed: Dennis Thurlow – community representative David Simms – Maitland City Council		
2	Declaration of Interests		
	MMH advised that she is no longer on the Mine Subsidence Board, the Board was dissolved December 31 2018, all subsidence matters are still dealt with by NSW Subsidence Advisory, all her other declarations remain current. MMH noted no change to CCC members' previous declarations.		
3	Previous minutes		
	JD moved to approve minutes and seconded by GL		
4	Business arising		
	MMH enquired about illegal tree felling on Bloomfield controlled land. GL responded that boulders, earth bunds and signage have been put in place to deter trespassers and the area		

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	is patrolled by Bloomfield every few days to inspect and remove any rubbish. There does not appear to have been any activity since.		
	MMH enquired about odour issues raised at last CCC meeting. GL responded that a further 300m of pipe is available to be added to extend discharge further away from John Renshaw Drive.		
	MMH enquired about controlled burns raised at last CCC meeting. GL responded that planned RFS controlled burns were postponed due to unsuitable conditions. The planned burns are still on the agenda and hopefully will be undertaken this winter.		
	Dog baiting program was conducted in December in conjunction with LLS and other landowners with 30 bates taken.		
	MMH enquired about the IEA discussed at last CCC meeting. GL responded that the report has been submitted to the regulators and is available on the Bloomfield website along with the Bloomfield response to the auditors recommendations.	GL to send Executive Summary and Bloomfield response to IEA recommendations to JMY	Prior to next meeting
5	Correspondence		
	Incoming: - 22/10/18 - Umwelt confirmation email re IEA - 06/03/19 - Email from Maitland City Council re Council representative Outgoing: - 22/10/18 - MMH email to Umwelt on IEA - 01/11/18 - MMH email to DT on DPE membership approval - 12/11/18 - MMH email to Maitland City Council on representative - 11/1/19 - GL/MMH email attaching 2018 IEA and response to recommendations - 25/2/19 - MMH email to Maitland City Council		
6	Reports		
	GL provided presentation covering the following: Independent Environmental Audit completed and submitted to regulators. Electronic copies forwarded to members and is available on Bloomfield website. One community complaint since last meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 21/11/18 Noise (Ashtonfield) from washery operations. Noise model updated to include washery. 		

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	<p>Updated Environmental Management Plans submitted to DPE for approval incorporating consent modification.</p> <p>2018 Annual Review under preparation. Expected to be completed this week and will be placed on website.</p> <p>2017 – 2018 NGERS report completed and submitted.</p> <p>Fencing work completed on 50 Ha of established rehabilitation areas for grazing purposes and an additional 27 cows purchased. A general discussion was held regarding Bloomfield mine rehabilitation objectives and statutory requirements for the rehabilitated area. Some members would prefer the land was re-established with trees rather than pasture lands. It was noted that Bloomfield is not the landowner.</p> <p>Heritage Conservation Management Plan being prepared for the Buttai Cemetery (Elliot Family) and Buttai Reservoir.</p> <p>A further 5 Ha of rehabilitation expected to be completed in next few months.</p>	GL to email final to MMH for distribution	22/3/19
	General Business		
	BD provided an outline of operations currently and for next 6 - 12 months. Mining operations are moving further northward and dumping to continue up against southern high wall. Existing tailings dam expected to be in use for about 12 months then tailing to be disposed of within the mining void.		
8	Meeting Schedule		
	<p>Next meeting scheduled for 24 June at 2 pm with a site tour for new members at 1 pm.</p> <p>Further meetings for 2019: October 28.</p>		

Meeting closed at 2.57pm.

Acronyms referred to in minutes:

CCC	Community Consultative Committee
DPE	Department of Planning & Environment
NGERS	National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Scheme
RFS	Rural Fire Service
IEA	Independent Environmental Audit
LLS	Local Land Services