

Community Consultative Committee (CCC) Pine Dale Coal Mine – Yarraboldy Extension

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Minutes of the Meeting of Members of the Pine Dale Coal Mine-Yarraboldy Extension & EL7621

Community Consultative Committee (CCC),

Held at the Black Gold Conference Centre,

121 Main Street, Wallerawang NSW 2845

On Thursday 11th December, 2014 at 2.00pm

Present:	Mr Howard Fisher	(Chairman)
	Mr Peter Barnes	(Community representative)
	Clr Colin Hunter	(Lithgow City Council)
	Mr Robert Taylor	(Community representative)
	Mr Graham Goodwin	(Company representative)
	Mr Mark Frewin	(CCC Secretary – Company representative)
Guests:	Mr Ben Eastwood	(Environmental Advisor)
Apologies:	Ms Jessica Heath	(Lithgow City Council)
	Mrs Sharon Brown	(Community representative - Gundungurra Tribal Council)

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chairman declared the meeting open at 2.05pm.

The apology of Mrs Sharon Brown and Ms Jessica Heath was noted.

2. Minutes of previous meeting

A motion to accept the minutes of the meeting held on the 6th of February 2014 was passed.

3. Matters Arising

Mr Frewin reported back on the matter arising at the previous meeting:

- i) Complaint about reversing beepers

Mr Frewin reminded the meeting that concerns had been raised about noise from reversing beepers used on security patrol vehicles, which had created a nuisance to residents at night. While the Company was of the view this issue had been rectified prior to the last meeting, Mr Barnes has expressed some residual concerns. The action from that meeting was for Mr Goodwin and Mr Barnes to resolve any outstanding point's offline and report back to the Committee.

Mr Frewin reported that this matter had been investigated and resolved soon after the meeting, with an email circulated to the CCC confirming this point. Mr Barnes confirmed there had been no further incidents of this problem, and it was agreed that the matter was now resolved.

4. Enhance Place (Pine Dale Mine) Yarraboldy Extension – Company report

Mr Goodwin, assisted by Mr Eastwood, ran through a presentation outlining the progress of the mine, and environmental monitoring. The presentation is attached for further detail. The main areas of discussion for the Committee are outlined below.

4.1 Report on progress of the mine

- Operations ended in March 2014
- Since that time the mine had been in Care and Maintenance
- Regular environmental monitoring and reporting has continued
 - A list of reports produced through the year is included in the attachment.

4.2 Environmental monitoring

- It was noted that Air quality in the region was well within permitted tolerances, both during mining, and after it was completed.
- It was noted there had been no water releases from the licensed discharge point during the year, and there was nothing of note from groundwater monitoring.
- Noise and blasting was in compliance for the year on all parameters.
- Monitoring of the Purple Copper Wing Butterfly is continuing as required by approvals.

4.3 Rehabilitation works

- Through the year progress had been made on improving the vegetation cover in various areas of the rehabilitation.
- It was also noted that the visual bund had been reshaped into a more sustainable land form, and that this has been seeded during spring to create a longer term cover.
- Weed control processes were conducted through the year.
 - In response to a question, the Company confirmed that local people were being used for this work.

4.4 Mine operations plan

- Mr Eastwood gave an overview of an updated care and maintenance Mine Operations Plan (MOP), which has been prepared for the mine in consultation with regulators.
- It was noted that this plan would be placed on the Company website once formally approved.

4.5 Complaints discussion

- It was noted that only 2 complaints had been recorded for the year.
- After consideration of these complaints, the Committee considered there were no systemic issues emerging and the Company had adequately addressed the two items reported.

4.6 Exploration lease consultation

Mr Frewin noted that EL7621 was an exploration lease related to the next phase of the project. The exploration lease had been in place for many years, and was currently going through the renewal process. It was noted that the lease was part of the stage 2 development which had been under development for some time, and therefore did not represent an expansion of the Companies planned forward development area.

It was noted that the CCC was the logical point to act as Community liaison point for this Exploration lease and any other leases associated with the Pinedale operation.

4.7 Outlook for next phase of mine development

Mr Frewin outlined the current outlook for the next phase of development at Pinedale.

It was noted that a planning process was required to move forward with the next phase of the project, and the Company had been progressing background work in this regard. Full community consultation, as with any planning process, would be required prior to the next phase of development.

It was noted that the action was with the Company to move the planning process forward.

The CCC requested an update when this was ready to be progressed.

4. General Business

4.1 Correspondence

Mr. Frewin reported that the only outgoing correspondence issued had been the notice to residents of the upcoming meeting.

No written correspondence was received.

It was noted that a phone discussion had been held with a nearby resident, who had requested and reviewed the agenda. Based on this review, the resident had queried the status of EL 7621, and requested that the meeting minutes outline future plans for the mine.

These matters have been addressed earlier in these minutes.

4.3 Other business

No other business was tabled.

4.4 Next Meeting

The next meeting was to be scheduled in the middle of 2015.

Meeting closed.

Attachments:

1. Presentation used at the meeting
2. RCA report: Ground Water, Surface Water, Depositional Dust, HVAS and Meteorological monitoring report – October 2014